#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AMARILLO DIVISION

TRAVIS KARR,	§
Plaintiff,	§
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V.	§
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QUICK QUACK TEX-CO LLC, and QUICK	§
QUACK CARWASH MANAGEMENT, LLC	§
Defendants.	§

Civil Action No. 14-CV-00258

# **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, Defendants Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC and Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC (collectively "Defendants") hereby file their Notice of Removal and remove this case to United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division.

# I. <u>STATEMENT OF THE CASE</u>

Plaintiff Travis Karr ("Plaintiff") brought suit against Defendants under Cause No. 103288-2 in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Potter County, Texas ("State Court Action"), located within the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Original Petition is attached hereto as part of EXHIBIT A, *Documents Filed in State Court Action*.

Plaintiff's Original Petition alleges causes of action against Defendants for disability discrimination. Plaintiff seeks to recover monetary damages in an amount in excess of \$93,795.00<sup>1</sup> plus attorneys fees and other unspecified relief.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff has demanded back-pay (which equals \$26,325.00); plus two years of front pay (which equals \$29,250.00); plus nonpecuniary damages in the amount of \$38,220.00; plus other relief.
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Defendants filed their Original Answer and Verified Denial on December 5, 2014. See EXHIBIT A, Documents Filed in State Court Action.

Plaintiff also sued Quick Quack, LTD. #4 on Georgia. Quick Quack, LTD. #4 on Georgia is a Texas domestic limited partnership. As stated in Defendants' Original Answer and Verified Denial, this entity was not Plaintiff's employer; thus, Plaintiff cannot state a cause of action against it.

Plaintiff filed a Notice of Non-Suit without Prejudice against Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia on December 5, 2014. Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia is no longer a party to this action.

Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC was not Plaintiff's employer; thus, Plaintiff cannot state a cause of action against it. Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business located in California.

Defendant Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC was Plaintiff's employer and is a proper party to this lawsuit. Defendant Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business located in California.

# II. THIS COURT HAS DIVERSITY JURISDICTION

Pursuant to 28 U.S. Code Section 1332(a), "The district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between...citizens of different States." 28 U.S.C. \$1332(a). For the purposes of diversity jurisdiction, "a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of every State and foreign state by which it has been incorporated and of the State or foreign state where it has its principal place of business..." 28 U.S.C. \$1332(c)(1).

This Court has diversity jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims pursuant to 28 U.S. Code Section 1332(a) because there is complete diversity of citizenship between the parties and Plaintiff has demanded a sum of money in excess of \$93,795.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

Plaintiff is an individual domiciled in Texas. *See* EXHIBIT A, *Documents Filed in State Court Action* at Plaintiff's Original Petition. Defendant Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC and Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC are Delaware Limited Liability Companies. *Id.* Defendant Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC and Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC both have their principal places of business in California. *Id.* Plaintiff's Original Petition seeks monetary relief in excess of \$75,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs.<sup>2</sup> *Id.* 

Accordingly, the District Court has original jurisdiction over this matter because complete diversity exists between the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs. *See* 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a)(1) and 1332(c)(1).

# III. <u>REMOVAL IS TIMELY</u>

This Notice of Removal is filed in compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), which states:

The notice of removal of a civil action or proceeding shall be filed within thirty days after the receipt by the defendant, through service or otherwise, of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which such action or proceeding is based, or within thirty days after the service of summons upon the defendant if such initial pleading has then been filed in court and is not required to be served on the defendant, whichever period is shorter.

Plaintiff served his Original Petition on Defendants' registered agent on November 18, 2014.

See EXHIBIT A, Documents Filed in State Court Action. This Notice is timely under 28 U.S.C.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Plaintiff has demanded back-pay (which equals \$26,325.00); plus two years of front pay (which equals \$29,250.00); plus nonpecuniary damages in the amount of \$38,220.00; plus other relief.
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§ 1446(b), as it is filed within thirty days from the date of Defendants' receipt of the pleading upon which Plaintiff's claims are based.<sup>3</sup>

# IV. NOTICE GIVEN TO STATE COURT

A copy of this Notice of Removal has been simultaneously filed with the state court from which this suit is being removed.

# V. <u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, Defendants Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC, and Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC pray (1) that the above-entitled cause be removed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division, (2) that this Court assume jurisdiction over this lawsuit and retain it for final disposition, and (3) for such other relief, both general and special, at law or in equity, to which Defendants may be justly entitled.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Under the doctrine of fraudulent joinder, Defendants learned that this case was removable upon receiving Plaintiff's Original Petition on November 18, 2014, because Plaintiff has no possibility of establishing a cause of action against Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia, the only Texas-based defendant. *See Salazar v. Allstate Tex. Lloyd's, Inc.*, 455 F.3d 571, 574 (5th Cir.2006). On December 5, 2014, Plaintiff non-suited Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia, at which point this cause was removable on diversity grounds even without the doctrine of fraudulent joinder.

Respectfully submitted,

# **BELL NUNNALLY & MARTIN LLP**

By:

/s/ Alana K. Ackels

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 18, 2014, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas using the electronic case filing system of the Court. The electronic case filing system sent a "Notice of Electronic Filing" to the following attorneys of record who have consented in writing to accept this Notice as service of this document by electronic means:

Shawn D. Twing Sprouse Shrader Smith P.C. PO Box 15008 Amarillo, TX 79105-5008

/s/ Alana K. Ackels

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# EXHIBIT A DOCUMENTS FILED IN STATE COURT

No.	Description	Date
1.	Potter County Docket Sheet	12/15/14
2.	Plaintiff's Original Petition	11/12/14
3.	Return of Service of Citation – Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia	11/21/14
4.	Return of Service of Citation – Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC	11/25/14
5.	Return of Service of Citation – Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC	11/25/14
6.	Defendants' Original Answer and Verified Denial	12/05/14
7.	Plaintiff's Notice of Non-Suit Without Prejudice	12/05/14
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POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS

#### PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

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This petition is brought by Travis Karr, Plaintiff, complaining of Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia, a Texas domestic limited partnership, Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and in support would show the Court as follows:

#### I. Discovery Level

 Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery under discovery control plan 3 pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 190.4

#### II. Parties

 Plaintiff Travis Karr is a resident of the State of Texas, and is a resident of Potter County Texas.

3. Defendant Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia is a Texas domestic limited partnership with its principal place of business in Amarillo, Texas. For the reasons set forth below, Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the State of Texas. Service of process may be made on Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia through its registered agent at:

# Paul P. Fields 3010 West 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Amarillo, Texas 79109 USA

4. Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and maintaining its principal place of business in Alisa Viejo, California. For the reasons set forth below, Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the State of Texas. Service of process may be made on Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC through its registered agent at:

# Rob H. Holt 1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 625 Bryan, Texas 77802 USA

2. Defendant Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and maintaining its principal place of business in Carmichael, California. For the reasons set forth below, Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC is subject to the personal jurisdiction of the State of Texas. Service of process may be made on Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC through its registered agent at:

# Rob H. Holt 1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 625 Bryan, Texas 77802 USA

# Jurisdiction & Venue

5. This Court has jurisdiction over this lawsuit because the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional minimum. Venue is proper in this Court under Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem.

Code § 15.002(a)(1) because Potter County, Texas is the county where a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred.

#### III. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies

6. Plaintiff filed a charge of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") on April 25, 2013. Because of a work sharing agreement the charge was simultaneously filed with the Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division ("TCHRCRD"). Plaintiff has received a Dismissal and Notice of Rights from both the EEOC and TCHRCRD and filed this action within the prescribed time periods. Plaintiff has exhausted all other administrative remedies necessary to pursue the claims plead in this case both federal and state law claims.

### IV. Statement of Facts

7. Defendants employ 15 or more employees making them subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act, codified at 42 USC § 12101 et. seq. and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (referred to herein collectively as ("ADA"). Though separate entities, Defendants constitute a single integrated employment for all ADA purposes including but not limited to ADA coverage, legal obligations and available remedies.

8. The following material facts give rise to Plaintiff's claims against Defendants:

a. Plaintiff was first diagnosed with epilepsy in 1990. He therefore has a disability for purposes of federal and state law. In addition to the limitations Plaintiff endured as a result of his epilepsy, he also experienced negative effects of his medical treatment.

b. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants from December 2010 to March2013 and was hired as an employee in the "wash" area of the Quick Quack

Carwash located at 2400 S. Georgia, Amarillo, Texas 79109. His job duties entailed preparing customer vehicles for the automated machinery and car wash process; Mr. Karr worked as a cashier until the end of 2012. At this time, Mr. Karr was moved to the wash bay area due to complaints from his co-workers.

c. In early 2012, Mr. Karr requested a reasonable accommodation for his disability and asked the Company to move him back to the cash register. A letter requesting documentation for determining ADA eligibility was sent to Plaintiff's treating physician on March 1, 2013. Plaintiff's Physician advised Defendants that while Plaintiff should not work around heavy equipment or high voltage electricity due to his seizures, Plaintiff could return to the cashier position.

d. During the week of March 25, 2013, Plaintiff was hospitalized for anorexia and anxiety. Plaintiff was later subjected to discipline for his absences relating to his hospitalization.

e. During his Plaintiff's employment and thereafter, local management at Quick Quack communicated with third parties confidential medical information concerning Plaintiff.

f. Rather than return Plaintiff to the cashier position or further engaged in the interactive process, the Defendants' Human Resources advised Plaintiff in writing that it was unable to provide Plaintiff with a reasonable accommodation and terminated his employment.

g. Plaintiff was involuntarily terminated on or about because of his epilepsy effective March 29, 2013. Defendants advised the Texas Workforce Commission that Plaintiff's employment was terminated for "medical reasons."

# V. "Causes of Action

9. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of this Petition as if fully set forth below.

10. Defendants' Conduct constitutes violations of the ADA, specifically 42 USC §12112 [§102] (a) and (b) and the Texas Labor Code §21.105 and Texas Labor Code §21.121(a). Defendants' discrimination against Plaintiff was willful and has caused Plaintiff to suffer harm. Plaintiff seeks recovery of back pay, front pay, compensatory damages, equitable relief and attorney's fees.

# A. Violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act

11. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of this Petition as if fully set forth below.

12. The ADA, codified at 42 U.S.C. §12101 et. seq., protects individuals who are and who are regarded as disabled. These protections include a prohibition of discrimination on account of one's disability, an affirmative duty to make a reasonable accommodation for employees with a disability, an affirmative duty to engage in the interactive process regarding a reasonable accommodation and to maintain confidentiality regarding an employee's medication information.

13. Defendants Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC and Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC are each "employers" within the meaning of the ADA and acting in concert constitute a single integrated employer for purposes of the ADA. 14. Defendant's disparate treatment, i.e. termination, of Plaintiff violated the ADA as he was subject to discrimination with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment and deprived employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affected by his status as an employee because of his disability.

 Defendants' articulated reason for treatment of Plaintiff is a mere pre-text for disability discrimination.

16. Defendants' failure to provide the reasonable accommodation requested by Plaintiff, i.e. returning him to his previous job for which he was qualified, constituted a violation of the ADA's mandate for employers to reasonably accommodate employees with disabilities.

17. Defendants' failure to engage in the interactive process after denying his request for a reasonable accommodation constituted a violation of the ADA's mandate for employers to engage in the interactive process as part of their obligation to reasonably accommodate employees with disabilities.

17. Defendants' failure to maintain confidentiality regarding Plaintiff's medical history and medical information constituted a violation of the ADA's mandate regarding the confidential nature of employee medical information.

18. Defendant's violations of the ADA were the actual and proximate cause of the harm and damages sustained by Plaintiff for which he seeks recovery.

### B. The Texas Labor Code

19. The Texas Labor Code sections 21.051, 21.105, 21.125 and 21.128 ("Texas Labor Code") protects individuals who are considered to be disabled. These protections include a prohibition of discrimination on account of one's disability, an affirmative duty to make a

reasonable accommodation for employees with a disability, an affirmative duty to engage in the interactive process regarding a reasonable accommodation and to maintain confidentiality regarding an employee's medication information.

20. Defendants Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC and Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC are each "employers" within the meaning of the Texas Labor Code and acting in concert constitute a single integrated employer for purposes of the Texas Labor Code.

21. Defendant's disparate treatment, i.e. termination, of Plaintiff violated the ADA as he was subject to discrimination with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment and deprived employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affected by his status as an employee because of his disability.

22. Defendants' articulated reason for treatment of Plaintiff is a mere pre-text for disability discrimination.

23. Defendants' failure to provide the reasonable accommodation requested by Plaintiff, i.e. returning him to his previous job for which he was qualified, constituted a violation of the Texas Labor Code's mandate for employers to reasonably accommodate employees with disabilities.

24. Defendants' failure to engage in the interactive process after denying his request for a reasonable accommodation constituted a violation of the Texas Labor Code's mandate for employers to engage in the interactive process as part of their obligation to reasonably accommodate employees with disabilities.

25. Defendants' failure to maintain confidentiality regarding Plaintiff's medical history and medical information constituted a violation of the Texas Labor Code's mandate regarding the confidential nature of employee medical information.

26. Defendant's violations of the Texas Labor Code were the actual and proximate cause of the harm and damages sustained by Plaintiff for which he seeks recovery.

#### C. Attorneys' Fees

26. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs of this Petition as if fully set forth below.

20. As a result of the conduct described above, Plaintiff has incurred reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees. Plaintiff seeks recovery of reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees under the ADA and Texas Labor Code. Plaintiff has retained the law firm of Sprouse Shrader Smith P.C. to prosecute this action and has agreed to pay the firm reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees. Plaintiff requests an award of costs and reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees pursuant to the ADA and the Texas Labor Code.

### D. Punitive Damages

21. Defendants engaged in the complained of discriminatory practices intentionally, willfully and with malice or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's rights which are protected under the ADA and the Texas Labor Code. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks punitive damages.

### V. Jury Demand

22. Plaintiff demands trial by jury.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Defendant be cited to appear and answer, and on final trial, the Plaintiff be awarded a judgment against Defendant for the following:

- a. Compensatory damages;
- b. Back-pay and Front-pay;
- c. 401K or other similar contribution;
- d. Accrued paid time off
- e. Lost benefits;

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- f. Mental pain & suffering;
- g. Incidental damages;
- h. Equitable damages and injunctive relief;
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Respectfully submitted,

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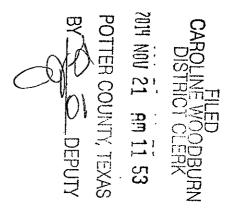
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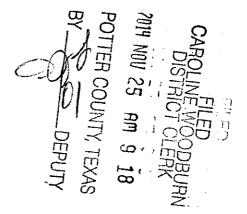
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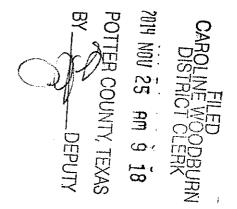
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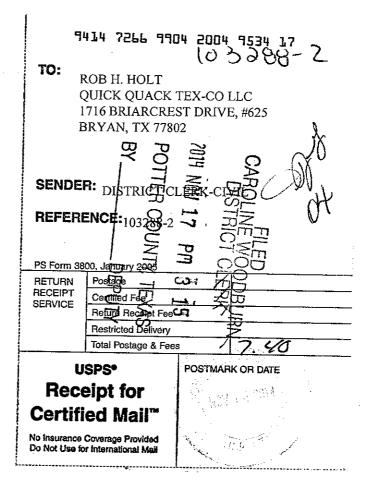


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Defendants.	§	POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS

# **DEFENDANTS' ORIGINAL ANSWER AND VERIFIED DENIAL**

Defendants Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC, and Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC (collectively "Defendants") file their Original Answer and would respectfully show as follows:

# I. <u>GENERAL DENIAL</u>

1. Defendants generally deny all of the allegations of Plaintiff's Original Petition and demand strict proof thereof by a preponderance of the evidence.

# II. VERIFIED DENIAL

2. Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC denies that it is liable in the capacity in which it has been sued. Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC was not Plaintiff's employer and, therefore, is not liable for Plaintiff's claims against it. Plaintiff's employer was Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC.

3. Defendants deny that Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia is a proper party to this suit, as Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia was the entity that sold the car wash to Plaintiff's employer, Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC, in 2008. Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia was not Plaintiff's employer and had no involvement whatsoever in Plaintiff's termination made the basis of this lawsuit.

#### III. <u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>

4. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that Plaintiff's medical condition presented a direct threat to himself and others; therefore, Plaintiff was not entitled to the protections afforded under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* 

5. To the extent that Plaintiff alleges conduct under the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act occurring more than 180 days prior to the date on which he filed his Discrimination Charge against Defendants with the Texas Commission on Human Rights, Defendants assert the affirmative defense that any claim for back pay, or other relief arising therefrom, is barred under Texas Labor Code § 21.202.

6. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that, as Plaintiff's employer, Quick Quack Carwash Management LLC exercised reasonable care to prevent and correct promptly any of the behavior complained of in Plaintiff's Original Petition, although it denies that any such behavior occurred.

7. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that Plaintiff was not a qualified individual within the meaning of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq*.

8. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that Plaintiff could not perform the essential functions of his job with or without a reasonable accommodation within the meaning of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq*.

9. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that they terminated Plaintiff's employment for legitimate, non-discriminatory reasons.

10. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that Plaintiff failed to take reasonable steps to mitigate any damages he may have sustained.

11. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that Plaintiff's claim for exemplary damages is limited by Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

12. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that the amount of compensatory and punitive damages sought by Plaintiff are limited by statute under 42 U.S.C. § 1981a and Texas Labor Code § 21.2585.

13. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that Plaintiff is not entitled to and cannot recover an award of attorneys' fees.

14. Defendants assert the affirmative defense that any action or inaction on their part was not willful; therefore, Plaintiff is not entitled to liquidated damages.

15. Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC denies that it is liable in the capacity in which it has been sued. Defendant Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC was not Plaintiff's employer and, therefore, is not liable for Plaintiff's claims against it.

16. Defendants deny that Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia is a proper party to this suit, as Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia was the entity that sold the car wash to Plaintiff's employer, Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC, in 2008. Quick Quack, Ltd. #4 on Georgia was not Plaintiff's employer and had no involvement whatsoever in Plaintiff's termination made the basis of this lawsuit.

17. As a result of Plaintiff's unsupported claims against Defendants, Defendants have been required to retain the services of the undersigned attorneys; pursuant to Section 21.259 of the Texas Labor Code, Defendants are entitled to an award of their reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in defending this action.

18. Defendants reserve the right to assert additional affirmative defenses that become apparent throughout the development of this case.

# IV. DEMAND FOR JURY

Defendants hereby request a trial by jury and will submit the required jury fee as necessary.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Quick Quack Tex-Co LLC, and Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC having fully answered herein, pray (1) that Plaintiff receive a take nothing judgment, (2) that any award to Plaintiff be reduced or barred based on Defendants' affirmative defenses, and (3) for such other and further relief, both general and special, to which it may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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By:

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on December 5, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent to counsel of record as follows:

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QUICK QUACK, LTD. #4 ON GEORGIA,	§
QUICK QUACK TEX-CO LLC, and QUICK	§
QUACK CARWASH MANAGEMENT, LLC	§
Defendants.	§

IN THE COUNTY COURT

AT LAW NO. 2

POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS

#### VERIFICATION

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STATE OF California	
COUNTY OF Placer	

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared JASON JOHNSON, who being by me duly sworn on his oath, deposed and said that he is the President of Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC and has read Defendants' Original Answer and Verified Denial, and that every statement contained therein is within his knowledge, or within the knowledge of other employees at Quick Quack Carwash Management, LLC, and is true and correct.

JASON JOHNSON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO on the 5th day of December, 2014, to certify which

witness my hand and seal of office.



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# PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF NON-SUIT WITHOUT PREJUDICE

COMES NOW TRAVIS KARR, Plaintiff, and hereby gives notice to this Court and to all parties to this suit that they are taking a non-suit without prejudice of all of their claims against QUICK QUACK, LTD. #4 ON GEORGIA, Defendant, effective immediately on the filing of this Notice on this date.

SIGNED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is hereby certified that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served upon the following attorney(s) of record:

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