

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK
850 Main St Dallas Oregon 97338

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant

Case No:

**PLAINTIFF'S SMALL CLAIMS
MEDIATION REQUEST**

Polk County Circuit Court offers voluntary mediation in small claims cases. Mediation is where both sides meet with a neutral third person who helps them reach a voluntary resolution of the case. If both parties agree on a resolution they can memorialize the agreement with a judgment. Parties in mediation can sometimes craft resolutions that are more creative and effective than the Court's judgment. For example, the court cannot force a plaintiff to accept a payment plan from a defendant. However, if the parties voluntarily enter into a payment plan, the court can enforce their agreement.

The mediator is not an advocate for either party and has no authority to make decisions for the parties. The mediator may offer suggestions to both parties to help resolve issues between the parties.

Mediation is a confidential process, which means all communications, negotiations, and agreements discussed between the parties and the mediator will remain confidential. If the parties do not reach agreement in mediation it will have no impact on the outcome of their case. The case will remain on the trial docket and the judge who hears the case will not know anything about the mediation or the parties' positions in mediation.

If you are willing to participate in mediation check the box below. If both parties agree to mediation the court will contact you to schedule a meeting with the mediator. By agreeing to mediate, each party further agrees they will participate in the mediation in good faith and they have full authority to settle the case.

Plaintiff(s) would like to participate in mediation:

Yes

No

Plaintiff Signature

Date

Plaintiff Signature

Date