
PLAINTIFF

VS

DEFENDANT NAME

MOTION TO REOPEN
TRAFFIC/FORFEITURE JUDGMENT
CASE NO(S): _____

Note: Even if your case is reopened, it is not over. You must appear at all future court dates and it is still possible for you to lose at trial.

- A. If you were defaulted for failure to appear at an initial appearance, a Motion to Reopen is barred and cannot be granted if this form is not filed within 6 months of the date of the entry of judgment pursuant to §345.51, Wisconsin Statutes.
- B. If you were defaulted for failure to appear for a pretrial conference, status conference, plea hearing or trial, a Motion to Reopen is barred and cannot be granted if this form is not filed within 20 days of the date of the entry of judgment pursuant to §345.36(2)(b), Wisconsin Statutes.

In asking the Court to reopen this matter, I state as follows:

- 1. I am the defendant/defendant’s attorney in this action.
- 2. A default judgment was entered against me.
- 3. I am asking that the default judgment be reopened.
- 4. I have either paid the \$50 filing fee or have included the fee with this Motion.
- 5. I am not barred from filing this document by A or B above.
- 6. I am making this request and rely upon the following specific reasons and evidence (**attach additional pages if needed**):
 - a. I failed to appear at my court hearing because: _____

 - b. I did not request an adjournment before my missed court hearing because: _____

 - c. I believe I have a valid defense to the charge because: _____

- 7. I understand that if this motion is set for a hearing and I fail to appear, this motion will be denied.
- 8. I have provided a copy of this motion and any attachments to the prosecuting attorney.
- 9. **I have placed my initials here** >_____ verifying that I provided a copy to the prosecuting attorney.
- 10. I understand that I must comply with the default judgment until it is reopened, including payment deadlines, suspensions and revocations, and any other sanctions or penalties that were imposed.
- 11. I understand my motion may not be granted and **the filing fee of \$50 is not refundable** even if the court denies my motion, pursuant to §345.37 and §814.07 Wisconsin Statutes.

Signed: _____ Date: _____