

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

N. DOE, filing anonymously,
SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION, INC.,
and ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EAST ST. LOUIS HOUSING AUTHORITY and
MILDRED A. MOTLEY, in her official capacity as
Executive Director of the East St. Louis Housing
Authority,

Defendants.

Case Number: 3:18-cv-545

DEFENDANTS' ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFFS'
COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

COME NOW, Defendants, East St. Louis Housing Authority and Mildred A. Motley, and for their answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief ("Complaint"), state as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. The allegations of paragraph 1 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 1 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

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2. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 2 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

3. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 3 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

4. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 4 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

5. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 5 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.

6. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 6 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

7. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 7 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

8. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 8 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

9. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 9 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

10. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 10 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

11. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 11 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

12. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 12 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

13. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 13 of Plaintiffs Complaint

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

14. The allegations of paragraph 14 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 14 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

15. The allegations of paragraph 15 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 15 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

16. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 16 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

17. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 17 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein. Further, the lease is a writing and is the best evidence of its terms, conditions and obligations and is pled herein by reference as if recopied in full.

18. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 18 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein. Further, the lease is a writing and is the best evidence of its terms, conditions and obligations and is pled herein by reference as if recopied in full.

19. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 19 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein. Further, the lease is a writing and is the best evidence of its terms, conditions and obligations and is pled herein by reference as if recopied in full.

20. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 20 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein. Further, the lease is a writing and is the best evidence of its terms, conditions and obligations and is pled herein by reference as if recopied in full.

21. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 21 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

22. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 22 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein. Further, the lease is a writing and is the best evidence of its terms, conditions and obligations and is pled herein by reference as if recopied in full.

23. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 23 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

24. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 24 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

25. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 25 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein. Further, the lease is a writing and is the best evidence of its terms, conditions and obligations and is pled herein by reference as if recopied in full.

26. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 26 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

27. The allegations of paragraph 27 of the Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 27 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

COUNT I – VIOLATION OF RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR FIREARMS
(U.S. CONST. AMENDS. II AND XIV; 42 U.S.C. §1983)

28. In answer to paragraph 28 of Count I of Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendants incorporate by reference their answers to paragraphs 1 through 27 as if recopied in full.

29. The allegations of paragraph 29 of Count I of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 29 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

30. The allegations of paragraph 30 of Count I of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 30 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

31. The allegations of paragraph 31 of Count I of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 31 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

32. The allegations of paragraph 32 of Count I of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 32 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

33. The allegations of paragraph 33 of Count I of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 33 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

COUNT II – VIOLATION OF RIGHT TO EQUAL PROTECTION
(U.S. CONST. AMEND. XIV; 42 U.S.C. §1983)

34. In answer to paragraph 34 of Count II of Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendants incorporate by reference their answers to paragraphs 1 through 33 as if recopied in full.

35. The allegations of paragraph 35 of Count II of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 35 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

36. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 36 of Count II of Plaintiffs' Complaint

37. The allegations of paragraph 37 of Count II of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 37 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

38. In answer to paragraph 38 of Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendants incorporate by reference their answers to paragraphs 1 through 37 as if recopied in full.

39. The allegations of paragraph 39 of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 39 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

40. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 40 of Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

41. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 41 of Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

42. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 42 of Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

43. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 43 of Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

44. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 44 of Plaintiffs' Complaint for lack of sufficient information to justify a reasonable belief therein.

45. Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 45 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

46. The allegations of paragraph 46 of Plaintiffs' Complaint are conclusions of law for which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is deemed required, Defendants deny the allegations of paragraph 46 for lack of sufficient information to justify a belief therein.

GENERAL DENIAL

Defendants deny every unnumbered allegation in Plaintiffs' Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and every allegation not specifically admitted herein.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Defendants state the following affirmative defenses as complete or partial bars to the claims made in Plaintiffs' Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunctive Relief:

1. Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to state a claim for which relief may be granted.
2. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by one or more applicable statutes of limitation, including without limitation 42 USC § 4613, 740 ILCS 23/5 and 745 10/8-101.

3. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by the defenses and immunities provided by the Illinois Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, 745 ILCS 10/1-11 *et seq.*

JURY DEMAND

Defendants demand trial by jury on all issues so triable.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiffs' Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, Defendants pray for dismissal of Plaintiffs' Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, each party bearing his, her or its own costs, and for such other relief as is appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

GALLOWAY, JOHNSON, TOMPKINS
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 21st day of June, 2018, the undersigned electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send notice of electronic filing to all counsel of record.

/s/ Stephen J. Moore
