



West Lake Hills Surety Bond information:

In order to issue Surety Bonds for a defendant who has outstanding cases in the West Lake Hills Municipal Court of Record No. 1, the Presiding Judge requires:

1. Each attorney/law firm submit original surety bonds along with a copy of their Texas State Bar card;
2. One bond per offense;
3. The bonds need to be **double the amount owed.**

If you have defaulted on a Surety Bond or have a judgment or debt on a forfeited bail bond where you or your law firm acted as a surety, in any jurisdiction in Texas, you will not be allowed to write surety bonds in this court and all outstanding surety bonds pending with this court will be recalled.

A person executing a bail bond is relieved of liability on the bond on the date of disposition of the criminal case for which the bond is executed. A disposition occurs on the date the criminal case is dismissed or the principal is acquitted or convicted. Sec. 1704.208, O.C.

Any surety desiring to surrender a principal defendant can file an affidavit of that intention and request the judge or magistrate to issue a *caapias* or warrant for the principal. Art. 17.19, C.C.P. Article 17.19(a) and Section 1704.207(a) of the Occupations Code require the affidavit to state:

- the person's intention to surrender the principal;
- the court and cause number of the case;
- the name of the defendant;
- the offense with which the defendant is charged;
- the date of the bond;
- the cause or reason for the surrender; and
- that notice of the person's intention to surrender the principal has been provided to the principal's attorney as provided by Rule 21a of the Rules of Civil Procedure. (Rule 21a provides methods of service and allows service to be made by delivering a copy to the party to be served, or the party's duly authorized agent, or attorney of record. The service may be either in person, by agent, or by courier receipted delivery; by certified or registered mail to the party's last known address; by telephonic document transfer to the recipient's current telecopier number; or by such other manner as the court in its discretion may direct.)

Below is an example Surety Bond that has previously been approved by the Court.

SURETY BOND (Arts. 17.02 and 17.08, C.C.P.)

CAUSE NUMBER: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD, No. 1

VS.

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CITY OF WEST LAKE HILLS

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TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Know All Men by These Presents:

That we, _____, as Principal and the undersigned, _____, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Texas by and through the City of West Lake Hills, in the penal sum of _____ (\$ _____) dollars and, in addition thereto, we are bound for the payment of all necessary and reasonable fees and expenses that may be incurred by any peace officer in re-arresting the said Principal in the event any of the hereinafter stated conditions of this bond are violated, for the payment of which sum or sums well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, and each of us, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally.

The condition of this bond is that the Principal has been charged with a misdemeanor offense, to wit:

_____ ; and to secure Principal's release from custody, we are entering into this obligation binding Principal to appear before the Municipal Court of the City of West Lake Hills, Travis County, Texas.

Now therefore, if the said Principal shall well and truly make Principal's personal appearance before said Municipal Court located at 911 Westlake Drive, West Lake Hills, Texas 78746 on **the 2nd Thursday of the month, at 1:00 p.m.**, as well as before any court to which the same may be pending, and for any and all subsequent proceedings that may be had relative to said charge in the course of criminal actions based on said charge, and there remain from day to day and term to term of said courts, until discharged by due course of law, then and there to answer said accusation against Principal, this obligation shall become void; otherwise, to remain in full force and effect.

Principal Information:

Mailing Address:

_____ City/Zip _____

Telephone:(____) _____ Place of Employment: _____

Driver's License No./State: _____ DOB: _____ S.S. No.: _____

Race _____ Gender _____ HT _____ WT _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____

Signed and dated on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

_____ Principal

_____ Surety

_____ Printed

_____ Printed

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Oath of Surety

I, _____, the undersigned surety do swear that I am worth in my own right, at least the sum of _____ (\$ _____) Dollars, after deducting all that which is exempt by the Constitution and Laws of the State forced sales, and after the payment of all my debts of every description, whether individual or security debts, and after satisfying all encumbrances upon my property which are known to me; that I reside in the county and have property in this state liable to execution worth said amount or more.

If Surety is an attorney:

I am licensed to practice law in Teas. I represent the Principal in the foregoing matter and I have executed this bond.

Signature of Attorney

State Bar No.:

Mailing Address:

Telephone No.: (____) _____

Fax No.: (____) _____

Taken, approved and returned on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.



Judge, Municipal Court or Chief of Police or Sheriff
City of West Lake Hills, Travis County Texas