## **South Carolina Association of Realtors**

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7.	OCCUPANTS: Only persons designated in the rental agreement or as further modified or agreed to in writing by Landlord shall reside in the rented premises. For purposes of this rental agreement the designated occupants are:				
	In no event shall more than persons be allowed to occupy said premises.				
8.	<b>RETURNED CHECKS:</b> Tenant agrees to pay \$ for each dishonored check for bookkeeping costs and handling charges, plus late charges if the check is not made good before the sixth day after the due date. All future rent and charges, if more than one check is returned, shall be paid in the form of cash, cashier's checks, certified check or money order. If any check for the security deposit or the first month's rent is returned for insufficient funds, Landlord may declare this rental agreement void and immediately terminated.				
9.	<b>RENEWAL TERMS:</b> With thirty (30) days written notice, as defined in Paragraph 18, either party may terminate the agreement at the end of the initial term, but if no notice is given, then the agreement will be extended on a month-to month basis on the same terms and conditions contained in this agreement. Thirty (30) days written notice by either party is required prior to termination during such month-to-month term.				
10.	<b>SUBLEASE:</b> Tenant shall not assign or sublet said premises, or any part thereof without the written consent Landlord. Tenant must have written permission from Landlord for guests to occupy the premises for more than days.				
11.	UTILITIES AND SERVICES: Tenant agrees to pay for utilities and services except:which will be paid by Landlord.				
	In the event of Tenant default on payment of utilities Landlord may pay and charge Tenant as additional rent together with any penalties, charges and interest. Tenant shall be liable for any inspections required by local authorities/utility companies due to Tenant's failure to obtain service at time of occupancy or to maintain said service during the term of this agreement. Tenant shall pay all costs of hook-ups and connection fees and security deposits in connection with providing utilities to premises during the term of the Lease.				
12.	<b>TENANT OBLIGATIONS:</b> Tenant agrees to keep the dwelling unit and all parts of the premises that he leases safe and clean. In the case of a single-family house or duplex, Tenant shall keep the yard mowed, watered and free of fire ants, keep the roof and gutters free of debris, the shrubs neatly trimmed, and landscaping maintained. Tenant agrees to be responsible for removal of Tenant's contagious and other hazardous materials. Tenant agrees to comply with the lease and rules and regulations the Landlord may adopt concerning the Tenants' use and occupancy of the premises;  Tenant, or any member of Tenant's family, guest or other person under the Tenant's control, shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not disturb other Tenants' and neighbors' peaceful enjoyment of the premises. Tenant, or any member of Tenant's family, guest or other person under the Tenant's control, shall not engage in or facilitate criminal or drug related activities. Any such violation constitutes a substantial violation of the Lease and a material noncompliance with the Lease and is grounds for termination of tenancy and eviction from the promises.				
	from the premises.  It is specifically understood that Tenant will, at Tenant's expense, keep sinks, lavatories, and commodes open, reporting any initial problem within five (5) days of occupancy, repair any and all damages caused by tenancy and replace any burned out light bulbs. Tenant agrees to report to Landlord any malfunction of or damage to electrical, plumbing, HVAC systems, smoke detectors, and any occurrence that <b>may</b> cause damage to the property. Tenant also agrees to pay for the cost of all repairs made necessary by negligence or careless use of the premises and pay for repairs/loss resulting from theft, malicious mischief or vandalism by Tenant and their guests. Tenant agrees to provide copies to Landlord of any inspection reports or repair estimates that Tenant may obtain.				
	Tenant agrees to be responsible for and to make at Tenant's expense all routine maintenance, including but not limited to, stoppage of sewer because of misuse or broken water pipes/fixtures due to neglect or carelessness of Tenant. No repairs, alterations or changes in or to said premises or the fixtures or appliances contained therein, shall be made except after written consent of Landlord, and shall be the responsibility of the Tenant for the cost of				

restoring said premises to their original condition if Tenant makes any such unauthorized modifications. NO REPAIR COSTS SHALL BE DEDUCTED FROM RENT BY TENANT. All improvements made by Tenant to the said premises shall become the property of the Landlord. Locks/Deadbolts shall not be changed without the expressed

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permission of the Landlord.

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Tenant is directly responsible for any damage caused by Tenant's appliances and/or furniture. Tenant is responsible for changing HVAC filters, reporting any water leaks, lighting pilot lights, checking for tripped breakers, changing smoke detector batteries and minor housekeeping repairs. Tenants will be help liable for damage to HVAC systems caused by dirty or missing filters and damages resulting from unreported problems.

Tenant acknowledges that Tenant has inspected the premises and agrees that the premises and any common areas are safe, fit and habitable condition. Tenant acknowledges receipt of instructions of smoke detector operation.

13. **MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES, PEST CONTROL:** Landlord agrees to make repairs and do what is necessary to keep the premises in a fit and habitable condition as specified in South Carolina Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. The Landlord further agrees to maintain in reasonably good and safe working condition, all electrical, gas, plumbing, sanitary, HVAC, smoke detectors and other facilities supplied by him. Landlord is not responsible for changing batteries in smoke detectors.

Tenant shall report any pest problem within three (3) days of possession. Tenant's failure to identify any pest infestation with said three (3) days shall constitute Tenant's agreement that premises has no infestation of any kind. Tenant is responsible for reporting any suspected or known termite infestation but is not responsible for termite control. Any future infestation of any kind, less termites, shall be the responsibility of  $\square$  Tenant  $\square$  Landlord.

14.	<b>ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND APPLIANCES:</b> The Landlord is required to provide essential services; meaning sanitary plumbing or sewer services; electricity; gas, where it is used for heat, hot water, or cooking; running water, and reasonable amounts of hot water and heat, except where the building that includes the dwelling unit is not required by law to be equipped for that purpose, or the dwelling unit is so constructed that heat or hot water is generated by an installation within the exclusive control of the Tenant and supplied by a direct public utility connection. The following appliances present in the dwelling unit are specifically included by this rental agreement as being deemed to be supplied by the Landlord: □ stove □ refrigerator □ disposal □ washer □ dryer
	being deemed to be supplied by the Landlord: □ stove, □ refrigerator, □ dishwasher, □ disposal, □ washer, □ dryer, □ microwave, □ trash compactor, □ other:

- 15. **INSURANCE:** Tenant shall be responsible for insuring his/her own possessions against fire and other catastrophes. Landlord and Tenant hereby release each other from liability for loss or damage occurring on or to the leased premises or the premises of which they are a part of the contents of either thereof, caused by fire or other hazards ordinarily covered by fire and extended coverage insurance policies and each waives all rights of recovery against the other for such loss or damage. Willful misconduct lawfully attributable to either party, whether in whole or in part a contributing cause of the casualty giving rise to the loss or damage, shall not be excused under the foregoing release and waiver.
- 16. **RIGHT TO ACCESS**: The Tenant shall not unreasonably withhold consent to the Landlord to enter into the dwelling unit in order to inspect the premises; make necessary or agreed repairs, decorations, alterations, or improvements; supply necessary or agreed services; or exhibit the dwelling unit to prospective or actual purchasers, mortgagees, tenants, workmen, or contractors.

The Landlord or Landlord's agent may enter the dwelling unit without consent of the Tenant:

- (a) At any time in case of emergency, including but not limited to prospective changes in weather conditions which pose a likelihood of danger to the property may be considered an emergency; and
- (b) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of providing regularly scheduled periodic services such as changing furnace and air-conditioning filters, providing termite, insect, or pest treatment, and the like, provided that the Landlord announces intent to enter to perform services; and
- (c) Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of providing services requested by the Tenant and that prior to entering the Landlord announces intent to enter to perform services.

The Landlord shall not abuse the right of access or use it to harass the Tenant. Except for section 16(a), 16(b), and 16(c), the Landlord shall give the Tenant at least 24 hours notice of intent to enter and may enter only at reasonable times.

The Landlord has no other right of access except: pursuant to court order, as permitted by the South Carolina Residential Landlord and Tenant Act when accompanied by a law enforcement officer at reasonable times for the purpose of service of process in ejectment proceedings, or unless the Tenant has abandoned or surrendered the premises.

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17.	MILITARY CLAUSE: If the Tenant is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, stationed in the area, and shall receive permanent change of station orders out of
	the area, Tenant may, upon presentation of a copy of said orders of transfer to the Landlord, along with thirty (30) days written notice of intent to vacate and payment of all rent to the expiration date of such written notice, and any miscellaneous charges in arrears, terminate this Rental Agreement. Normal enlistment termination or other type discharge from Armed Forces, unless due to conditions beyond the service member's control, or acceptance of government quarters is not a permanent change of station and is not justification for lease termination. Withholding knowledge of pending transfer or discharge at time of entry into this Rental Agreement voids any consideration or protection offered by this section.
18.	<b>DEFINITION OF "THIRTY (30) DAY NOTICE"</b> : Any written notice given by either party to the other party in order to meet a thirty (30) day notice requirement will be deemed given, and the thirty (30) days deemed to commence on the first day of the calendar month following the date of receipt of said notice. Any termination permitted by other sections contingent upon a thirty (30) day notice will then be effective on the last day of the calendar month following receipt of said notice. If expiration date of lease is not on the last day of the calendar month, then thirty (30) days notice is required to conform to the expiration dates.
19.	<b>DESTRUCTION OR DAMAGE TO PREMISES</b> : If the dwelling unit or premises are damaged or destroyed by fire or casualty to the extent that normal use and occupancy of the dwelling unit is substantially impaired, the Tenant may immediately vacate the premises and notify the Landlord in writing within seven days thereafter of Tenant's intention to terminate the rental agreement, in which case the rental agreement terminates as of the date of vacating; or if continued occupancy is lawful, vacate any part of the dwelling unit rendered unusable by the fire or casualty, in which case the Tenant's liability for rent is reduced in proportion to the diminution in the fair-market rental value of the dwelling unit. If the rental agreement is terminated, the Landlord shall return the security deposit and all prepaid rent. Accounting for rent in the event of termination or apportionment must be made as of the date of the fire or casualty.
20.	<b>CONDEMNATION</b> : Tenant hereby waives any injury, loss or damage, or claim therefore against Landlord resulting from any exercise of a power of eminent domain of all or any part of the rented premises or surrounding grounds of which they are a part. All awards of the condemning authority for the taking of land, parking areas, or buildings shall belong exclusively to the Landlord. In the event substantially all of the rented premises shall be taken, this Rental Agreement shall terminate as of the date the right to possession vested in the condemning authority and rent shall be apportioned as of that date. In the event any part of the property and/or building or buildings of which the rented premises are a part (whether or not the rented premises shall be affected) shall be taken as a result of the exercise of a power of eminent domain, and the remainder shall not, in the opinion of the Landlord, constitute an economically feasible operating unit, Landlord may, by written notice to Tenant given within sixty (60) days after the date of taking, terminate this Rental Agreement as of a date set out in the notice not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the notice; rent shall be apportioned as of termination date.
21.	ABSENCE, NON-USE AND ABANDONMENT: The unexplained absence of a Tenant from a dwelling unit for a period of 15 days after default in the payment of rent must be construed as abandonment of the dwelling unit. If the Tenant abandons the dwelling unit for a term beginning before the expiration of the rental agreement, it terminates as of the date of the new tenancy, subject to the other Landlord's remedies. If the Landlord fails to use reasonable efforts to rent the dwelling unit at a fair rental or if the Landlord accepts the abandonment as a surrender, the rental agreement is considered to be terminated by the Landlord as of the date the Landlord has notice of the abandonment. When a dwelling unit has been abandoned or the rental agreement has come to an end and the Tenant has removed a substantial portion of personal property or voluntarily and permanently terminated the utilities and has left personal property in the dwelling unit or on the premises with a fair-market value of \$500 or less, the Landlord may enter the dwelling unit, using forcible entry if required, and dispose of the property.
22.	SECURITY DEPOSIT: Tenant agrees to deposit with Landlord a security deposit of \$
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If the Tenant fails to provide the Landlord with the forwarding or new address and fails to return the following:  □ pool tags, □ keys for mail box, □ keys to unit (including deadbolt, storage area), □ other
the Tenant is not entitled to damages under this subsection provided the Landlord (1) had no notice of the Tenant's whereabouts; and, (2) mailed the written notice and amount due, if any, to the Tenant's last known address. In the event the security deposit is not sufficient to pay all charges due, Tenant shall pay said charges within five (5) business days after receiving notice from the Landlord.

23. **NONCOMPLIANCE WITH RENTAL AGREEMENT OR FAILURE TO PAY RENT:** If there is a noncompliance by the Tenant with the rental agreement other than nonpayment of rent or a noncompliance with Paragraph 12 above, the Landlord may deliver a written notice to the Tenant specifying the acts and omissions constituting the breach and that the rental agreement will terminate upon a date not less than 14 days after receipt of the notice, if the breach is not remedied in 14 days.

The rental agreement shall terminate as provided in the notice except that: If the breach is remediable by repairs or otherwise and the Tenant adequately remedies the breach before the date specified in the notice, or if such remedy cannot be completed within 14 days, but is commenced within the 14-day period and is pursued in good faith to completion within a reasonable time, the rental agreement shall not terminate by reason of the breach.

If rent is unpaid when due and the Tenant fails to pay rent within five days from the date due, the Landlord may terminate the rental agreement provided the Landlord has given the Tenant written notice of nonpayment and Landlord's intention to terminate the rental agreement. If the rent is not paid within that period, said notice is contained herein Paragraph 5.

The Landlord may recover actual damages and obtain injunctive relief in magistrate's or circuit court without posting bond for any noncompliance by the Tenant with the rental agreement or Paragraph 12 above. If the Tenant's noncompliance is willful other than nonpayment of rent, the Landlord may recover reasonable attorney's fees. If the Tenant's nonpayment of rent is not in good faith, the Landlord is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.

If there is noncompliance by the Tenant with Paragraph 12 above, materially affecting health and safety that can be remedied by repair, replacement of a damaged item, or cleaning and the Tenant fails to comply as promptly as conditions require in case of emergency, or within fourteen (14) days after written notice by the Landlord specifying the breach and requesting that the Tenant remedy it within that period of time, the Landlord may enter the dwelling unit and cause the work to be done in a workmanlike manner and shall in addition have the remedies available under the South Carolina Residential Landlord Tenant Act.

If there is noncompliance by the Tenant with Paragraph 12 above materially affecting health and safety other than as set forth in the preceding paragraph, and the Tenant fails to comply as promptly as conditions require in case of emergency, or within fourteen (14) days after written notice by the Landlord if it is not an emergency, specifying the breach and requesting that the Tenant remedy within that period of time, the Landlord may terminate the rental agreement. If the rental agreement is terminated, the Landlord has a right to possession and for rent and a separate claim for actual damages for breach of the rental agreement and reasonable attorney's fees. **Any claim not satisfied by Tenant may be turned in to the credit bureau or collection agency.** 

- 24. **REMEDY AFTER TERMINATION:** If the rental agreement is terminated, the Landlord has a right to possession, for rent, and a separate claim for actual damages for breach of the rental agreement, reasonable attorney's fees, collection costs, and court costs.
- 25. **NOTICE:** A Landlord receives notice when it is delivered at the place of business of the Landlord through which the rental agreement was made or at any place held out by Landlord as the place of receipt of the communication.
- 26. **PROHIBITIVE EQUIPMENT/FURNITURE**: Tenant agrees not to place antennas, satellite dishes, waterbeds, and auxiliary heaters without written permission from Landlord.
- 27. **INVENTORY**: Any furnishing and equipment to be furnished by Landlord shall be set out in a special inventory. The inventory shall be signed by both Tenant and Landlord concurrently with this Rental Agreement and shall be a part of this Agreement.

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28.	PETS: Tenant shall not keep domestic or other animals on or about the premises without the PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT of the Landlord. Landlord, at Landlord's sole discretion, may consent if Tenant makes the following payments: (1) a non-refundable deposit of \$ and (2) rent for the pet(s) in the total amount of \$, for the term of this agreement. Tenant shall be responsible for the animal, its behavior, and any damage done by the animal. The Landlord shall have the right to withdraw consent and demand removal of any previously permitted animal upon the first complaint registered against such animal or upon evidence of injury or damage to person or property caused by the animal.
29.	<b>WAIVER:</b> A Tenant is considered to have waived violation of a Landlord's duty to maintain the premises as set forth by the Rental Agreement or violation of the Landlord's duties under the South Carolina Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, as defense in an action for possession based upon nonpayment of rent, or in an action for rent concerning a period where the Landlord has no notice of the violation of the duties, fourteen (14) days before rent is due for violations involving services other than essential services, or the Landlord has no notice before rent is due which provides a reasonable opportunity to make emergency repairs necessary for the provision of essential services. No modification, change, or cancellation hereof shall be valid unless in writing and executed by all parties hereto. No representation or promise has been made by either party hereto except as herein stated.
30.	<b>PEACEFUL ENJOYMENT:</b> The Landlord covenants that the Tenant, on paying the rent and performing the covenants hereof, shall and may peaceably and quietly have, hold, and enjoy the rented premises for the term mentioned without hindrance or interruption by the Landlord.
31.	<b>PROVISIONS:</b> The provisions of this Rental Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Landlord and the Tenant, and their respective successors, legal representatives, and assigns.
32.	<b>SUBORDINATION:</b> Tenant's rights are subject to any bona fide mortgage which now covers said premises and which may hereafter be placed on said premises by Landlord. Tenant shall upon request by Landlord execute a subordination of its rights under this Rental Agreement to any mortgage given by Landlord hereunder, whether to secure construction or permanent or other financing. Resident shall upon request by Landlord promptly execute a certification of good standing certifying the terms of this Rental Agreement, its due execution, the rental provisions hereof, or the terms of amendments hereto, if any, and any other information reasonably requested.
33.	<b>RENTAL RATE ADJUSTMENT:</b> On and after the expiration of the initial term of this lease, the Landlord, at Landlord's discretion, may alter the rental rate in effect provided only that written notice of such alteration is delivered as first class mail to the US Postal Service, postage prepaid at least fifteen (15) days prior to the effective date of alteration.
34.	TRUST ACCOUNT INTEREST: ACCORDING TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA
	REAL ESTATE COMMISSION AND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, THE
	BROKER-IN-CHARGE OR PROPERTY MANAGER-IN-CHARGE HAS THE OPTION TO PLACE TENANT'S
	SECURITY DEPOSIT INTO AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT AND TO RETAIN ALL INTEREST INCURRED
	IN SAID ACCOUNT. TENANT AGREES TO AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE TENANT HAS BEEN INFORMED
	OF TENANT'S RIGHT TO OWNERSHIP OF THE INTEREST BUT RELINQUISHES TO THE BROKER-IN-
	CHARGE OR PROPERTY MANAGER-IN-CHARGE BY THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT SAID RIGHT OF
	OWNERSHIP.
35.	<b>RULES AND REGULATIONS:</b> The common area facilities, if any such as swimming pool, laundry room, recreational, and other common area facilities, when open and operating, are subject to applicable rules and regulations posted by the Landlord. The Tenant agrees to observe faithfully all rules and regulations that the Landlord has now or may hereafter adopt for the use of the premises.
37.	<b>JOINT RESPONSIBILITY:</b> If this Rental Agreement is executed by more than one (1) Tenant, the responsibility and liabilities herein imposed shall be considered and construed to be joint and several, and the use of the singular shall include the plural.

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36.	herein, shall be addressed and sent to:				
	Mail:				
	Phone: (Home)	(Work)			
38.		ext of any paragraph hereof is inserted solely for convenience of reference all Agreement, nor shall they affect its meaning, construction or affect.			
39.	by use of a fax or other secure electronic the signatures, initials and handwritten or	<b>MEANS:</b> The parties agree that this Agreement may be communicated means, including but not limited to electronic mail and the internet, and typewritten modifications to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to be e original signatures, initials and handwritten or typewritten modifications andwriting of each party.			
40.	ADDITIONAL TERMS:				
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	REFORE, the parties have executed this Reentative, the day and year first above written.	ental Agreement or caused the same to be executed by their authorized.			
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