

JUDGMENT EXHIBIT \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCUIT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, MISSOURI

**PARENTING PLAN**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PARENTING PLAN OF:**

- Father    Mother    Both Parties                       Court Ordered Plan (Court Use Only)
- Temporary Order & Judgment                                       Final Judgment

**THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WERE BORN TO OR ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES:**

NAMES	AGES ON LAST BIRTHDAY
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**CUSTODY**

- Mother** and **Father** shall have joint legal custody and joint physical custody of the children.
- Mother** and **Father** shall have joint legal custody and  **Mother**  **Father** shall have sole physical custody of the children.
- Mother**  **Father** shall have sole legal custody and Mother and Father shall have joint physical custody of the children.
- Mother**  **Father** shall have sole legal custody and sole physical custody of the children.
- Third Party, \_\_\_\_\_, shall have sole legal and sole physical custody of the children.

**RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR MAILING AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES:**

- Mother**    **Father**    \_\_\_\_\_ (third party) at current address.

**PARENTING AND RESIDENTIAL TIME**

- OPTION A: COURT-APPROVED PARENTING TIME "SCHEDULE J" WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**MOTHER AND FATHER SHALL HAVE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILDREN AS THEY AGREE. IN THE EVENT THEY DO NOT AGREE, THEN THE MINIMUM VISITATION AND CUSTODY SCHEDULE OF**    **MOTHER**    **FATHER** **SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **Weekend.** Every other weekend beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. The first such weekend shall begin on Friday, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Weekday.** If the parents live within a 50-mile radius of each other, one evening each week from 6:00 p.m. on [ ] Wednesday until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday [ ] Thursday until 6:00 p.m. on Friday (making it a three day weekend if a visitation weekend).
3. **Holidays and Special Days.** Custody and visitation on the holidays and special days in the table below shall be from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. if the children are not in school and if the children are in school, from after school until 8:00 p.m. Holidays and special days shall prevail over weekend, weekday, and summer vacation, except for Easter, Memorial Day, and Labor Day when visitation shall include the entire week-end from 6:00 p.m. Friday through 6:00 p.m. Monday.

Halloween shall be from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The Thanksgiving holiday shall include the entire week-end from 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day through 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

Holiday	Even Numbered Years	Odd Numbered Years
	<i>FATHER or MOTHER</i>	<i>FATHER or MOTHER</i>
New Year's Eve		
New Year's Day		
ML King Day		
President's Day		
Memorial Day		
Independence Day		
Labor Day		
Easter		
Thanksgiving		
Other Holidays (specify)		
Special Occasions (specify)		
Halloween		
Children's Birthdays		

Children's birthdays shall be from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. if the children are not in school and if the children are in school, from after school until 8:00 p.m.

Mother shall have the children on her birthday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. if the children are not in school and if the children are in school, from after school until 8:00 p.m.

Mother shall have the children on Mother's Day of each year from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Father shall have the children on his birthday year from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. if the children are not in school and if the children are in school, from after school until 8:00 p.m.

Father shall have the children on Father's Day of each year from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

4. **Christmas Vacation.**

CHRISTMAS VACATION	FATHER or MOTHER	FATHER or MOTHER
EVEN NUMBERED YEARS		
9:00 a.m. on December 25th through 9:00 on December 31 <sup>st</sup> .		
6:00 p.m. the day the children's school Christmas vacation begins through 9:00 a.m. on December 25th AND from 9:00 a.m. on December 31st through 9:00 a.m. the day prior to the children's school Christmas vacation ends.		
ODD NUMBERED YEARS		
9:00 a.m. on December 25th through 9:00 on December 31 <sup>st</sup> .		
6:00 p.m. the day the children's school Christmas vacation begins through 9:00 a.m. on December 25th AND from 9:00 a.m. on December 31st through 9:00 a.m. the day prior to the children's school Christmas vacation ends.		

5. **Summer Vacation.**

**Father**  **Mother** shall have the children each summer beginning three days after school ends for a one-week, seven-day period.

At the end of this one-week period,  **Father**  **Mother** shall have the children for one-week seven-day period.

The parents shall alternate in a like manner until three days before school begins, at which time the children will be returned to  **Father**  **Mother**.

In odd-numbered years **Father** has the first right to designate one second consecutive week period for a vacation time with the children. **Mother** may then designate one second consecutive week period of vacation time with the children. In even-numbered years **Mother** has the first right to designate one second consecutive week period for a vacation time with the children. **Father** may then designate one second consecutive week period of vacation time with the children. The parent with the first right to designate a second week shall give the other parent notice of the weeks chosen by May 1st. The other parent shall then give notice of weeks chosen by May 31st.

There shall be no weekend or weekday visitation during the summer.

For preschool children, the date for commencement and termination of Christmas and Summer visitation shall be based upon the public school calendar for the district in which the children primarily reside.

**OPTION B: MODIFIED "SCHEDULE J" PARENTING TIME PER ATTACHED SCHEDULE**

**OPTION C: WEEKLY PARENTING TIME AS PER ATTACHED SCHEDULE**

**OPTION D: PARENTING TIME AS PER ATTACHED SCHEDULE**

#### **TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGES**

The parent starting a period of visitation or custody shall pick up the children at the other parent's residence unless other arrangements are made. If an exchange occurs at a location other than a parent's residence, the parent with the children in his/her custody shall be responsible for assuring the children are at the specified location for pick up, unless other arrangements are made.

**Father**  **Mother** shall provide all transportation or cover all expense for transportation of the children.

Other:

#### **CHANGES**

If a parent anticipates that he or she may have to cancel at the last minute, he or she should advise the other parent of the possible last minute conflict. If a parent fails to notify the other as set forth above, he or she shall be responsible for the reasonable costs incurred by the other parent.

The parent's schedules and commitments may require occasional changes in the parenting time schedule. Parents shall attempt to agree on any changes, but the parent receiving a request for a change shall have the final decision on whether the change shall occur.

A request for change or a response to a request for change may be made in person, by telephone, by email, by text message, or otherwise in writing to the other parent.

The request for change shall be made no later than:  48 hours  one week  two weeks  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_ prior to the date of the requested change.

The parent receiving the request shall respond no later than:  24 hours  one week  two weeks  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_ after receiving the requested change.

Any parent requesting a change of schedule shall be responsible for any additional child care or transportation costs resulting from the change.

Mother and Father shall cooperate to allow the children to meet their school and social commitments.

### **CONTACTS**

Each parent may have telephone, email, or text messaging contact with the children in a reasonable manner and at a reasonable time during any period in which the children are with the other parent, unless otherwise specified.

Each parent shall provide the other parent with the telephone number at which the children may be contacted. Neither parent shall configure any telephone system in such a manner as to “block” or prevent the other parent from calling. Neither parent shall eavesdrop or otherwise interfere with any such communication between the other parent and the children.

When a parent travels for an extended period of time with the children, he or she must notify the other parent of the children’s destination. He or she must also provide a telephone number where the children can be reached.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS (If applicable)**

Provide this information only if there are special needs, such as supervised visits, supervised exchanges, or other restrictions necessary to assure the safety and well being of all children.

Mother  Father shall have supervised visits with the children.

How often visits will be held:

Length of visits:

Visits shall be supervised by a

mutually agreed upon third party  professional/agency

Name:

Location:

Exchanges of all children shall be supervised by a mutually agreed upon third party or professional agency or person. Specify agency or person:

for beginning of visit:

for end of visit:

State the reasons for the restrictions:

Other restrictions: (describe and state reasons for restrictions)

### **RELOCATION**

Absent exigent circumstances as determined by a Court with jurisdiction, you, as a party to this action, are ordered to notify, in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and at least sixty days prior to the proposed relocation, each party to this action of any proposed relocation of the principal residence of the child, including the following information: (1) The intended new residence, including the specific address and mailing address, if known, and if not known, the city; (2) The home telephone number of the new residence, if known; (3) The date of the intended move or proposed relocation; (4) A brief statement of the specific reasons for the proposed relocation of the child; and (5) A proposal for a revised schedule of custody or visitation with the child. Your obligation to provide this information to each party continues as long as you or any other party by virtue of this order is entitled to custody of a child covered by this order. Your failure to obey the order of this Court regarding the proposed relocation may result in further litigation to enforce such order, including contempt of court. In addition, your failure to notify a party of a relocation

of the child may be considered in a proceeding to modify custody or visitation with the child. Reasonable costs and attorney fees shall be assessed against you if you fail to give the required notice.

## **DECISIONS CONCERNING THE CHILDREN**

“Sole Legal Custody” means that one parent shall have the decision-making rights, responsibilities, and authority relating to the health, education and welfare of the children. The other parent shall be informed on a timely basis of all significant health, education, and welfare decisions made for the children. The other parent retains a right of access to all health, education, and welfare information in the hands of third parties regarding the children. The parents shall continue to communicate as set forth in the COMMUNICATION section below.

“Joint Legal Custody” means that the parents share the decision-making rights, responsibilities, and authority relating to the health, education and welfare of the children, and, unless allocated, apportioned, or decreed, the parents shall confer with one another in the exercise of decision-making rights, responsibilities, and authority. RSMo. §452.375.1(2)

### **Types of Decisions**

The three types of decisions that parents must make concerning their children are major decisions, daily or everyday decisions, and emergency decisions.

#### **A. Major Decisions**

Major decisions are the significant decisions about the children. Major decisions are made by the parent or parents with legal custody. The following are examples of major decisions:

- The choice or change of schools, including college or special tutoring,
- The choice or change of physician, surgeon or dentist,
- Religious instruction, training or education,
- Selection of child care providers,
- Major medical care, surgery, or any medical procedure requiring hospitalization or out-patient surgery,
- Major dental work and orthodontia,
- Psychological or psychiatric treatment or counseling,
- The choice or change of camps or other special or extracurricular activities,
- The extent of any travel away from home,
- Part or full-time employment,
- Purchase or operation of a motor vehicle,
- Contraception and sex education,
- Actual or potential litigation on behalf of the children.

#### **B. Daily or Everyday Decisions**

Daily or everyday decisions are routine decisions such as minor medical treatment, bedtime, homework, chores, selection of clothing, and normal daily activities. Daily decisions shall be made by the parent having actual physical custody at the time of the decision. The parents shall cooperate in establishing mutually agreeable policies regarding such decisions in order that routine decisions remain as consistent as possible.

#### **C. Emergency Decisions**

Emergency decisions are decisions of an urgent nature. They affect the health and safety of the children and have to be made before it is possible to contact the other parent. The parent who is with

the unemancipated child requiring emergency care may make the emergency decision. The parent making the emergency decision shall advise the other parent of the nature and extent of the emergency as soon as possible.

**ACCESS TO MEDICAL, DENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL RECORDS OF THE CHILDREN**

Unless otherwise provided in this Parenting Plan, both parents are entitled to access to records and information pertaining to the children, including, but not limited to, full and complete medical, dental, and educational records.

**COMMUNICATION**

Parents need to communicate information to each other concerning the children’s needs and performances in different areas, including educational and medical information, and the children’s activities.

Each parent shall inform the other parent as soon as possible of all school, sporting and other special activity notices and cooperate in the children’s consistent attendance at such events.

Each parent shall always keep the other parent informed of his or her actual residence address, mailing address if different, home and work telephone numbers, and any changes within 48 hours of such change occurring.

Neither parent shall say or do anything in the presence or hearing of children that would in any way diminish the children’s love or affection for the other parent and shall not allow others to do so.

All court related and financial communications between the parents shall occur at a time when no child is present and, therefore, shall not occur at times of exchanges of the children or during telephone visits with the children.

Neither parent shall schedule activities for the children during the other parent’s scheduled parenting time without the other parent’s prior agreement.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Parents shall attempt to resolve any matters on which they disagree or which involve interpreting the parenting plan through the following alternative dispute resolution process prior to any court action:

Counseling by \_\_\_\_\_; or \_\_\_\_\_

Mediation by \_\_\_\_\_; or \_\_\_\_\_

Other:

The cost of this process shall be allocated between the parties as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_% Mother; \_\_\_\_\_% Father

based on each party’s proportional share of income

as determined in the dispute resolution process

The process shall be started by notifying the other party by:

written request  certified mail  other

All matters on which the parents disagree or which involve interpreting the parenting plan and for which the court has authority to act shall be resolved through appropriate court action.

**CHILD SUPPORT, HEALTH EXPENSES, AND DAY CARE EXPENSE**

As set forth in the most recent judgment and order of the Court.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
GUARDIAN AD LITEM

\_\_\_\_\_  
RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

OPTION C – PARENTING TIME PER THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND EXCHANGE SCHEDULE

	DAY OF WEEK	EXCHANGES FOR DAY
WEEK ONE	Sunday	
	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	
	Saturday	
WEEK TWO	Sunday	
	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	
	Saturday	