

Standard Residential Lease

Long Form

1. **PARTIES:** This Lease is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20 ____, by and between _____, Landlord _____ and _____, Tenant(s).
2. **PREMISES:** Landlord hereby leases to Tenant and Tenant hereby leases from Landlord, on the Terms and Conditions hereinafter set forth, that certain real property and the residence located thereon situated in the City of _____, County of _____, State of _____ commonly known as: _____
3. **TERM:** The Term of this Lease shall be for _____ months, commencing on _____, 20 ____ and ending on _____, 20 _____.
4. **RENT:** Tenant shall pay to Landlord as rent for the Premises, the sum of _____ Dollars per month in advance on the first day of each month during the term hereof. Rent shall be payable without notice or demand and without any deduction, off-set, or abatement in lawful money of the United States to the Landlord at the address stated herein or such other persons or such other places as the Landlord may designate to Tenant in writing.
5. **SECURITY DEPOSIT:** Tenant shall deposit with landlord upon the execution of this lease, the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) as a security deposit for the Tenants faithful performance of the provisions of this Lease. If Tenant fails to pay rent or other charges due hereunder, or otherwise defaults with respect to any provision of this Lease, Landlord may use the security deposit or any portion of it, to cure the default or compensate Landlord for all damages sustained by Landlord resulting from Tenant's default. Tenant shall immediately on demand pay to Landlord the sum equal to that portion of the security deposit expended or applied by Landlord, which was provided for in this paragraph so as to maintain the security deposit in the sum initially deposited with Landlord. If Tenant performs all of Tenant's obligations under this Lease, the security deposit or that portion thereof which has not previously been applied by the Landlord, shall be returned to the Tenant in accordance with applicable state law.
6. **POSSESSION:** If the Landlord for any reason cannot deliver possession of the Premises to Tenant at the commencement of the term, the Landlord shall not be liable to Tenant for any loss or damage resulting therefrom, but there shall be a proportionate deduction of rent; nor shall this Lease be void or voidable for a period of ten (10) days thereafter; and if for any reason the Premises cannot be delivered within said ten (10) day period, the Tenant may, prior to Landlord's delivery of Premises, declare this Lease to be null and void and all money paid to Landlord shall be refunded to Tenant.
7. **USE:** It is agreed that the Premises shall be used only for residence purposes, for one family consisting of _____ adults and _____ children and _____ animals, and for no other purposes whatsoever. Tenant in his possession use, and occupancy of the Premises agrees to observe and comply with all restrictions, laws, and ordinances affecting said property or occupancy thereof and Tenant further agrees that no use shall be made of the premises, nor acts done, which will increase the existing rate of insurance upon the Premises, or will cause a cancellation of any insurance policy covering the premises.
8. **UTILITIES:** The Tenant shall pay for all water supplied to the Premises and shall pay for all gas, heat, light, power, telephone service and other services supplied to the Premises, except as herein provided.
9. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:** The Landlord shall at his sole cost and expense keep and maintain the exterior walls, roof, electrical wiring, heating system, air conditioning system (if any), water heater, built in appliances, and water lines in good and sanitary order, condition, and repair, except where damage (if any) has been caused by the abuse of negligence of the Tenant, in which event Tenant shall repair same at his sole cost and expense. Except as herein provided, Tenant hereby agrees that the Premises are now in a tenantable and good condition and shall at his sole cost and expense keep and maintain the Premises, appurtenances, and every part thereof, in the manner in which they were received, reasonable wear and tear excepted, including household furniture, fixtures, goods, and chattels belonging to the Landlord, so that they shall remain in good and satisfactory order, condition, and repair. The _____ agrees to maintain landscaping, swimming pool (if any), and Tenant agrees to adequately water said landscaping.
10. **ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS:** Tenant shall not, without the Landlord's prior written consent, make any alterations, improvements, or additions in or about the Premises and any additions to or alterations of the Premises (with the exception of movable furniture) shall at once become a part of the realty and belong to the

Landlord. The Tenant shall keep the Premises free from any liens arising out of any work performed, materials furnished or obligations incurred by the Tenant.

11. **HOLD HARMLESS:** Tenant shall indemnify and hold Landlord harmless from and against any and all claims arising from Tenant's use or occupancy of the Premises or from any activity, work, or things which may be permitted or suffered by Tenant in or about the Premises including all damages, costs, attorney's fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in the defense of any claim or action or proceeding arising there from. Except for Landlord's willful or grossly negligent conduct, Tenant hereby assumes all risk of damage to property, including household furniture and goods, or injury to person in or about the Premises from any cause, and Tenant hereby waives all claims in respect thereof against Landlord.
12. **DAMAGE TO PREMISES:**
 - a. If Premises are so damaged by fire or from any other cause as to render it untenable, then either party shall have the right to terminate this Lease as of the date on which such damage occurs, through written notice to the other party, to be given within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence of such damage; except that should such damage or destruction occur as the result of the abuse or negligence of Tenant, or its invitee's 50 as to render the Premises untenable, the Landlord only shall have this right of termination. Should this right be exercised by either Landlord or Tenant, then rent for the current month shall be prorated between the parties as of the date on which such damage occurred and any prepaid rent and unused security deposit shall be refunded to Tenant.
 - b. If this Lease is not terminated as provided in this paragraph 12, the Landlord shall promptly repair the Premises and there shall be a proportionate reduction of rent until the Premises are repaired and ready for Tenant's occupancy, such proportionate reduction to be based upon the extent to which the making of repairs interferes with Tenant's reasonable use of the Premises.
13. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING:** Tenant shall not voluntarily or by operation of law assign, transfer, sublet, mortgage, or otherwise transfer or encumber all or any part of Tenant's interest in this Lease or in the Premises without Landlord's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The consent to one assignment or subletting shall not be construed as consent to any subsequent assignment or subletting.
14. **DEFAULT:** It is agreed between the parties hereto that if any rent shall be due hereunder and unpaid, or if Tenant shall default and breach any other covenant or provision of the Lease, the Landlord, after giving the proper notice required by law, may re-enter the Premises and remove any property and any and all persons there from in the manner allowed by law, the Landlord may, at its option, wither maintain this lease in full force and effect and recover the rent and other charges as they become due or, in the alternative, terminate this Lease. In addition, the Landlord may recover all rents and any other rights and remedies which the Landlord may have against the Tenant by reason of such default as provided by law.
15. **ABANDONMENT:** Tenant shall not vacate or abandon the Premises at any time during the term of this Lease.
16. **ENTRY BY LANDLORD:** The Tenant shall permit the Landlord and/or its agents to enter into and upon the Premises at all reasonable times and upon reasonable notice for the purpose of inspecting it or for the purpose of maintaining the Premises, or for the purpose of exhibiting the Premises to prospective purchasers or tenants.
17. **ATTORNEY'S FEES:** If either party commences an action against the other party arising out of or in connection with this Lease, the prevailing party shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.
18. **SURRENDER:** on the last day of the term of this Lease, Tenant shall surrender the Premises to landlord in good condition, ordinary wear and tear and damage by fire and the elements accepted.
19. **HOLDING OVER:** If Tenant, with the Landlord's consent, remains in possession of the Premises after expiration or termination of the term of this Lease, such possession by Tenant shall be deemed to be tenancy from month to month at a rental in the amount of the last monthly rental plus all other charges payable hereunder, and upon all provisions of this Lease applicable to such a month to month tenancy.
20. **BINDING ON SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:** Each provision of this Lease performable by Tenant shall be deemed both a covenant and a condition. The terms, conditions, and covenants of this Lease shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of each of the parties hereto, their heirs, personal representative, successors, and assigns.

21. **NOTICES:** Whenever under this Lease a Provision is made for any demand, notice, or declaration of any kind, it shall be in writing and served either personally or sent by registered or certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed at the address as set forth below:

TO LANDLORD AT: _____

TO TENANT AT: _____

22. **WAIVERS:** no waiver by Landlord of any provision hereof shall be deemed a waiver of any other provision hereof or of any subsequent breach by Tenant of the same or any other provisions.

23. **TIME:** Time is of the essence of this Lease.

24. **JOINT AND SEVERAL OBLIGATIONS:** "Party" shall mean Landlord or Tenant; and if more than one person or entity is the Landlord or Tenant, the obligations imposed on the party shall be joint and several.

25. **OPTION TO EXTEND:** Provided that Tenant shall not then be in default hereunder, Tenant shall have the option to extend the term of this Lease for _____ months upon the same terms and conditions herein contained, except for fixed minimum monthly rental, upon delivery by Tenant to Landlord of written notice of its election to exercise such option(s) at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the original (or extended) term hereof. The Parties hereto shall thirty (30) days after the Landlord receives the option notice in which to agree on the minimum monthly rental during the extended term(s). If the Parties agree on the minimum monthly rent for the extended term(s) during that period, they shall immediately execute and amendment to this lease stating the minimum monthly rent. In the Event that there is more than one option to extend the term of this Lease, the Parties hereto shall negotiate the minimum monthly rent as set forth herein for each extended term of this Lease. If the Parties hereto are unable to agree on the minimum monthly rent for the extended term(s) within said thirty (30) day period, the option notice shall be of no effect and this Lease shall expire at the end of the term.

26. **OTHER TERMS,** if any: _____

Signature of Landlord/Owner/Agent

Signature of Tenant

Signature of Tenant

Date Signed

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