

**Rule 17.200—Form 208: Original Notice by Publication**

**Petitioner:** Complete this form only if a judge has signed an order giving permission to publish this Notice in a newspaper.

After you take this Notice to the newspaper, promptly mail a copy of this Notice and the Petition to Respondent's last known mailing address.

**Note to Petitioner:** Fill in third date of publication in section 2 below.

*If you do not understand how to use this form, or if you should use this form, talk to an attorney.*

**Newspaper: Publish only the information below this line.**

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**In the Iowa District Court for \_\_\_\_\_ County**  
*County where Petition is filed*

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<p><b>Upon the Petition of</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Petitioner</b> <i>Full name: first, middle, last</i></p> <p>and concerning</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Respondent</b> <i>Full name: first, middle, last</i></p>	<p>Equity case no. _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Original Notice by Publication</b></p>
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**1. Information for Respondent Named Above**

- Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a divorce lawsuit naming you as Respondent.
- Petitioner's contact information during the divorce case:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Petitioner's name: First, middle, last*

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Petitioner's present street address      City      State      ZIP code*

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
*County      Phone number      Email address*

**2. Respondent's Deadline for Filing a Response**

You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within **20 days** after

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
*Month      Day      Year*

**3. Instructions to Respondent Named Above**

You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within **20 days** after the date provided above. If you do not respond, the **court may enter a judgment against you** giving Petitioner what he or she asked for in the Petition.

**Important Notice to Respondent**

- You should talk to an attorney at once to protect your interests.
- If you choose not to have an attorney represent you in this matter, go to the Iowa Judicial Branch website for [self-represented litigant information](#) and [family law forms](#).

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, contact the disability coordinator at: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). **Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.** Disability coordinator contact information available at: [http://www.iowacourts.gov/Administration/Directories/ADA\\_Access/](http://www.iowacourts.gov/Administration/Directories/ADA_Access/).

**Newspaper:** only publish the instructions below if your county uses electronic filing. To determine if your county uses electronic filing, check the map available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website under “eFiling,” or call the clerk of court office in your county.

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### **Additional Information for Respondent**

- You must register to eFile through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at <https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/> and obtain a log in and password to file and view documents in your case and to receive service and notices from the court.
- For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 Pertaining to the Use of the Electronic Document Management System, available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.
- For court rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Court Rules, Chapter 16.