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Media Advisory: Sonics Fans File Lawsuit Against Team

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What: Monday, October 1, 2007 at approximately 11am a complaint was filed in King County Superior Court against the Professional Basketball Club, LLC.

This complaint was filed by Mr. Michael Myers of Myers & Company, P.L.L.C. on behalf of Ms. Carolyn Bechtel and Mr. Patrick Sheehy, both of who are season ticket holders of the team. The complaint alleges misleading advertising, Consumer Protection Act Violations, and other deceptive actions by the Oklahoma-based Sonics ownership as part of the team's 2007 marketing campaign."

Attached: Copy of Complaint from Myers & Co. P.L.L.C.
Statement from Save Our Sonics and Storm
Copy of subject advertising
Appropriate biographies and background information

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR INTERVIEW REQUESTS PLEASE CONTACT MR. BRIAN ROBINSON OR MR. STEVEN PYEATT AT THE NUMBERS ABOVE



STATEMENT FROM SAVE OUR SONICS AND STORM:

Several weeks ago Ms. Carolyn Bechtel of Seattle, Washington contacted our organization. As a season ticket holder she expressed concern over a season ticket renewal offer which she felt was deceptive based on ownerships actions.

It was our pleasure to assist Ms. Bechtel as well as Mr. Patrick Sheehy by putting them in touch with Mr. Michael Myers of Myers & Company, P.L.L.C. who will be representing them along with other season ticket holders in this matter. Concurrent to these lawsuits, Save Our Sonics & Storm anticipates that various season ticket holders will be filing complaints with the Washington State Attorney General's Office for consumer protection act violations by the Sonics ownership. We are confident that the Attorney General's Office will take these complaints very seriously.

While we cannot speak for Ms. Bechtel, Mr. Sheehy, or their legal representation, we applaud their actions. At the heart of this matter are the intentions and actions of current ownership. It is our belief that through the discovery process, the public will gain significant insight as to the events that involve this ownership group and specifically the ownership's efforts, or lack thereof, to remain in the Seattle region beyond the 2007/2008 NBA season.

Shortly after the conclusion of the 2006/2007-basketball season all Sonics' season ticket holders were offered an "Unprecedented Commitment" should they make the decision to renew their existing season ticket package. In an enclosed letter Sonics' Chairman Clayton I. Bennett states, "At a time when we are asking for your season ticket renewal, it is of paramount importance that we establish our commitment to you, our most passionate and supportive fan." Within that same letter he makes an unequivocal guarantee of fixed ticket pricing through the 2010 NBA season. Since that time it has become obvious that the Sonics are not able to guarantee this products availability and have in fact taken direct action to deny it to their customers with recent attempts to breach their existing lease.

As stated in Mr. Bennett's letter season ticket holders are "the foundation of any franchise", as well as "the most passionate and supportive fans." That this type of deceptive solicitation may have abused their loyalty is unacceptable and should be an embarrassment to the entire National Basketball Association.

Season ticket holders who would like more information about this action may contact our organization for further instructions by sending an e-mail to volunteer@saveoursonics.org.

GO SONICS AND WELCOME KEVIN DURANT!!!

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About Michael Myers:

Mike Myers focuses his legal practice on the rights of the injured in the Puget Sound region and throughout the State of Washington.

Mike Myers was born in Salinas, California, but was raised in Bellingham, Washington. Mike attended Stanford University on a National Merit Scholarship. He also played varsity soccer while attending Stanford. He matriculated at the Seattle University School of Law from which he graduated cum laude.

After working as an associate attorney for three years he founded the firm currently known as Myers & Company in 1995. Myers & Company has four attorneys and a seven member support staff. For the past decade Myers & Company has zealously represented the rights of injured persons and their families.

Myers & Company was the first firm to file the recent Menu Foods class action case and worked to successfully resolve the nationwide class action against James Frey and Random House arising from the controversy surrounding A Million Little Pieces.

Mr. Myers has been honored by being named a Super Lawyer in Washington Law and Politics magazine. He was named one of Washington 's Top 40 Plaintiff's Personal Injury Super Lawyers in 2006. He has also been awarded an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell. (An AV Peer Review Rating shows that a lawyer has reached the height of professional excellence. He or she has usually practiced law for many years and is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity.)

Statement: *The Sonics' fans have shown tremendous loyalty to the organization. Unfortunately, the organization has not reciprocated. It has misled the core fan base. Season ticket holders are entitled to legal recourse. We believe they have an unusually strong case against the current owners of the team.*



About Ms. Carolyn Bechtel:

Carolyn Bechtel is a 58-year old resident of Kirkland who has followed the team since their inception. She is a season ticket holder of both the Sonics and Storm and is passionate about both clubs.

Statement: *I've been going to Sonics games for as long as I can remember. I've followed the club since their beginning and they mean so much to me. The Sonics are a part of Seattle and I don't think we ever would have gotten the Seahawks and the Mariners if the Sonics had not come first.*

I feel betrayed by the ownership. When I got my season ticket packet from the Sonics I felt that they were going to make a true effort to keep these teams in Seattle. They have not.

People should be getting excited by Kevin Durant right now, not dealing with all these issues that ownership has created.

About Mr. Patrick Sheehy:

Patrick Sheehy is a 36-year old resident of the North Beach neighborhood in Seattle. His is the married father of two boys, ages 3 and 8. He is a season ticket holder for both the Sonics and Storm and shares that experience with his young children.

Statement: *I became a Sonics fan while living in Florida, watching the NBA Playoffs the year the Sonics made it to the finals. Watching a gimpy Nate McMillan rally the team hooked me. When relocating to the West Coast, I knew I wanted to live in an NBA-city so I narrowed my choices down to Seattle and Portland, finally picking Seattle because of the water, the mountains, and the choice of sports.*



About Save Our Sonics & Storm:

Save Our Sonics and Storm is a non-profit organization registered in Washington State as a response to the sale of the Sonics and Storm to Oklahoma based interests. We are committed to lobbying for a political resolution which will allow the team to remain in the region on a long term basis. We feel that the Sonics and Storm are an integral and essential part of both our local culture and economy. In addition to providing documented economic benefits the Sonics have been a part of our city for 40 years. During that time they have been charitable and inspirational while bringing Seattle's first national championship and prominent national exposure. The Storm have, in their short lifetime also brought a championship to the city while providing positive role models for women and minorities throughout the region. The loss of these two prominent and valuable civic amenities would be disgraceful for a world class city such as Seattle.

Over the last several years city leadership has failed retain Boeing's Corporate Headquarters, provide a mass transit system comparable with other world class cities, or address essential problems such as the viaduct. In addition they have allowed our existing city assets, such as the Seattle Center to deteriorate below reasonable standards. Their decision to essentially abandon talks with the Seattle SuperSonics and the Seattle Storm is indicative of their shortsighted approach to civic investment and we demand that they not only re-enter those talks, but provide the leadership necessary to create a solution which retains professional basketball in the Puget Sound Area.

In recent months Save Our Sonics and Storm organizers have built strong relationship with local political leaders and successfully launched the "A Deal is a Deal" citywide Initiative 93. As a result of this initiative and the unilateral support it received the Seattle City Council voted unanimously to pass a similar measure on September 10, 2007.

Save Our Sonics and Storm consists of fans and concerned citizens who have joined forces to provide a unified and resounding voice on this issue. We encourage you to contact us at any time for more information about SOS&S and the related issues.

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KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

PATRICK SHEEHY and CAROLYN
BECHTEL, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL CLUB,
L.L.C. an Oklahoma limited liability company
registered to do business in the State of
Washington,

Defendant.

No.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, by their undersigned attorneys for the Class Action Complaint and/or
Complaint, allege upon personal knowledge as to themselves and their own acts, and upon
information and belief (based upon the investigation of their counsel) as to all other matters, as to
which allegations they believe substantial evidentiary support will exist after a reasonable
opportunity for further investigation and discovery as follows:

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I. NATURE OF ACTION

1.1 Plaintiffs bring this action as a Class Action pursuant to Rules 23(a), (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3) of the Washington Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of all persons who purchased season tickets for the Seattle Supersonics basketball franchise ("the Sonics") after the club was purchased by The Professional Basketball Club, L.L.C. ("PBC") in July 2006 and before the PBC's arbitration demand (to break the Sonics' lease at Key Arena) was publicized.

1.2 In July 2006 the Sonics were purchased by PBC. PBC is based in Oklahoma but is registered to do business in the State of Washington and conducts business in King County.

1.3 After PBC purchased the Sonics it sent a letter to potential season ticket holders guaranteeing that season ticket prices would be frozen at their current levels through the 2009-2010 season. PBC promised that current season-ticket holders would not be assessed a price increase for the next three seasons in exchange for renewing their season tickets. Season-ticket holders who renewed received membership in the "Emerald Club." The marketing materials and other statements disseminated by PBC (purposefully) created the impression that it intended to keep the Sonics in Seattle (the "Emerald City") for at least the next three years. This was a material factor in the decision of season ticket holders whether to renew. PBC purposefully created this impression in an attempt to persuade season ticket holders to renew their tickets despite the fact that it knew or should have known that the Sonics future in Seattle for the next three seasons was at best uncertain and more likely than not the team was going to be moved to PBC's home, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1.4 Plaintiffs Patrick SHEEHY and Carolyn Bechtel relied on representations made by PBC and the reasonable inferences drawn therefrom that the Sonics would remain in Seattle

1 for at least the next three seasons and that they would be able to enjoy the benefits of the
2 Emerald Club and purchase season tickets for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 for the same price
3 they paid when renewing their tickets for the 2007-2008 season. They purchased season tickets
4 for the Sonics as a result.

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6 1.5 After making the representations described in the paragraph 1.3, and Plaintiffs'
7 decisions to renew their tickets, representatives of PBC expressed PBC's intent to move the team
8 away from Seattle.

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10 1.6 The Sonics and the City of Seattle are parties to a lease which requires the Sonics
11 to play all of their home games at Key Arena in Seattle, Washington through the 2009-2010
12 season.

13 1.7 On or about September 21, 2007 PBC filed a Demand for Arbitration with the
14 American Arbitration Association seeking to break its lease with the City of Seattle and stop
15 playing its home games at Key Arena after the 2007-2008 basketball season. This demand for
16 arbitration is one step in PBC's overall plan to move the Sonics out of Seattle.

17 1.8 As a result of the PBC's actions the Plaintiffs have suffered economic damage.

18 II. PARTIES

19 2.1 Plaintiff, Patrick SHEEHY, has at all material times been a resident of Seattle,
20 Washington.

21 2.2 Plaintiff, Carolyn Bechtel, has at all material times been a resident of Kirkland,
22 Washington.

23 2.3 Defendant, The Professional Basketball Club, L.L.C., is a limited liability
24 company which is registered to do business in Washington State.
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1 4.3 Plaintiffs Patrick SHEEHY and Carolyn Bechtel relied on representations made
2 by PBC and the reasonable inferences drawn therefrom that the Sonics would remain in Seattle
3 for at least the next three seasons and that they would be able to enjoy the benefits of the
4 Emerald Club and purchase season tickets for the 2008-2009 and 2009–2010 for the same price
5 they paid when renewing their tickets for the 2007-2008 season. They purchased season tickets
6 for the Sonics as a result.

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8 4.4 After sending the letter referred to in preceding paragraphs and Plaintiffs’
9 decisions to renew their season tickets, representatives of PBC expressed PBC’s intent to move
10 the team away from Seattle.

11 4.5 In August 2007, during an interview with an Oklahoma City-based newspaper,
12 Aubrey McClendon, a member of PBC, stated publicly that the ownership group “didn’t buy the
13 team to keep it in Seattle, we hoped to come here [i.e. to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma].”

14 4.6 The Sonics and the City of Seattle are parties to a lease which requires the Sonics
15 to play all of their home games at Key Arena in Seattle, Washington through the 2009-2010
16 season.

17 4.7 On or about September 21, 2007 PBC filed a Demand for Arbitration with the
18 American Arbitration Association seeking to break its lease with the City of Seattle and stop
19 playing its home games at Key Arena after the 2007-2008 basketball season.

20 4.8 PBC principal owner Clay Bennett has publicly stated that the demand for
21 arbitration is a step in PBC’s effort to relocate the Sonics out of Seattle.

22 4.9 If PBC had expressed that uncertainty existed regarding the Sonics’ future in
23 Seattle or that the Sonics might take steps to break its lease with the City of Seattle in order to
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1 pay the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons in Oklahoma City, Mr. SHEEHY and Ms. Bechtel
2 would not have purchased or renewed their season tickets.

3 4.10 As a result of PBC's actions the Plaintiffs have suffered economic damages.

4 V. CLASS CERTIFICATION

5 5.1 This action is brought as a class action under Rule 23 of the Washington Rules of
6 Civil Procedure on behalf of all persons who purchased season tickets to the Sonics after the
7 franchise was purchased by the Bennett ownership group and before PBC's Arbitration Demand
8 was publicized in the Seattle Media. Plaintiffs reserve the right to modify this class definition
9 prior to moving for class certification.
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11 5.2 Membership in the Class is so numerous as to make it impractical to bring all
12 class members before the Court. The identity and exact number of Class members is unknown
13 but is estimated to be at least in the thousands. Plaintiffs believe that members of the Class can
14 be easily identified through the Sonics' season ticket sales records.

15 5.3 Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of other Class members, all of whom have
16 suffered harm due to Defendant's uniform course of conduct.

17 5.4 Plaintiffs are a member of the Class.

18 5.5 There are numerous and substantial questions of law and fact common to all of
19 the members of the Class which control this litigation and predominate over any individual
20 issues pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3). The common issues include, but are not limited to, the
21 following:
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23 a. Does the Washington Consumer Protection Act Apply?

24 b. Did PBC represent explicitly or implicitly that the Sonics would continue
25 to play in Seattle through the 2009-2010 season?

1 c. Did PBC represent that Sonics' season ticket holders' true price of
2 attending games would be locked in at the 2007-2008 prices through the 2009-2010 season?

3 d. Were PBC's representations regarding PBC's intentions, the duration of
4 the Sonics' tenure in Seattle and the true cost of the season ticket prices and game attendance
5 false?

6 e. Was PBC aware or should it have been aware of the falsity of its
7 representations or the potential that they were inaccurate and/or had a tendency to mislead
8 prospective season ticket purchasers?

9 f. Was there a valid contract between the parties?

10 g. Were Plaintiffs and Class members damaged?

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12 5.6 A class action is the appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of
13 this controversy for the following reasons:

14 a. Without a class action, the Class will continue to suffer damage,
15 Defendant's violations of the law or laws will continue without remedy, and Defendant will
16 continue to enjoy the fruits and proceeds of its unlawful misconduct;

17 b. Given (i) the substantive complexity of this litigation; (ii) the size of
18 individual Class members' claims; and (iii) the limited resources of the Class members, few, if
19 any, Class members could afford to seek legal redress individually for the wrongs defendant has
20 committed against them;

21 c. This action will foster an orderly and expeditious administration of Class
22 claims, economies of time, effort and expense, and uniformity of decision;

23 d. Inferences and presumptions of materiality and reliance are available to
24 obtain class-wide determinations of those elements within the Class claims, as are accepted
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1 methodologies for class-wide proof of damages; alternatively, upon adjudication of Defendant's
2 common liability, the Court can efficiently determine the claims of the individual Class
3 members; and

4 e. This action presents no difficulty that would impede the Court's
5 management of it as a class action, and a class action is the best (if not the only) available means
6 by which members of the Class can seek legal redress for the harm caused them by Defendant.
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8 VI. CAUSES OF ACTION

9 A. Breach of Contract

10 6.1 Plaintiffs reallege all prior allegations as though fully stated herein.

11 6.2 Plaintiffs and Class members purchased season tickets for the 2007-2008 Sonics'
12 basketball season based on the clear indication created by PBC's representations that the Sonics
13 would continue to play in Seattle through the 2009-2010.

14 6.3 Defendant's representations regarding the duration of the Sonics' tenure in Seattle
15 and the true cost of season tickets/attending games were false. Defendant's sale of season tickets
16 to the plaintiffs under these circumstances constitutes breach of contract and/or creates a
17 voidable contract.

18 6.4 As a result of the breach and/or fraudulent inducement Plaintiffs and Class
19 members suffered damages which may fairly and reasonably be considered as arising naturally
20 from the breach or fraudulent inducement or may reasonably be supposed to have been in the
21 contemplation of the parties, at the time they made the contract, as the probable result of the
22 breach of it.
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24 B. Unjust Enrichment

25 6.5 Plaintiffs reallege all prior allegations as though fully stated herein.

1 6.6 The Defendant is and continues to be unjustly enriched by its false representations
2 as to the duration of the Sonics' tenure in Seattle and the cost of season tickets.

3 6.7 The amount of the Defendant's unjust enrichment shall be determined at trial.

4 C. Negligent Misrepresentation

5 6.8 Plaintiffs reallege all prior allegations as though fully stated herein.

6 6.9 Defendant owed Plaintiffs and Class members a duty to exercise reasonable care
7 in advertising the Sonics' tenure in Seattle and the cost of season tickets for the 2007-2008,
8 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons.

9 6.10 Defendant provided false information to Plaintiffs and Class members relating to
10 the Sonics' tenure in Seattle and the true cost of season tickets for the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and
11 2009-2010 seasons.

12 6.11 Defendant breached its duty to Plaintiffs and other Class members by failing to
13 exercise reasonable care or competence in guaranteeing the truthfulness of the Sonics' tenure in
14 Seattle and the true cost of season tickets for the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons.

15 6.12 Plaintiffs and Class members reasonably relied on the information provided by
16 Defendant regarding the truthfulness of its representations regarding the Sonics' tenure in Seattle
17 and the true cost of season tickets/game attendance for the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010
18 seasons.

19 6.13 As a proximate cause of Defendant's false representations Plaintiffs and other
20 Class members suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

21 D. Intentional Misrepresentation (Deceit)

22 6.14 Plaintiffs reallege all prior allegations as though fully stated herein.



A Message from the Chairman

Greetings,

I want to offer my sincere appreciation to you as a Sonics Season Ticket Holder. You are the foundation of our franchise and I thank you for your support.

When my partners and I purchased the Seattle SuperSonics last July, we were filled with great enthusiasm about being part of the NBA family. We also feel privileged to own a team with such a storied history, and we take on the responsibility of leading the Sonics back atop the NBA.

As we continue to work toward the development of a new arena, we recognize the uncertainty of the Sonics' future beyond 2010. I assure you, we are absolutely committed to keeping the Sonics in the region, and we continue to be optimistic that we will secure the support we need to do just that.

In the meantime, we want to provide the leadership and resources to strengthen the Sonics as an organization, as a team and as an asset to this region. In the five months since we took the reins, we've learned a lot about what it takes to be a championship-caliber organization in the NBA. We're prepared to do what we can to get us there and we hope we can count on your continued support.

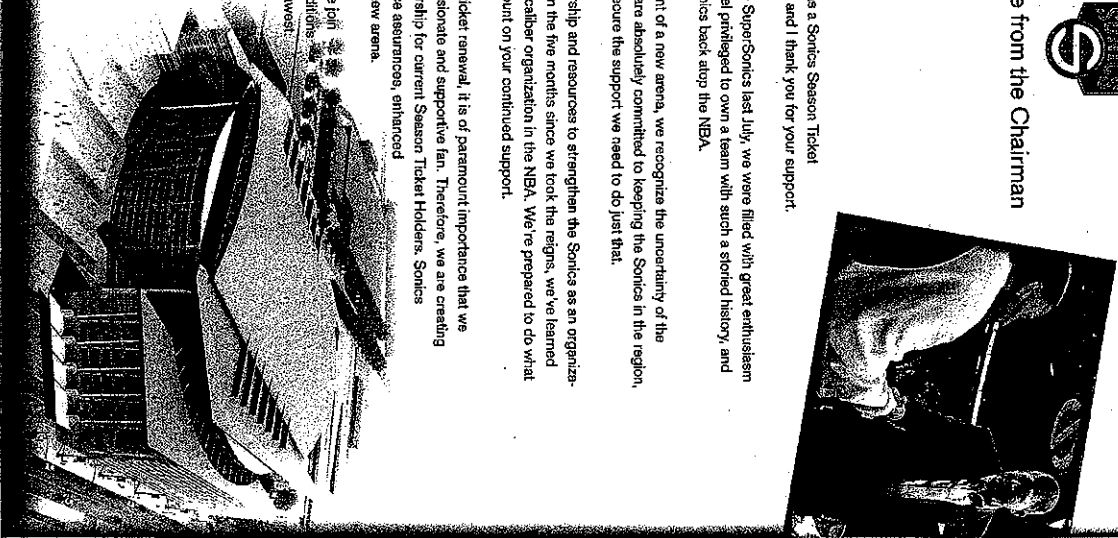
At a time when we are asking for your season ticket renewal, it is of paramount importance that we establish our commitment to you, our most passionate and supportive fan. Therefore, we are creating the Sonics Emerald Club, an exclusive membership for current Season Ticket Holders. Sonics Emerald Club members will earn long-term price assurances, enhanced amenities and priority activation related to the new arena.

The future of Sonics Basketball is now...please join us as we renew the excellence and spirited traditions of the oldest professional franchise in the Northwest.

Sincerely,

C.D. Bennett

Clayton I. Bennett
Chairman
Seattle SuperSonics & Storm





OLIVER EVANS

Be part of our future.
Renew now, and we'll
reward you with an
unprecedented commitment



Welcome to your new identity as a member of the Emerald Club. As a current Season Ticket Holder, you are the foundation for a new generation of Sonics Basketball. Membership in the Emerald Club is exclusive for accounts that renew for 2007-08 and will not be available to new accounts in subsequent seasons. As our fan base grows, the Emerald Club will always serve to distinguish the select group of fans who support this franchise today.

THREE-YEAR COST CERTAINTY THROUGH THE 2009-10 SEASON

- ▶ Renew your season tickets and earn guaranteed cost certainty through 2009-10.
- ▶ By renewing your account with a 10% non-refundable deposit by Wednesday, April 25, 2007, your account will be established at 2006-07 prices. As long as you maintain an active full-season account in good standing through the 2008-09 season, you will receive 2006-07 pricing. If you choose to change seat locations or upgrade your seat status you will pay the 2006-07 price for those seats.
- ▶ There will be a price increase for new season ticket accounts. For all members in the exclusive Emerald Club will always differentiate your account status and provide you with price assurance.



Be part of it.
Renew your
season tickets.

**RENEW YOUR SEASON TICKETS FOR 2007-08
 IN ONE OF THREE EASY WAYS LISTED BELOW.
 RENEWAL DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007.**

Call us: Call 206-283-DUNK (3865) and ask for a member of the Sonics Season Ticket Experience Team who will assist you with your 2007-08 Sonics season tickets.
 Mail In: Complete the 2007-08 Sonics season ticket renewal form found in this booklet's inside front cover. Mail the form in the postage-paid envelope.
 Log On: Visit "My Sonics Account" at SUPERSONICS.COM and select your payment method. Please refer to your enclosed renewal form to find your personal account I.D. and PIN number.

CHOOSE ONE OF THREE EASY PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- ▶ **Option 1: Auto pay.** Provide us with a credit card and you will be charged on the six dates listed on your season ticket renewal form.
- ▶ **Option 2: Bill me.** You will be billed four times according to the dates and amounts listed on your season ticket renewal form.
- ▶ **Option 3: Pay in full.** Pay the total balance of your 2007-08 season tickets up front.

Questions about your renewal, payment options, or possible changes to your seat location? For first class service, please call your Sonics Season Ticket Experience Team at 206-283-DUNK (3865).

