

Landowner Bill of Rights
Adapted from RSMo 523.250

At least **SIXTY** days before filing of a condemnation action petition seeking to acquire an interest in real property, the condemning authority shall provide the owner of record of such property with a written notice concerning the intended acquisition. Such notice shall include:

1. Identification of the interest in real property to be acquired and a statement of the legal description or commonly known location of the property.
2. The purpose or purposes for which the property is to be acquired.
3. A statement that the property owner has the right to:
 - a. Seek legal counsel at the owner's expense;
 - b. Make a counteroffer and engage in further negotiations;
 - c. Obtain such owner's own appraisal of just compensation
 - d. Have just compensation determined preliminarily by court-appointed condemnation commissioners and, ultimately, by a jury;
 - e. Seek assistance from the office of the ombudsman for property rights;
 - f. Contest the right to condemn in the condemnation proceeding; and
 - g. Exercise the rights to request vacation of an easement under the procedures and circumstances provided for in Section 3 of this act.

An owner may waive the requirements of this subsection prescribed above in a writing executed by the owner.