#### SOUTH CAROLINA DISCLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE RELATIONSHIPS



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Pursuant to South Carolina Real Estate License Law in S.C. Code of Laws Section 40-57-370, a real estate licensee is required to provide you a meaningful explanation of agency relationships offered by the licensee's brokerage firm. This must be done at the first practical opportunity when you and the licensee have substantive contact.

Before you begin to work with a real estate licensee, it is important for you to know the difference between a broker-in-charge and associated licensees. The broker-in-charge is the person in charge of a real estate brokerage firm. Associated licensees may work only through a broker-in-charge. In other words, when you choose to work with any real estate licensee, your business relationship is legally with the brokerage firm and not with the associated licensee.

A real estate brokerage firm and its associated licensees can provide buyers and sellers valuable real estate services, whether in the form of basic **customer** services, or through **client**-level agency representation. The services you can expect will depend upon the legal relationship you establish with the brokerage firm. It is important for you to discuss the following information with the real estate licensee and agree on whether in your business relationship you will be a **customer** or a **client**.

#### You Are a Customer of the Brokerage Firm

South Carolina license law defines customers as buyers or sellers who choose <u>NOT</u> to establish an agency relationship. The law requires real estate licensees to perform the following *basic duties* when dealing with *any* real estate buyer or seller as customers: *present all offers in a timely manner, account for money or other property received on your behalf, provide an explanation of the scope of services to be provided, be fair and honest and provide accurate information, provide limited confidentiality, and disclose "material adverse facts" about the property or the transaction which are within the licensee's knowledge.* 

Unless or until you enter into a written agreement with the brokerage firm for agency representation, you are considered a "customer" of the brokerage firm, and the brokerage firm will <u>not</u> act as your agent. As a customer, you should <u>not</u> expect the brokerage firm or its licensees to promote your best interest.

Customer service does not require a written agreement; therefore, you are not committed to the brokerage firm in any way <u>unless a</u> <u>transaction broker agreement or compensation agreement obligates you otherwise</u>.

#### **Transaction Brokerage**

A real estate brokerage firm may offer transaction brokerage in accordance with S.C. Code of Laws Section 40-57-350. Transaction broker means a real estate brokerage firm that provides customer service to a buyer, a seller, or both in a real estate transaction. A transaction broker may be a single agent of a party in a transaction giving the other party customer service. A transaction broker also may facilitate a transaction without representing either party. The duties of a brokerage firm offering transaction brokerage relationship to a customer can be found in S.C. Code of Laws Section 40-57-350(L)(2).

#### You Can Become a Client of the Brokerage Firm

Clients receive more services than customers. If client status is offered by the real estate brokerage firm, you can become a client by entering into a written agency agreement requiring the brokerage firm and its associated licensees to act as an agent on your behalf and promote your best interests. If you choose to become a client, you will be asked to confirm in your written representation agreement that you received this agency relationships disclosure document in a timely manner.

A *seller becomes a client* of a real estate brokerage firm by signing a formal listing agreement with the brokerage firm. For a seller to become a client, this agreement must be in writing and must clearly establish the terms of the agreement and the obligations of both the seller and the brokerage firm which becomes the agent for the seller.

A *buyer becomes a client* of a real estate brokerage firm by signing a formal buyer agency agreement with the brokerage firm. For a buyer to become a client, this agreement must be in writing and must clearly establish the terms of the agreement and the obligations of both the buyer and the brokerage firm which becomes the agent for the buyer.

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If you enter into a written agency agreement, as a client, the real estate brokerage has the following *client-level duties: obedience, loyalty, disclosure, confidentiality, accounting, and reasonable skill and care*. Client-level services also include advice, counsel and assistance in negotiations.

#### Single Agency

When the brokerage firm represents only one client in the same transaction (the seller or the buyer), it is called single agency.

#### **Dual Agency**

Dual agency exists when the real estate brokerage firm has two clients in one transaction – a seller client and a buyer client. At the time you sign an agency agreement, you may be asked to acknowledge whether you would consider giving written consent allowing the brokerage firm to represent both you and the other client in a disclosed dual agency relationship.

#### **Disclosed Dual Agency**

In a disclosed dual agency, the brokerage firm's representation duties are limited because the buyer and seller have recognized conflicts of interest. Both clients' interests are represented by the brokerage firm. As a disclosed dual agent, the brokerage firm and its associated licensees cannot advocate on behalf of one client over the other, and cannot disclose confidential client information concerning the price negotiations, terms, or factors motivating the buyer/client to buy or the seller/client to sell. Each Dual Agency Agreement contains the names of both the seller client(s) and the buyer client(s) and identifies the property.

#### **Designated Agency**

In designated agency, a broker-in-charge may designate individual associated licensees to act solely on behalf of each client. Designated agents are not limited by the brokerage firm's agency relationship with the other client, but instead have a duty to promote the best interest of their clients, including negotiating a price. The broker-in-charge remains a disclosed dual agent for both clients, and ensures the assigned agents fulfill their duties to their respective clients. At the time you sign an agency agreement, you may be asked to acknowledge whether you would consider giving written consent allowing the brokerage firm to designate a representative for you and one for the other client in a designated agency. Each Designated Agency Agreement contains the names of both the seller client(s) and the buyer client(s) and identifies the property.

#### lt's Your Choice

As a real estate consumer in South Carolina, it is your choice as to the type and nature of services you receive.

- You can choose to remain a customer and represent yourself, with or without a transaction broker agreement.
- You can choose to hire the brokerage firm for representation through a written agency agreement.
- If represented by the brokerage firm, you can decide whether to go forward under the shared services of dual agency or designated agency or to remain in single agency.

If you plan to become a client of a brokerage firm, the licensee will explain the agreement to you fully and answer questions you may have about the agreement. Remember, however that until you enter into a representation agreement with the brokerage firm, you are considered a customer and the brokerage firm cannot be your advocate, cannot advise you on price or terms, and only provides limited confidentiality <u>unless a transaction broker agreement obligates the brokerage firm otherwise</u>.

The choice of services belongs to you – the South Carolina real estate consumer.

Acknowle	dgement of Receipt by Consumer:	
Signature		Date
Signature		Date

#### THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT A CONTRACT.

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#### EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO BUY BUYER AGENCY CONTRACT

1. APPOINTMENT OF BROKER: By this contract

("Buyer") appoints Broker in

Charge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Company ("Broker") as Buyer's exclusive agent, subject to the terms and conditions stated in this Contract. By appointing Broker as Buyer's exclusive agent, Buyer agrees to conduct all negotiations for the types of property described in Section 2 below through Broker, and refer to Broker all inquiries made to Buyer about such properties from other brokers, associated licensees, sellers and others during the term of this contract. "Negotiation" as used in this agreement shall mean property shown, negotiated, or information requested by Buyer through Broker.

2. PURPOSE OF AGENCY: Buyer desires to purchase or lease real property (which may include items of personal property) described as follows:

Type: Residential Commercial Industrial Vacant Land Other General Description: Approximate Price Range: \$

General Location:	
Preferred Terms:	
Other:	

3. BROKER'S DUTIES: (a) The Broker shall provide to Buyer a meaningful explanation of agency and shall use Broker's professional real estate knowledge and skills to represent the Buyer in a diligent and effective manner and to locate property which is available for purchase or lease and suitable to the Buyer; (b) if the Broker is not representing the seller, the Broker shall represent solely the interest of the Buyer in all negotiations and transactions regarding the acquisition of real property, and repudiate any agency or subagency relationship with the seller or the company representing the seller and shall not claim subagency compensation; (c) if the Broker represents the seller as well as the Buyer (i.e., disclosed dual agency), the Broker shall not disclose to the Buyer information obtained within the confidentiality and trust of the fiduciary relationship with the seller, nor disclose to the seller information similarly obtained from the Buyer, without the consent of the party adversely affected by the disclosure; (d) the Broker's services are free or at no cost unless Buyer is not required to make any payment under this Contract and Broker will not receive any compensation from the seller's broker or any other source related to Buyer's purchase. Upon the termination or completion of this agreement, Broker shall keep confidential all information received during the course of this agreement which was made confidential by written request or instructions from the client, except as provided for under South Carolina law.

Broker represents that Broker is duly licensed under the laws of the State of South Carolina as a real estate broker. Broker will use his best efforts as Buyer's agent to locate property of the type described in Section 2 of this contract and to negotiate acceptance of any offer by Buyer to purchase or lease such property. During the term of this Contract, Broker will give Buyer information describing and identifying properties that appear to Broker to substantially meet the conditions set forth in Section 2.

#### 4. BUYER'S DUTIES. BUYER AGREES TO

(A) Work exclusively with Broker and its Associated licensees during the term of this agreement by: (1) viewing any property (previewing, etc.) only with Broker or Broker's designated representative and not with another real estate broker, associated licensees or seller; and (2) exclusively allowing Broker or Associated licensees to identify property, negotiate for Buyer and otherwise to represent Buyer; and (3) referring to Broker all inquiries received in any form from any other real estate broker or Associated licensees; and (4) holding Broker harmless from liability as a result of incomplete/inaccurate information provided to Broker by Buyer or Seller; (5) holding Broker harmless from liability as a result of Seller's failure to provide a complete Seller's Property Condition Disclosure Statement; and (6) indemnifying Broker against all claims, damages, losses, expenses, or liability arising from the handling of earnest money by anyone other than Broker.

(B) Assist Broker and its Associated Licensees in the process of identifying, negotiating and contracting to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire by: (1) providing Broker with reliable information (including financial information and written authorization to obtain verification of funds) that Broker deems necessary for the performance of this Agreement; and (2) making himself available to meet with Broker and to see properties, in order that the Broker will be able to perform the promises of the Brokerage Engagement.

(C) Provide Broker and its Associated Licensees the following information: (1) general nature, location, and requirements of desired property; and (2) price range, and other terms and conditions relating to desired property.

(D) To authorize Buyer's attorneys and the settlement agent to furnish to Broker copies of the final settlement statement for the transaction prior to the closing date.

5. COMPENSATION OF BROKER: Brokers fees will be deemed earned when Buyer is under contract to purchase any property presented by Broker or negotiated by Buyer. This fee will be due and payable at closing or upon Buyer's default. If Buyer defaults, the total compensation that would have been due Broker will be due and payable immediately in cash from the Buyer. BUYER AGREES TO PAY BROKER UNDER THIS CONTRACT UNLESS IT IS NEGOTIATED THAT COMPENSATION WILL BE PAID BY SELLER OR SELLER'S BROKER. ALL FEES OR COMMISSIONS ARE NOT SET BY LAW AND ARE FULLY NEGOTIABLE BETWEEN BUYER AND BROKER. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION RECEIVED BY THE BROKER FROM ALL SOURCES IN ANY TRANSACTION SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT SET OUT IN THIS SECTION 5 In consideration of the services performed by Broker under the terms of this Contract, Buyer agrees to pay Broker the following fee(s): (CHECK AND INITIAL ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS)

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#### a. Brokerage Fee:

Buyer will pay Broker the following **(initial only one from Compensation Amount and One from Method of Payment for Compensation)**. If Broker is offered a bonus in addition to the agreed upon amount below the Broker will provide the Buyer written notice of the bonus via an addendum to this agreement. The Broker may only accept the bonus if the Buyer agrees to sign the addendum:

COMPENSATION AMOUNT (initial only one):

<pre>(initials) B) A Brokerage Fee of% of the purchase price or total lease price(renewable, if applicable) of any proper purchased or leased by Buyer, including "For Sale by Owner" properties.</pre>
(initials) <b>C)</b> A Brokerage Fee of % of another amount and calculated by:
METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR COMPENSATION (initial only one):
(initials) <b>A)</b> Brokerage Fee will come solely from the Buyer. (initials) <b>B)</b> Brokerage Fee will come from Buyer, less the amount Broker receives from Seller or Listing Broker (initials) <b>C)</b> Seller or Listing Broker pays Brokerage Fee and Buyer has No Obligation to Pay
b. Other: Buyer will pay Broker the following (initial any/all that apply) <u>The following items are nonrefundable and</u> <u>due directly to the brokerage firm</u> :
due and payable upon the signing of this contract. This fee  shall or  shall not be credited against the Brokerage fee.
<ul> <li>(initials) Administrative Fee: Buyer shall pay Broker an Administrative Fee of \$to be paid [] no later thancalendar days of the signing of this contract regardless of whether or not Buyer purchases any property or [] at closing (Check applicable sub-section.)</li> <li>[] This Administrative Fee shall be the only fee due Broker from Buyer under the terms of this Contract.</li> <li>[] This Administrative Fee shall be credited against the Brokerage Fee described above and shall be kept by Broker whether not a Brokerage Fee is earned.</li> <li>[] This Administrative Fee shall be credited against the Brokerage Fee described above and shall be kept by Broker whether not a Brokerage Fee is earned.</li> <li>[] This Administrative Fee shall be credited against the Brokerage Fee described above and shall be kept by Broker whether or not a Brokerage Fee is earned, unless Buyer enters into a purchase and sale agreement. In the event that Buyer enters into purchase and sale agreement, Buyer and Broker agree that the above Administrative Fee will be credited against the Brokera Fee in subsection (a) above.</li> <li>[] This Administrative Fee will be kept by the Broker and will not be credited against any Brokerage Fee described above.</li> </ul>
6. TERM OF AGENCY: Broker's authority to act as Buyer's exclusive agent under the terms of this Contract shall begin on,, and shall end at 11:59 p.m. on,,,
<ul> <li>CONSENT TO DISCLOSED DUAL AGENCY/DESIGNATED AGENCY: (INITIAL APPLICABLE CHOICES)</li> <li>Buyer acknowledges receiving an explanation of the types of agency relationships that are offered by brokerage and a South Carolina Disclosure of Real Estate Brokerage Relationships form at the first practical opportunity at which substantive contact occurred between the Broker and Buyer.</li> </ul>
Buyer acknowledges that after entering into this written agency contract, agent might request a modification in order to act as a <b>dual agent</b> or a <b>designated agent</b> in a specific transaction. If asked: Permission to act as a dual agent will not be considered.
<ul> <li>Permission to act as a dual agent may be considered at the time I am provided with information about the other party to a transaction. If Buyer agrees, Buyer will execute a separate written <b>Dual Agency Agreement.</b></li> <li>Permission to act as a designated agent will not be considered.</li> </ul>
Permission to act as a designated agent may be considered at the time I am provided with information about the other party a transaction. If Buyer agrees, Buyer will execute a separate written <b>Designated Agency Agreement</b> .
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8. OTHER POTENTIAL BUYERS: Buyer understands that other potential buyers have entered into similar agency contracts with Broker which may involve the purchase or lease, through Broker of the same or similar property or properties as Buyer is attempting to purchase or lease. Buyer consents to Broker's representation of such other buyers. Broker agrees not to give Buyer's confidential information to such other buyers and not to give such other buyers' confidential information to Buyer unless otherwise agreed.

9. INDEMNIFICATION OF BROKER: Buyer promises to disclose to Broker whether Buyer has signed any agency agreement with any other Broker, or has been given prior information about any property that is the subject of this Contract by any other Broker or associated licensees, or has previously been shown any such property by any other broker or associated licensees. If Buyer fails to tell Broker about such other broker's or associated licensees's involvement, and Broker incurs any loss or damage as a result of any claim being brought against him on account of such involvement, due to no fault of Broker, then Buyer shall pay Broker all such losses and damages incurred by Broker because of such claim.

**10. DISCLOSURE OF BUYER'S IDENTITY/CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Broker  $\Box$  does or  $\Box$  does not have the Buyer's permission to disclose Buyer's identity to all property owners and other third parties. The Buyer is advised of the possibility that seller or seller's agent may not treat the existence, terms, or conditions of offers as confidential unless confidentiality is required by law, regulation, or by confidentiality agreement of the parties.

11. BROKER LIABILITY LIMITATION: Buyer agrees Broker provided Buyer with benefits, services, assistance, and value in bringing about this Contract. In consideration and recognition of the risks, rewards, compensation and benefits arising from this transaction to Broker, Buyer agrees that he shall pay Broker's attorney fees and that Broker, shall not be liable to Buyer, in an amount exceeding that Broker's Compensation by reason of any act or omission, including negligence, misrepresentation, errors and omission, or breach of undertaking, except for intentional or willful acts. This limitation shall apply regardless of the cause of action or legal theory asserted against Broker, unless the claim is for an intentional or willful act. This limitation of liability shall apply to all claims, losses, costs, damages or claimed expenses of any nature from any cause(s), except intentional or willful acts, so that the total liability of Broker shall not exceed the amount set forth herein. Buyer will indemnify and hold harmless and pay attorneys' fees for Broker from breach of contract, any negligent or intentional acts or omissions by any Parties, Inspectors, Professionals, Service Providers, Contractors, etc. including any introduced or recommended by Broker. Buyer agrees that there is valid and sufficient consideration for this limitation of liability and that Broker is the intended third-party beneficiary of this provision.

**12. NONDISCRIMINATION:** Broker and Buyer agree that all actions carried out under this contract shall be in full compliance with local, state, and federal fair housing laws against discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, marital status, age or disabilities.

**13. PROFESSIONAL COUNSEL:** Buyer acknowledges that Broker is being retained solely as a real estate agent and not as an attorney, tax advisor, lender, appraiser, surveyor, structural engineer, home inspector or other professional service provider. Buyer agrees to seek professional advice concerning the condition of the property, legal, tax and other professional service matters.

14. **MEDIATION CLAUSE:** Any dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the breach of this Agreement or the services provided in relation to this Agreement, shall be submitted to mediation in accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the Dispute Resolution System of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. Disputes shall include representations made by Buyer or Broker in connection with the services to which this Agreement pertains, including without limitation, allegations of concealment, misrepresentation, negligence and/or fraud. Any agreement signed by the parties pursuant to the mediation conference shall be binding. This mediation clause shall survive for a period of 120 days after the date of the closing.

**15. SEX OFFENDER/CRIMINAL INFORMATION:** Buyer agrees that Broker is not responsible for obtaining or disclosing information in the SC Sex Offender Registry and no course of action may be brought against the Broker for failure to obtain or disclose sex offender or criminal information. Buyer agrees that they have sole responsibility to obtain their own sex offender, death, psychological stigma, clandestine laboratory, and crime information from sources (e.g. law enforcement, P.I., web). The Buyer may obtain information about the Sex Offender Registry and persons registered with the Registry by contacting the local county Sheriff or other appropriate law enforcement officials.

**16. ENTIRE BINDING AGREEMENT:** This written instrument, including the additional terms and conditions set forth on the reverse, expresses the entire agreement and all promises, covenants, and warranties between the Buyer and Broker. It can be changed only by a subsequently written instrument signed by both parties.

17. CONTINGENCIES: Client understands that their agent may make a nominal fee from the home warranty company who provides a home warranty at closing.

**18. FACSIMILE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS:** The parties agree that this Agreement may be communicated by use of a fax or other secure electronic means, including but not limited to electronic mail and the internet, and the signatures, initials and handwritten or typewritten modifications to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to be valid and binding upon the parties as if the original signatures, initials and handwritten or typewritten modifications were present on the documents in the handwriting of each party.

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19. SURVEILLANCE: Buyer is advised that properties they enter may have both audio and video surveillance. Broker advises buyer to be aware of possible surveillance and conduct any and all communications about the potential property offsite.

20. AMENDMENT: This Agreement may be amended only by a writing signed by both parties and any amendment of Section 5 Compensation of Broker must be based on the options available in Section 5. The Broker's compensation from all sources in any transaction subject to this Agreement cannot exceed the maximum calculated under Section 5 above unless an amendment pursuant to this section allows a higher amount.

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. BUYER SHALL SEEK FURTHER ASSISTANCE IF THE CONTENTS ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD. BUYER AND BROKER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT AND COPY OF THE SC DISCLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE RELATIONSHIPS FORM. BUYER AGREES TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM BROKER AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE AND FAX NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

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			Fax:	
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Buyer	Date	Time	Phone:	
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Buyer	Date	Time	Phone:	
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### Verification of No Existing Buyer's Agency Agreement

By our signatures below, we are certifying that we do not have a buyer's agency agreement with any other SC licensed real estate brokerage.

Signed	Date
Printed Name	_
Signed	Date
Printed Name	



I (We) \_\_\_\_\_ Seller/Buyer (circle one) have been fully informed by our KW Agent,

of the details of the Broker/Agent commission and compensation structure included in the attached agreement. I/We have been given enough time to read and review the commission and compensation structure, to ask any questions I/we had, and I/we agree that I/we fully understand same and agree to pay such commission as are owed pursuant thereto.

Buyer/Seller	
 Buyer/Seller	Date
 Agent	Date
 Broker-in-Charge	Date

Notice to Buyer: A buyer agent's compensation is fully negotiable and is not set by law. [or] Notice to Seller: A seller agent's compensation is fully negotiable and is not set by law.



#### **COMPENSATION AGREEMENT**

1. PARTIES AGREE: In this legally binding Compensation Agreement, the

LISTING BROKERAGE:      SELLER:      BUYER:	, or
AGREES TO COMPENSATE THE BROKERAGE COMPANY	
2. FOR PURPOSE/ACTIVITY: DUYING ON BEHALF OF	(CLIENT/CUSTOMER NAME)
3. REGARDING PROPERTY:	
Address	Unit #
City	State of South Carolina
Zip County of	Lot
Block Section/Phase	Subdivision
Тах Мар	Other
<b>4. TERMS:</b> This Compensation Agreement begins on and does not create any agency relationships and expires 5 years after Ef	
5. COMPENSATION: Shall be paid in U.S. Dollars according to the foll	
of the gross sales price or \$ or regarding the Property and will be due and payable at:	% of the lease/rent payments [] total [] monthly [] other
<ul> <li>The Closing of the Property</li> <li>Assumption of the lease</li> <li>As otherwise agreed:</li></ul>	
PAYMENT WOULD BE DUE IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT BY THE COM PURPOSES/ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE IS NOT SET BY LAW AN	IPENSATING PARTY. COMPENSATION FOR THE
<b>6. DISCLOSURE</b> : The parties agree that compensation being paid und transaction that generate the compensation payment.	ler this Agreement will be disclosed to all parties to the
PARTIES ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING LEGAL ADVIO	CE PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT Parties

acknowledge receiving, reading, reviewing, and understanding this Agreement. Parties acknowledge having time and opportunity to review all documents and receive legal counsel from an attorney of their choice prior to signing. Effective date is the above stated date or latest date upon which all parties are aware of signatures and agreement.

Date:	Time:
Date:	Time:
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#### **Compensation Amendment To:**

- □ Buyer Agency Agreement
- □ Transaction Brokerage Agreement

#### □ Exclusive Right to Sell Agreement

Covering The Real Property further described or commonly known as:

Address	Unit #
City	State of South Carolina
Other	TMS

The undersigned Parties hereby agree as follows: Client/Customer and Real Estate Company agree to Amend the original agreement to compensate signed by both parties for total compensation of \_\_\_\_\_% or \_\_\_\_\_ total based on contracted sales price to \_\_\_\_\_% or \_\_\_\_\_ total on contracted sales price.

All other terms of contract remain the same as originally agreed to by both parties.

Parties are solely responsible for obtaining legal advice prior to entering into this Contract and counsel as required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the Parties.

BUYER:	Date:	Time:
BUYER:	Date:	Time:
AGENT:	Date:	Time:
OR		
SELLER:	Date:	Time:
SELLER:	Date:	Time:
AGENT:	Date:	Time:



#### AGREEMENT/CONTRACT: TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE (RESIDENTIAL/CONDO)

## PARTIES ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS CONTRACT AND DURING THE TRANSACTION. REAL ESTATE LICENSEES RECOMMEND OBTAINING LEGAL COUNSEL.

1. **PARTIES:** This legally binding Agreement ("Contract") To Buy and Sell Real Estate is entered into by:

Buyer(	(s)	
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	("Buyer"),
and Seller(s).	("Seller").

- (A) "Party" defined as either Buyer or Seller, "Parties" defined as both Buyer and Seller.
- (B) "Brokers" are licensed South Carolina brokers-in-charge, their associated real estate licensees, and their subagents.
- (C) "Closing Attorney" is the licensed South Carolina attorney selected by Buyer to coordinate the transaction and Closing.
- (D) "Effective Date" the final date upon which a Party to the negotiation places the final and required signatures and/or initials and date on this Contract and Delivers Notice to initially cause this primary Contract to be binding on all Parties.
- (E) "Good Funds" is the transfer of the required amount of United States Dollars (USD) within any required timeframe.
- (F) "Time" all time stated shall be South Carolina local time. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Contract stipulating time, deadline, or performance periods.

#### **BUYER SELLER IS A SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE LICENSEE**

(initials) BUYER(s) acknowledges receipt of the SC Disclosure of Brokerage Relationships form and is receiving 
Client
Customer service in this transaction.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ (initials) SELLER(s) acknowledges receipt of the SC Disclosure of Brokerage Relationships form and is receiving 
Client
Customer service in this transaction.

#### 2. PURCHASE PRICE: \$\_

3. **PROPERTY:** Hereby acknowledging sufficient good Contract consideration (e.g. mutual promises herein), Seller will sell and convey and Buyer will buy for the Purchase Price any and all lot or parcel of land, appurtenant interests, improvements, landscape, systems, and fixtures if any thereon and further described below ("Property"). Seller agrees to maintain in operable condition the Property and any personal property conveying in same operable condition, including any landscaping, grounds and any agreed upon repairs or replacements, from the Effective Date through Closing subject to normal operable wear and tear. Buyer acknowledges opportunity to inquire about owners association issues, common area issues, condominium master deed issues, assigned parking/storage areas, memberships, lease issues and financed equipment prior to signing Contract. Leasing issues and items and financed equipment see Adjustments (e.g. tenants, leases, future vacation renters, SC vacation rental act reservations, rents, deposits, documents, solar panels, fuel tanks with fuel, alarm systems, satellite equipment, roll carts).

Address				Unit #
City				State of South Carolina
Zip		County of		
Lot	Block	Section/Phase	Subdivision	
Other			Tax Map	
Parties agree	that no personal pr	operty will transfer as part of t	this sale, except described below a	and/or 🗆 in attachment(s):

#### 4. CONVEYANCE/CLOSING/POSSESSION:

"Closing" occurs when Seller conveys Property to Buyer and occurs no later than 5 PM on or before\_

("Closing Date"). Conveyance shall be fee simple made subject to all easements, reservations, rights of way, restrictive covenants of record (provided they do not make the title unmarketable or adversely affect the use/value of the Property in a material way) and to all government statutes, ordinances, rules, permits, and regulations. Seller agrees to convey marketable title with a properly recorded general warranty deed free of encumbrances and liens except as herein stated; and in name(s):

and ownership type determined by Buyer. The deed shall be delivered to the Closing Attorney's designated place on or before the Closing Date no later than 10 AM. Seller agrees to pay all statutory deed recording fees. Parties agree the Brokers shall have access to the closing and relevant documents; and the Brokers shall be given copies of the settlement statement prior to Closing for review. Parties agree to hire/use licensed Attorney(s). Seller shall convey possession of a vacant and reasonably clean Property, free of debris, along with all keys, codes, any remote controls, available documents (e.g. manuals, equipment warranties, service information) and similar ownership items to Buyer at Closing.

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5.	EARNEST	MONEY	Total 9
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(USD) Earnest Money is paid as follows:

\$\_\_ on accompanies this offer and \$\_\_\_\_\_will be paid by 6 P.M. (date) and Earnest Money is in the form of □ check □ cash

to be a Credit to Buyer at Closing or disbursed only as Parties agree in writing or by court order or by Contract or as required for Closing by Closing Attorney. Buyer and seller authorize

as Escrow Agent to deposit and hold and disburse earnest money according to the terms of any separate escrow agreement, the law, and any regulations. Broker does not guarantee payment of a check or checks accepted as earnest money. Parties direct escrow agent to communicate reasonable information confirming receipt and status of earnest money upon a Broker request. If Earnest Money is not delivered by the agreed upon date above Seller may terminate the contract by delivering Notice of Termination to the Buyer.

THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING DEFAULT, ESCROW AGENT WILL NOT DISBURSE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT TO EITHER PARTY UNTIL BOTH PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED AN AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT (e.g. SCR518, SCR517, MEDIATION AGREEMENT) OR UNTIL A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION HAS DIRECTED A DISBURSEMENT. EARNEST MONEY WILL NOT BE DISBURSED UNTIL DETERMINED TO BE GOOD FUNDS. IF LEGAL ACTIONS OCCUR RELATED TO EARNEST MONEY, PARTY RECEIVING THE LEAST AMOUNT OF EARNEST MONEY IN THE COURT'S DISBURSEMENT ORDER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY ESCROW AGENT'S FEES, COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES. IF INTERPLEADER IS TO BE UTILIZED, PARTIES AGREE THAT \$\_\_\_\_\_\_SHALL BE PAID TO THE ESCROW AGENT BY THE PARTIES AS COMPENSATION BEFORE ESCROW AGENT INITIATES COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION PROCEEDINGS ON EARNEST MONEY.

#### 6. TRANSACTION COSTS:

#### A. TRANSACTION COSTS

Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, Buyer will pay Buyer's transaction costs and Seller pay Seller's transaction costs.

- Buyer's transaction costs include all costs and closing costs resulting from selected financing, pre-paid recurring items, insurance (including but not limited to mortgage insurance, title insurance lender/owner, flood, insurance, and hazard insurance) discount points, interest, non-recurring closing costs, title exam, FHA/VA allowable costs, fees and expenses of Buyer's attorney, contractually required real estate broker compensation, and the cost of any inspector, appraiser, or surveyor.
- 2) Seller's transaction costs include deed preparation, deed recording costs, deed stamps/tax/recording costs calculated based on the value of the Property, all costs necessary to deliver marketable title and payoffs, satisfactions of mortgages/liens and recording, property taxes prorated at Closing, contractually required real estate broker compensation, and fees and expenses of Seller's attorney.
- 3) The following costs in addition to the costs above will be the considered  $\Box$  Seller's or  $\Box$  Buyer's transaction costs. If no box is checked these costs will be added to Seller's transaction costs.
  - a) All costs to obtain information from or pertaining to owners' association (e.g. printing or document fees charged to requesting party by the HOA)
  - b) Private and/or Public Transfer Fees
  - c) Any costs similar to transfer fees (e.g. certificate of assessment, capital contributions, working capital, estoppel fees or otherwise named but similar fees)
- 4) At Closing, Seller will pay Buyer's transaction costs not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, which includes nonallowable costs first and then allowable costs (FHA/VA).

(Buyer Initials) (Seller Initials) Seller agrees to allow up to (Seller Initials) of transaction costs referenced above to go towards Buyer Broker Compensation. This concession cannot go solely to pay brokerage compensation if the concession was advertised on the Multiple Listing Service.

(Buyer Initials) (Seller Initials) Seller does not allow any of the above reference transaction costs to go towards Buyer Broker Compensation

Buyer is responsible for any Buyer's transaction costs exceeding this amount. If the amount exceeds the actual amount of those costs or amount allowed by Lender, then any excess funds will revert to Seller. If no Closing, Buyer is responsible for Buyer's transaction costs and Seller responsible for Seller's transaction costs.

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HOA dues and assessments are not considered transactions costs and are addressed by the closing attorney as needed per paragraph 22. A transfer fee is a nonrecurring fee that is being assessed solely because of a transfer in property ownership.

#### B. HOA Assessments (Special, Nonrecurring, Unexpected, Non-Budgeted, Etc.)

#### This does not apply to HOA Dues or Membership Fees. Select only one of the Following Options

□ Option 1: Special assessments approved prior to Closing shall be the responsibility of the Seller. Special Assessments approved after Closing shall be the responsibility of the Buyer. Any remainder of the balance due on a Special Assessment approved prior to closing will be paid in full by the Seller at Closing.

□ Option 2: Seller shall be responsible for the portion of any Special Assessments approved prior to Closing that are due in the calendar year of Closing. Any remaining Special Assessment payments in subsequent years are the responsibility of the Buyer. Parties direct Closing Attorney to make the appropriate adjustments per Paragraph 22 of this agreement. Special Assessments approved after Closing shall be the responsibility of the Buyer.

7. FINANCE: Buyer's obligation under this Contract 🗆 is 🗆 is not contingent upon obtaining financing of a 🗆 30 year 🗆 15 year

\_purchase money loan at reasonable prevailing market terms with loan(s) equal in or  $\Box$  other % of the Purchase Price or Appraised Value whichever is lower. ("Financing amounts to a maximum Contingency"). Financing Contingency expires at Closing ("Financing Period"). Buyer must make timely good faith efforts to apply for and obtain financing while refraining from contrary actions ("Financing Effort"). In a timely manner, Buyer shall inform Seller and Brokers of pertinent financing issues and authorize Buyer's Lender to disclose pertinent loan information to Seller and Brokers ("Financing Disclosure"). Buyer shall apply for financing by\_\_\_\_ (date) and shall Deliver Notice to Seller of reasonable pre-final loan approval (e.g. pre-approval letter, initial approval letter) that contains no unreasonable credit, income, or asset conditions by \_\_\_\_\_ (date) (no repairs required prior to this Notice). Final loan approval occurs when Lender funds loan(s). If the Buyer changes their Lender during the Financing Period they must notify the seller in writing within\_ calendar days. Absent written approval by the Seller, Buyer cannot change lender if the closing date agreed upon in Paragraph 4 will change as a direct result. If a Lender subsequently declines or fails to approve financing, the Buyer shall notify the Seller and Brokers as soon as possible. If the Seller and Brokers are notified of inability to obtain financing during the Financing Period, either Party may terminate this Contract by Notice. Lender (may change): □ FHA □ VA □ Conventional □ Seller □ Other . An FHA VA Financing Addendum 🗆 is 🗆 is not attached.

Additional financing terms  $\Box$  are  $\Box$  are not attached.

#### 8. DUE DILIGENCE:

<u>During the Due Diligence Period</u>, Buyer may take timely/prudent steps to help Buyer/Inspectors, Seller/Estimators, and REALTORS® all have adequate time for: Buyer to coordinate Inspections and Repair Requests, Seller to obtain Repair estimates, Buyer and Seller to negotiate Repairs, and Buyer to potentially timely/properly Due Diligence terminate or buy.

During the Due Diligence Period, Seller agrees Buyer may rely on the following list of five items in accordance with Contract and laws. Buyer is solely responsible for Inspections. Buyer is not required to Inspect. Until Buyer timely/properly terminates the Contract or the Parties agree on an amended Contract, the Buyer can rely on #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. <u>Delivering a Repair Request does not extend the Due Diligence Period.</u>

- 1) Conduct/obtain Inspections [e.g. on site conditions, off site conditions]
- 2) Deliver Repairs Requests Notice to Seller [e.g. SCR525 with all repair requests, all/portions of reports]
- 3) Proceed under amended Contract [e.g. SCR310 and SCR525, SCR390, SCR391]
- 4) Proceed under As Is Contract [e.g. Buyer desires to buy anyway, Buyer wants Property without Repair]

5) Terminate Contract by timely/properly Delivering "Notice of Termination" and "Termination Fee" to Seller within the Due Diligence Period.

TERMINATION: During the Due Diligence Period, Buyer may unilaterally terminate this Contract only by Delivering to the Seller both Notice of Termination and a Termination Fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_USD Good Funds.

DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD, SHOULD BUYER FAIL TO OBTAIN A NEW/AMENDED CONTRACT WITH THE SELLER OR BUYER FAIL TO TIMELY/PROPERLY DUE DILIGENCE TERMINATE THE CONTRACT DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD: The Buyer agrees to buy and Seller agree to sell the Property AS IS. Parties agree "As Is" means Buyer buys the Property for the Purchase Price while Seller maintains the Property from the Effective Date through Closing subject to normal wear otherwise without repair or replacement and sells the Property for the Purchase Price unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties in this Contract.

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9. **INSPECTION/REINSPECTION RIGHTS:** Buyer and SC licensed and insured inspectors ("Inspectors") reasonably perform any reasonable ultimately non-destructive examination and make reasonable record of the Property with reasonable Notice to Seller through Closing including investigations of off-site conditions and any issues related to the Property at Buyer Expense ("Inspections"). Buyer and persons they choose may make reasonable visual observations of Property.

Sellers will make the Property accessible for Inspection and not unreasonably withhold access, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties. Seller will grant the Buyer the right to perform a final walkthrough inspection of the property within 48 hours prior to the closing date. Seller will keep all utilities operational through Closing unless otherwise agreed: □ Seller grants Buyer permission to connect utilities, pay for utilities, and hire professionals (e.g. electricians, plumbers) to safely connect and operate the utilities during the Inspections.

#### Other

.  $\Box$  see attached.

Buyer will hold harmless, indemnify, pay damages and attorneys fees to Seller and Brokers for all claims, injuries, and damages arising out of the exercise of these inspection rights. Seller will hold harmless, indemnify, pay damages and attorneys fees to Brokers for all claims, injuries, and damages arising out of the exercise of these inspection rights. Brokers recommend that Parties obtain all inspections as soon as possible. Brokers recommend that Parties and Inspectors use insurance to manage risk.

#### 10. APPRAISED VALUE:

□ This Contract is contingent upon the Property being valued according to the Lender's appraisal or other appraisal as agreed upon by the Parties ("Appraised Value") for the Purchase Price or higher. If the Parties are made aware that the Appraised Value is less than the Purchase Price and the Seller Delivers Notice to the Buyer within 5 Calendar Days or Closing (whichever earliest) of an amendment to reduce the Purchase Price to the Appraised Value, the Parties agree to proceed to Closing under terms of this Contract with the Purchase Price amended to be the Appraised Value. If Seller is aware and refuses to reduce as stated above, Buyer may proceed to Closing or terminate this Contract by Delivering Notice of Termination to the Seller.

□ This Contract is <u>not</u> contingent upon the Property being valued at an Appraised Value according to the Lender's appraisal or other appraisal as agreed upon by the Parties for the Purchase Price or more.

11. WOOD INFESTATION REPORT: If the Property to be sold has been previously occupied, this Contract 
is contingent
control operator selected by the Buyer Seller having the Property inspected at their expense by a qualified/licensed/bonded pest
control operator selected by the Seller Buyer Seller. 
Buyer Seller shall deliver timely Notice of and shall deliver to Closing a
CL100 Wood Infestation Report dated no earlier than 30 calendar days prior to Closing and no later than 
calendar
days prior to Closing. If the Buyer is responsible for having the Property inspected as indicated above, but does not have the
Property timely inspected for the report's required Delivery time frame, the Buyer waives any and all rights under the terms of this
section. The Seller makes no warranties with regard to matters covered by such infestation report or any other improvement unless
specifically stated in this Contract.

If the wood infestation report reveals the presence or indication of or damages by termite infestation or other wood destroying organisms, Seller shall remedy such deficiencies and shall furnish the Buyer with a CL100 wood infestation report by a qualified/licensed/bonded pest control operator (dated no earlier than 30 calendar days prior to Closing) that the Property is free from infestation or any damage herein mentioned; or documentation that the infestation has been treated and damage has been repaired as appropriate in a workmanlike manner on or before closing and reported by an appropriate licensee. State law and regulations control CL100 issues. If the Seller does not make the repairs and treatment, the Buyer shall have the option to (1) accept the Property in its present condition, (2) negotiate with the Seller for the payment of these repairs and treatment, or (3) terminate this Contract by Delivering Notice of Termination to the Seller. If the Property to be sold has not been previously occupied, Seller shall certify that the Dwelling has been treated by soil poisoning for the prevention of termites and other wood destroying organisms and shall provide at Closing to the Buyer a written certification from a qualified/licensed/bonded pest control operator. The obligations of the Seller under this Section terminate after the Closing.

12. SURVEY, TITLE EXAMINATION, ELEVATION, INSURANCE: Brokers recommend Buyer have Property surveyed, title examined, elevation/wetlands/beachfront determined, and appropriate insurance (e.g. flood, flood contents, hazard, liability, owner's title) effective at Closing. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by Parties, Buyer to obtain new insurance policies by Closing and Seller may cancel existing insurance after Closing. Flood Insurance, if required by Lender or at Buyer's option, shall be assigned to Buyer with permission of carrier and premium prorated to Closing. Buyers are solely responsible to investigate pricing, availability, coverage, and requirements of insurance (e.g. flood, flood contents, hazard, liability) for the property prior to signing Contract.

**13. SURVIVAL:** If any provision herein contained which by its nature or effect is required to be observed, kept, or performed after Closing, it will survive the Closing and remain binding upon for the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

#### 14. HOME WARRANTY COMPANY OPTIONAL COVERAGE ("HWC"): Parties agree that a Home Warranty ordered by

with at least twelve months of coverage after Closing Date 
will will will not be provided by Closing and 
will be paid by to the Home Warranty Company.

Buyer to pay any deficit and surplus reverts to payor. Proposed HWC and type of HWC: In order for Broker to receive compensation under this section they must provide written notice done through an amendment (Form 390) or paragraph 28 to the parties prior to closing. ANY COMPENSATION IN THIS SECTION IS COMING EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE HOME WARRANTY COMPANY AND IS NOT PAID BY ANY PARTY TO THIS CONTRACT OR THEIR BROKER. NOTICE: THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE THAT BROKERS HAVE/WILL/MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM HWC/OTHERS FOR REFERRAL/PROCESSING. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A HWC OR SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CONTRACT AND IF YOU CHOOSE TO PURCHASE SUCH COVERAGE YOU ARE FREE TO PURCHASE IT FROM ANOTHER PROVIDER.

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**15. FIRE OR CASUALTY OR INJURY:** In case the Property is damaged wholly or partially by fire or other casualty prior to Closing, Parties will have the right for 14 Calendar Days after Notice of damage to Deliver Notice of Termination to other Party. If Party does not Deliver Notice of Termination, the Parties proceed according to the Contract and Seller is to be responsible to (1) repair all damage, (2) remit to Buyer an amount sufficient for repairs, or (3) assign to Buyer the right to all proceeds of insurance and remit any deductible amount applicable to such casualty. If Buyer or Inspections caused the damage, Buyer is responsible for indemnifying Seller for damages. Brokers and Parties should ensure that they are protected by appropriate risk management strategies such as insurance.

#### 16. SC RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ("CDS") [check one]:

□ Buyer and Seller agree that Seller has Delivered prior to this Contract, a CDS to Buyer, as required by SC Code of Laws Section 27-50-10 et seq. If after delivery, Seller discovers a CDS material inaccuracy or the CDS becomes materially inaccurate due to an occurrence or circumstance; the Seller shall promptly correct this inaccuracy (e.g. delivering a corrected CDS to the Buyer/making reasonable repairs prior to Closing). Buyer understands the CDS does not replace Inspections. Buyer understands and agrees the CDS contains only statements made by the Seller. Parties agree the Brokers have met requirements of SC Code 27-50-70 and Brokers are not responsible or liable for any information in the CDS. CDS is not a substitute for the Buyers and Inspectors inspecting the Property (related issues/onsite/offsite) "Property issues" for all needs.

□ Buyer and Seller agree that Seller will <u>NOT</u> complete nor provide a CDS to Buyer in accordance with SC Code of Law, as amended, Section 27-50-30, Paragraph (13). Buyers have sole responsibility to inspect Property Issues for all their needs.

17. LEAD BASED PAINT/LEAD HAZARDS: If Property was built or contains items created prior to 1978, it may contain lead based hazards and Parties agree to sign "Disclosure of Information of Lead Based Paint and/or Lead Hazards" forms (e.g. SCR315) and give copies to Brokers. Parties acknowledge receiving and understanding the EPA pamphlet "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home." For their protection, Buyers should conduct/obtain Inspections of all Property issues per their needs.

**18. SEX OFFENDER/CRIMINAL INFORMATION:** Parties agree that Brokers are not responsible for obtaining or disclosing information in the SC Sex Offender Registry and no course of action may be brought against any Brokers for failure to obtain or disclose sex offender or criminal information. Buyer and Seller agree that they have sole responsibility to obtain their own sex offender, death, psychological stigma, clandestine laboratory, and crime information from sources (e.g. law enforcement, P.I., web). The Buyer may obtain information about the Sex Offender Registry and persons registered with the Registry by contacting the local county Sheriff or other appropriate law enforcement officials.

**19. TRUST ACCOUNT INTEREST/CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION:** According to the South Carolina Real Estate Commission regulations and South Carolina laws, any interest earned from deposit to Closing on Buyer's earnest money deposit belongs to Buyer. It is understood that Broker  $\Box$  may  $\Box$  may not place deposited earnest monies into an interest bearing trust account. If Buyer's earnest money deposit is deposited into an interest bearing trust account, Parties agree that Broker will retain all interest earned in said account and may contribute some or all to a charitable enterprise.

20. SC INCOME TAX ON NON-RESIDENT GAIN AND COMPLIANCE AND USA FEDERAL INCOME TAX: Seller and Buyer will comply with the provisions of South Carolina laws [e.g. 12-8-580 (as amended)] regarding state income tax withholding requirements if the Seller is not a resident or has not filed South Carolina state income tax returns. Seller and Buyer will comply with United States of America federal income tax laws. Seller and Buyer should discuss tax laws and minimization actions with their qualified tax advisor. Parties will comply with all local, state, federal laws, and any rules.

21. ENTIRE AND BINDING AGREEMENT (MERGER CLAUSE): Parties agree that this Contract expresses the entire agreement between the parties, that there is no other agreement, oral/otherwise, modifying the terms; and this Contract is binding on Parties and principals, heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns. Illegal provisions are severable.

22. ADJUSTMENTS: Buyer and Seller agree to settle or prorate, annually or as appropriate; as of Closing Date: (A) utilities and waste fees issued after Closing which include service for time Property was owned/occupied by Seller (B) real estate taxes and owner association fees/assessments for the calendar year of Closing (C) any rents, deposits, fees associated with leasing (D) insurance (including any non-special assessments assessed due to increased premiums), EMS service, fuel/consumables, and all other non-special assessments. Closing Attorney shall make tax proration based on the available tax information deemed reliable by the Closing Attorney. Should the tax or tax estimate or proration later become inaccurate or change, Buyer and Seller shall make any financial adjustments between themselves once accurate tax information is available and Buyer takes timely reasonable steps to minimize taxes. This section survives Closing. Buyer is solely responsible for timely and reasonably minimizing the Buyer's taxes and obtaining tax minimization procedural information including related legal counsel and financial counsel.

#### 23. DEFAULT:

- (A) If Seller defaults in the performance of any of the Seller's obligations under this Contract ("Default"), Buyer may:
  - (i) Deliver Notice of Default to Seller and terminate Contract; and
  - (ii) Pursue any remedies available to Buyer at law or equity; and
  - (iii) Recover attorneys' fees and all other direct costs of litigation if Seller found in default/breach of Contract.
- (B) If Buyer defaults in the performance of any of the Buyer's obligations under this Contract ("Default"), Seller may:
  - (i) Deliver Notice of Default to Buyer and terminate Contract; and
  - (ii) Pursue any remedies available to Seller at law or equity; and
  - (iii) Recover attorneys' fees and all other direct costs of litigation if Buyer found in default/breach of Contract.
- (C) If either/both Parties default, Parties agree to sign an escrow deposit disbursement agreement or release agreement.
- (D) Parties may agree in writing to allow a Cure Period for a default. If within the Cure Period, either Party cures the Default and
- Delivers Notice, Parties shall proceed under the Contract.

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24. **MEDIATION:** To potentially avoid expensive/lengthy/uncertain litigation, Parties may voluntarily/cooperatively decide which mediator to hire, how to pay the mediator, where to meet for mediation talks, and their own settlement agreement. Mediators do not decide settlement outcomes (Parties decide). Mediators merely facilitate the Parties reaching their own settlement and documenting settlement. Parties agree to attempt mediation for any dispute, claim, breach, representations made by any Party. Broker/other (e.g. concealment, misrepresentation, negligence, fraud) or service issues related to this Contract by using the National Association of REALTORS® Mediation Dispute Resolution System 803-772-5206 or www.NAR.REALTOR/policy/mediation or www.screaltors.org/mediation). Parties agree that the duty to attempt mediation survives closing and any signed mediation settlement agreement is binding. Parties agree some matters may proceed without mediation (e.g. foreclosure, action to enforce a mortgage or deed of trust or "rent to own" agreement, unlawful detainer action, file/enforce mechanic's lien, probate issues, interpleader action on earnest money). Parties agree some matters are not a waiver of mediation nor a breach of duty to attempt mediation (e.g. filing judicial action enabling recording notice of pending action, order for attachment/receivership/injunction or other provisional remedies).

25. NON-RELIANCE CLAUSE (NOT A MERGER CLAUSE NOR EXTENSION OF A MERGER CLAUSE): Parties execute this Contract freely and voluntarily without reliance upon any statements, representations, inducements, promises, or agreements by Brokers or Parties except as expressly stipulated or set forth in this Contract. If not contained herein, such statements, representations, inducements, promises, or agreements shall be of no force or effect. Parties acknowledge that Brokers are being retained solely as licensed real estate agents and not as any attorney, tax/financial advisor, appraiser, surveyor, engineer, mold or air quality expert, home inspector, or other professional service provider.

**26. BROKER DISCLAIMER:** Parties acknowledge that Brokers give no warranties or representations of any kind, expressed or implied as to: (1) condition of the Property, including but not limited to termites, radon, mold, asbestos, moisture, environmental issues, water, waste, air quality, HVAC, utilities, plumbing, electrical or structure, etc. (2) condition of the Property, survey or legal matters, square footage (3) off site conditions (4) schools (5) title including but not limited to easements, encroachments, projections, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, setbacks, and the like (6) fitness for a particular purpose of the Property or the improvements (7) zoning ordinances and restrictions (8) projected income, value, marketability, taxes, insurance, or other possible benefits to Buyer. Parties consent that their Brokers may communicate with them via any means; and use or disclose information not made confidential by written instruction of Parties.

27. BROKERS COMPENSATION: Parties direct Closing Attorney to use settlement funds to collect and disburse compensation to Brokers in accordance with written agreements, as amended, between any Party and a broker or other representative, and document compensation on the settlement statement. If a Party disputes a Broker's compensation, that Party agrees to retain a South Carolina law firm to escrow only the disputed amount of the Broker's compensation until the dispute is resolved by a written agreement signed by that Party and the affected Broker, arbitration award, or court order. Party requesting the escrow shall pay all costs for escrow. If the dispute is not resolved within 180 days of Closing, the escrow shall be disbursed to the Broker. Parties agree that Brokers are third party beneficiaries to this Contract and have standing to seek remedies at law and equity. Parties represent that their only enforceable agency and/or non-agency agreements are with the Brokers disclosed in this Contract. Should any Broker receive any compensation from the transaction in this Contract that has not been disclosed to Seller and Buyer in this Contract or a listing agency or compensation agreement disclosed, then prior to Closing, the Broker that expects to receive such compensation must notify Seller and Buyer and receive their written permission for Broker to receive such compensation.

29. NOTICE AND DELIVERY: Notice is any unilateral communication (e.g. offers, counteroffers, acceptance, termination, unilateral requests for better terms, and associated addenda/amendments) from one Party to the other. Notice to/from a Broker representing a Party is deemed Notice to/from the Party. All Notice, consents, approvals, counterparts, and similar actions required under Contract must be in paper or electronic writing and will only be effective as of delivery to the Notice address/email/fax written below and awareness of receipt by Broker ("Delivered") unless Parties agree otherwise in writing.

30. Acknowledgements: Due to potential criminal activity, parties are solely responsible to verify all wiring instructions with law firm/bank. Parties are also advised and understand that audio/visual surveillance may occur in the property and parties should plan accordingly and comply with all federal, state, and local laws. Parties acknowledge receiving, reading, reviewing, and understanding: this Contract, the SC Disclosure of Real Estate Brokerage Relationships form, any agency agreements, and copies of these documents. Parties acknowledge having time and opportunity to review all documents and receive legal counsel from their attorneys prior to signing Contract.

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31. EXPIRATION OF OFFER: When signed by a Party and intended as an offer or counter offer, this document represents an offer to the other Party that may be rescinded any time prior to or expires at \_\_\_\_\_ AM

□ PM on\_\_\_\_\_unless accepted or counter-offered by the other Party in written form Delivered prior to such deadline. This offer will expire automatically if no action is taken by either party 30 calendar days after the offer's submittal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Contract has been duly executed by the Parties as true to the best of their knowledge/belief. If signee is not a Party, appropriate legal documents (e.g. Power of Attorney, Corporate Authorization) are  $\Box$  attached or  $\Box$  to be Delivered to the other Party within\_\_\_\_\_\_Calendar Days.

#### Parties shall initial and date all changes in this Contract and initial all pages.

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Seller's Agent/Company	Seller's Agent Lic	ense #/LLR Office Code		
Seller's Agent's Email Address	Seller's Agent Te	Seller's Agent Telephone Number		

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#### AGREEMENT/CONTRACT: TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE (LOTS/ACREAGE)

#### This Form can also be used for a Boat Slip or similar transaction.

## PARTIES ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS CONTRACT AND DURING THE TRANSACTION. REAL ESTATE LICENSEES RECOMMEND OBTAINING LEGAL COUNSEL.

1. **PARTIES:** This legally binding Agreement ("Contract") To Buy and Sell Real Estate is entered into by:

Buyer(s),\_\_\_\_\_

Seller(s),\_\_\_\_\_

("Buyer"), and

("Seller").

(A) "Party" - defined as either Buyer or Seller, "Parties" defined as both Buyer and Seller.

(B) "Brokers" are licensed South Carolina brokers-in-charge, their associated real estate licensees, and their subagents.

(C) "Closing Attorney" - is the licensed South Carolina attorney selected by Buyer to coordinate the transaction and Closing.

- (D) "Effective Date" the final date upon which a Party to the negotiation places the final and required signatures and/or initials and date on this Contract and Delivers Notice to initially cause this primary Contract to be binding on all Parties.
- (E) "Good Funds" is the transfer of the required amount of United States Dollars (USD) within any required timeframe.
- (F) "Time" all time stated shall be South Carolina local time. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Contract stipulating time, deadline, or performance periods.

#### **DUYER DISELLER IS A SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE LICENSEE**

\_\_\_\_\_ (initials) BUYER(s) acknowledge receipt of the SC Disclosure of Brokerage Relationships form and is receiving 
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Customer service in this transaction.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initials) SELLER(s) acknowledge receipt of the SC Disclosure of Brokerage Relationships form and is receiving 
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Customer service in this transaction.

#### 2. PURCHASE PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_

Payable by transfer of Good Funds via  $\Box$  Finance or  $\Box$  a combination of Finance and Cash USD or  $\Box$  Cash USD.

Verification of Cash available for Closing is  $\Box$  attached  $\Box$  not attached  $\Box$  to be Delivered before\_\_\_\_\_. This Contract  $\Box$  is  $\Box$  is not contingent upon the sale and closing of Buyer's real property and SCR504  $\Box$  is  $\Box$  is not attached.

3. **PROPERTY:** Hereby acknowledging sufficient good Contract consideration (e.g. mutual promises herein), Seller will sell and convey and Buyer will buy for the Purchase Price any and all lot or parcel of land, appurtenant interests, improvements, landscape, systems, and fixtures if any thereon and further described below ("Property"). Seller agrees to maintain in operable condition the Property and any personal property conveying, including any landscaping, grounds and any agreed upon repairs or replacements, from the Effective Date through Closing subject to normal operable wear and tear. Buyer acknowledges opportunity to inquire about owners association issues, common area issues, condominium master deed issues, assigned parking/storage areas, memberships, lease issues and financed equipment prior to signing Contract. Leasing issues and items and financed equipment see Adjustments (e.g. tenants, leases, future vacation renters, SC vacation rental act reservations, rents, deposits, documents, solar panels, fuel tanks with fuel, alarm systems, satellite equipment, roll carts).

Address				Unit #	
				State of	South Carolina
Zip		County of			
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Other				Tax Map	
Parties a	gree that no pe	ersonal property will trans	sfer as part of this sale, except	described below and/or $\square$ in atta	achment(s):

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4. CONVEYANCE/CLOSING/POSSESSION: "Closing" occurs when Seller conveys Property to Buyer and occurs no later than 5 PM on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_("Closing Date"). Conveyance shall be fee simple made subject to all easements, reservations, rights of way, restrictive covenants of record (provided they do not make the title unmarketable or adversely affect the use/value of the Property in a material way) and to all government statutes, ordinances, rules, permits, and regulations. Seller agrees to convey marketable title with a properly recorded general warranty deed free of encumbrances and liens except as herein stated; and in name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

and ownership type determined by Buyer. The deed shall be delivered to the Closing Attorney's designated place on or before the Closing Date no later than 10 AM. Seller agrees to pay all statutory deed recording fees. Parties agree the Brokers shall have access to the closing and relevant documents; and the Brokers shall be given copies of the settlement statement prior to Closing for review. Parties agree to hire/use licensed Attorney(s). Seller shall convey possession of a vacant Property, along with all keys, codes, any remote controls, available documents (e.g. manuals, equipment warranties, service information) and similar ownership items to Buyer at Closing. Seller will remove all man-made items from the Property unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

## 5. EARNEST MONEY: Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_(USD) Earnest Mon

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by Closing Attorney. Buyer and seller authorize \_\_\_\_\_\_as Escrow Agent to deposit and hold and disburse earnest money according to the terms of any separate escrow agreement, the law, and any regulations. Broker does not guarantee payment of a check or checks accepted as earnest money. Parties direct escrow agent to communicate reasonable information confirming receipt and status of earnest money upon a Broker request. If Earnest Money is not delivered by the agreed upon date above Seller may terminate the contract by delivering Notice of Termination to the Buyer.

THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING DEFAULT, ESCROW AGENT WILL NOT DISBURSE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT TO EITHER PARTY UNTIL BOTH PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED AN AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT (e.g. SCR518, SCR517, mediation agreement) OR UNTIL A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION HAS DIRECTED A DISBURSEMENT. EARNEST MONEY WILL NOT BE DISBURSED UNTIL DETERMINED TO BE GOOD FUNDS. IF LEGAL ACTIONS OCCUR RELATED TO EARNEST MONEY, PARTY RECEIVING THE LEAST AMOUNT OF EARNEST MONEY IN THE COURT'S DISBURSEMENT ORDER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY ESCROW AGENT'S FEES, COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES. IF INTERPLEADER IS TO BE UTILIZED, PARTIES AGREE THAT \$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SHALL BE PAID TO THE ESCROW AGENT BY THE PARTIES AS COMPENSATION BEFORE ESCROW AGENT INITIATES COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION PROCEEDINGS ON EARNEST MONEY.

#### 6. TRANSACTION COSTS:

#### (A) TRANSACTION COSTS

Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, Buyer will pay Buyer's transaction costs and Seller pay Seller's transaction costs.

- Buyer's transaction costs include all costs and closing costs resulting from selected financing, pre-paid recurring items, insurance (including but not limited to mortgage insurance, title insurance lender/owner, flood, insurance, and hazard insurance) discount points, interest, non-recurring closing costs, title exam, FHA/VA allowable costs, fees and expenses of Buyer's attorney, contractually required real estate broker compensation, and the cost of any inspector, appraiser, or surveyor.
- 2) Seller's transaction costs include deed preparation, deed recording costs, deed stamps/tax/recording costs calculated based on the value of the Property, all costs necessary to deliver marketable title and payoffs, satisfactions of mortgages/liens and recording, property taxes prorated at Closing, contractually required real estate broker compensation, and fees and expenses of Seller's attorney.
- 3) The following costs in addition to the costs above will be the considered □ Seller's or □ Buyer's transaction costs. If no box is checked these costs will be added to Seller's transaction costs.
  - a) All costs to obtain information from or pertaining to owners' association (e.g. printing or document fees charged to requesting party by the HOA)
  - b) Private and/or Public Transfer Fees
  - c) Any costs similar to transfer fees (e.g. certificate of assessment, capital contributions, working capital, estoppel fees or otherwise named but similar fees)
- 4) At Closing, Seller will pay Buyer's transaction costs not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_, which includes non-allowable costs first and then allowable costs (FHA/VA).

(Buyer Initials) (Seller Initials) Seller agrees to allow up to of transaction costs referenced above to go towards Buyer Broker Compensation. This concession cannot go solely to pay brokerage compensation if the concession was advertised on the Multiple Listing Service.

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\_\_\_\_\_(Buyer Initials) \_\_\_\_\_\_(Seller Initials) Seller does not allow any of the above reference transaction costs to go towards Buyer Broker Compensation

Buyer is responsible for any Buyer's transaction costs exceeding this amount. If the amount exceeds the actual amount of those costs or amount allowed by Lender, then any excess funds will revert to Seller. If no Closing, Buyer is responsible for Buyer's transaction costs and Seller responsible for Seller's transaction costs.

HOA dues and assessments are not considered transactions costs and are addressed by the closing attorney as needed per paragraph 29. A transfer fee is a nonrecurring fee that is being assessed solely because of a transfer in property ownership.

#### (B) HOA Assessments (Special, Nonrecurring, Unexpected, Non-Budgeted, Etc.)

#### This does not apply to HOA Dues or Membership Fees. Select only one of the Following Options

- Option 1: Special assessments approved prior to Closing shall be the responsibility of the Seller. Special Assessments approved after Closing shall be the responsibility of the Buyer. Any remainder of the balance due on a Special Assessment approved prior to closing will be paid in full by the Seller at Closing.
- Option 2: Seller shall be responsible for the portion of any Special Assessments approved prior to Closing that are due in the calendar year of Closing. Any remaining Special Assessment payments in subsequent years are the responsibility of the Buyer. Parties direct Closing Attorney to make the appropriate adjustments per Paragraph 29 of this agreement. Special Assessments approved after Closing shall be the responsibility of the Buyer.
- 7. FINANCE: Buyer's obligation under this Contract 
  is 
  is not contingent upon obtaining financing of a 
  30 year or 
  15 year or
  purchase money loan at reasonable prevailing market terms with loan(s) equal in amount to a
  maximum \_\_\_\_\_% of the Purchase Price or Appraised Value whichever is lower. ("Financing Contingency"). Financing
  Contingency expires at Closing ("Financing Period"). Buyer must make timely good faith efforts to apply for and obtain financing while
  refraining from contrary actions ("Financing Effort"). In a timely manner, Buyer shall inform Seller and Brokers of pertinent financing
  issues and authorize Buyer's Lender to disclose pertinent loan information to Seller and Brokers ("Financing Disclosure"). Buyer
  shall apply for financing by \_\_\_\_\_\_(date) and shall Deliver Notice to Seller of reasonable pre-final
  loan approval (e.g. pre-approval letter, initial approval letter) that contains no unreasonable credit, income, or asset conditions by
  (date) (no repairs required prior to this Notice). Final loan approval occurs when Lender

funds loan(s). If Buyer changes their Lender during the Financing Period, they must notify the seller in writing within \_\_\_\_\_\_ calendar days. Absent written approval by the Seller, Buyer cannot change their lender if the Closing Date agreed upon in Paragraph 4 will change as a direct result. If a Lender subsequently declines or fails to approve financing, the Buyer shall notify the Seller and Brokers as soon as possible. If the Seller and Brokers are notified of inability to obtain financing during the Financing Period, either Party may terminate this Contract by Notice. Lender (may change):

 $\Box$  FHA  $\Box$  VA  $\Box$  Conventional  $\Box$  Seller  $\Box$  Other \_

An FHA VA Financing Addendum 🗆 is 🗆 is not attached. Additional financing terms 🗆 are 🗆 are not attached.

8. INSPECTION/REINSPECTION RIGHTS: Buyer and SC licensed and insured inspectors ("Inspectors") reasonably perform any reasonable ultimately non-destructive examination and make reasonable record of the Property with reasonable Notice to Seller through Closing including investigations of off-site conditions and any issues related to the Property at Buyer Expense ("Inspections"). Buyer and persons they choose may make reasonable visual observations of Property.

Sellers will make the Property accessible for Inspection and not unreasonably withhold access, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties. Seller will grant the Buyer the right to perform a final walkthrough inspection of the property within 48 hours prior to the closing date. Seller will keep all utilities operational through Closing unless otherwise agreed:

□ Seller grants Buyer permission to connect utilities, pay for utilities, and hire professionals (e.g. electricians, plumbers) to safely connect and operate the utilities during the Inspections Other □ see at

□ see attached.

Buyer will hold harmless, indemnify, pay damages and attorneys fees to Seller and Brokers for all claims, injuries, and damages arising out of the exercise of these rights. Seller will hold harmless, indemnify, pay damages and attorneys fees to Brokers for all claims, injuries, and damages arising out of the exercise of these rights. Brokers recommend that Parties obtain all inspections as soon as possible. Brokers recommend that Parties and Inspectors use insurance to manage risk.

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#### 9. APPRAISED VALUE:

□ This Contract is contingent upon the Property being valued according to the Lender's appraisal or other appraisal as agreed upon by the Parties ("Appraised Value") for the Purchase Price or higher. If the Parties are made aware that the Appraised Value is less than the Purchase Price and the Seller Delivers Notice to the Buyer within five Calendar Days or Closing (whichever earliest) of an amendment to reduce the Purchase Price to the Appraised Value, the Parties agree to proceed to Closing under terms of this Contract with the Purchase Price amended to be the Appraised Value. If Seller is aware and refuses to reduce as stated above, Buyer may proceed to Closing or terminate this Contract by Delivering Notice of Termination to the Seller.

□ This Contract is <u>not</u> contingent upon the Property being valued at an Appraised Value according to the Lender's appraisal or other appraisal as agreed upon by the Parties for the Purchase Price or more.

- 10. SURVEY, TITLE EXAMINATION, ELEVATION, INSURANCE: Brokers recommend Buyer have Property surveyed, title examined, elevation/wetlands/beachfront determined, and appropriate insurance (e.g. flood, flood contents, hazard, liability, owner's title) effective at Closing. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by Parties, Buyer to obtain new insurance policies by Closing and Seller may cancel existing insurance after Closing. Flood Insurance, if required by Lender or at Buyer's option, shall be assigned to Buyer with permission of carrier and premium prorated to Closing. Buyers are solely responsible to investigate pricing, availability, coverage, and requirements of insurance (e.g. flood, flood contents, hazard, liability) for the property prior to signing Contract.
- 11. SURVIVAL: If any provision herein contained which by its nature or effect is required to be observed, kept, or performed after Closing, it will survive the Closing and remain binding upon for the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

#### 12. DUE DILIGENCE:

<u>During the Due Diligence Period</u>, Buyer may take timely/prudent steps to help Buyer/Inspectors, Seller/Estimators, and REALTORS® all have adequate time for: Buyer to coordinate Inspections and Repair Requests, Seller to obtain Repair estimates, Buyer and Seller to negotiate Repairs, and Buyer to potentially timely/properly Due Diligence terminate or buy.

During the Due Diligence Period, Seller agrees Buyer may rely on the following list of five items in accordance with Contract and laws. Buyer is solely responsible for Inspections. Buyer is not required to Inspect. Until Buyer timely/properly terminates the Contract or the Parties agree on an amended Contract, the Buyer can rely on #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. <u>Delivering a Repair Request does not extend the Due Diligence Period.</u>

- (1) Conduct/obtain Inspections [e.g. on site conditions, off site conditions]
- (2) Deliver Repairs Requests Notice to Seller [e.g. SCR525 with all repair requests, all/portions of reports]
- (3) Proceed under amended Contract [e.g. SCR330 and SCR525, SCR390, SCR391]
- (4) Proceed under As Is Contract [e.g. Buyer desires to buy anyway, Buyer wants Property without Repair]

(5) Terminate Contract by timely/properly Delivering "Notice of Termination" and "Termination Fee" to Seller within the Due Diligence Period.

## TERMINATION: During the Due Diligence Period, Buyer may unilaterally terminate this Contract by Delivering to the Seller both Notice of Termination and a Termination Fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_USD Good Funds.

DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD, SHOULD BUYER FAIL TO OBTAIN A NEW/AMENDED CONTRACT WITH THE SELLER OR BUYER FAIL TO TIMELY/PROPERLY DUE DILIGENCE TERMINATE THE CONTRACT DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD: The Buyer agrees to buy and Seller agrees to sell the Property AS IS. Parties agree "As Is" means Buyer buys the Property for the Purchase Price while Seller maintains the Property from the Effective Date through Closing subject to normal wear otherwise without repair or replacement and sells the Property for the Purchase price unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the Parties in this Contract.

**13. FIRE OR CASUALTY OR INJURY:** In case the Property is damaged wholly or partially by fire or other casualty prior to Closing, Parties will have the right for fourteen (14) Calendar Days after Notice of damage to Deliver Notice of Termination to other Party. If Party does not Deliver Notice of Termination, the Parties proceed according to the Contract and Seller is to be responsible to (1) repair all damage, (2) remit to Buyer an amount for repairs, or (3) assign to Buyer the right to all proceeds of insurance and remit any deductible amount applicable to such casualty. If Buyer or Inspections caused the damage, Buyer is responsible for indemnifying Seller for damages. Brokers and Parties should ensure that they are protected by appropriate risk management strategies such as insurance.

**14. BUILDING PERMIT:** This Contract  $\Box$  is  $\Box$  is not contingent upon Buyer's ability to acquire all required licenses and permits from the appropriate authorities to build on the Property. No later than \_\_\_\_\_\_Calendar Days after the original Effective Date unless the Parties agree in writing to extend this Building Permit Period, Buyer may unilaterally terminate this Contract by Delivering to the Seller a Notice of Termination due to inability to acquire all required licenses and permits from

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the appropriate authorities to build on the Property. Should Buyer not Deliver Notice of Termination due to inability to acquire all required licenses and permits from the appropriate authorities to build on the Property to Seller during the Building Permit Period, Buyer agrees to purchase and Seller agrees to sell the Property in accordance with Contract.

15. REZONING: This Contract 
is 
is is not contingent upon the Property being rezoned to \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_by full approval (without any appeal during the appeal period) by the appropriate authorities. No later than \_\_\_\_\_\_Calendar Days after the original Effective Date unless the Parties agree in writing to extend this Rezoning Period, Buyer may unilaterally terminate this Contract by Delivering to the Seller a Notice of Termination due to inability to acquire rezoning from the appropriate authorities to build on the Property. Should Buyer not Deliver Notice of Termination due to inability to acquire rezoning from the appropriate authorities during the Rezoning Period, Buyer agrees to purchase and Seller agrees to sell the Property in accordance with Contract. The \_\_ Buyer or \_\_ Seller shall be responsible for pursuing rezoning and paying all associated costs. All rezoning applications shall be submitted to the Seller for Seller's approval prior to filing. Seller shall not unreasonably or untimely withhold approval. All Parties agree to cooperate, sign the necessary documentation, and make efforts to support the rezoning application.

- 16. DEED RESTRICTIONS: Seller shall provide copy of any deed restrictions [including zoning ordinances, condominium documents (master deed, financial information, etc.)] and a copy of all restrictions and covenants for said property within \_\_\_\_\_Calendar Days of the Effective Date.
- WELL, SEPTIC, WATER LINE, SEWER AVAILABILITY: This Contract 🗆 is 🗆 is not contingent upon Buyer's ability to obtain 17. from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control or other appropriate authorities all required permits for a well and septic system suitable for the Buyer's intended structure in the event a well or septic system is needed on the Property. Calendar Days after the original Effective Date unless the Parties agree in writing No later than to extend this Well and Septic Permit Period, Buyer may unilaterally terminate this Contract by Delivering to the Seller a Notice of Termination due to inability to acquire all required permits from the appropriate authorities to install a conventional well and conventional septic system on the Property. Should Buyer not Deliver Notice of Termination due to inability to acquire all required permits from the appropriate authorities to install a well and septic system on the Property to Seller during the Well and Septic Period, Buyer agrees to purchase and Seller agrees to sell the Property in accordance with Contract. If the Property is connected or capable of being connected to a water and or sewer line maintained by a private or public utility for a customary \_, the Buyer agrees to waive any applicable tap fee not to exceed \$ portion of the Well and Septic Contingency. Seller represents the Property is connected to water system: 
  county 
  city □ private □ corporate □ community □ well □ other . Seller represents the Property is connected to water disposal system: 
  septic 
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- 18. SOIL AND WATER TESTS AND WATER ISSUES: After the Effective Date, the Buyer and Inspectors shall have the right to conduct Inspections including the rights to go on the property to conduct soil and water tests, including percolations tests, to ascertain whether the property is suitable for the improvements the Buyer desires. All expenses of such tests shall be paid by □ Buyer or □ Seller. Buyer shall be responsible for the repair, restoration, and any damages caused by such tests and Inspections.

Seller represents that the water supply is described fully here:

Seller represents that all waste water is disposed of via waste water systems described fully here:

Seller represents that all isolated wetlands or flood zones touching the property are described fully here:

19. CONDITION OF PROPERTY: Seller shall not remove any timber, vegetation, dirt, minerals, or otherwise affect the condition of the property from the Effective Date through Closing. All timber, vegetation, dirt, minerals, or similar shall remain as part of the Property and be conveyed to the Buyer at Closing. The Seller shall not bring any trash, refuse, debris, dirt, fill, medical wastes, hazardous wastes, or other materials onto the Property. Seller shall Deliver Notice of any legal action or condemnation action to the Buyer as soon as possible. If Seller Delivers such Notice, Buyer may unilaterally terminate this Contract by Delivering to the Seller a Notice of Termination. Should Buyer not Deliver this Notice of Termination, Buyer agrees to purchase and Seller agrees to sell the Property in accordance with Contract.

#### 20. SC RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ("CDS") [check one]:

□ Buyer and Seller agree that Seller has Delivered prior to this Contract, a CDS to Buyer, as required by SC Code of Laws Section 27-50-10 et seq. If after delivery, Seller discovers a CDS material inaccuracy or the CDS becomes materially inaccurate due to an occurrence or circumstance; the Seller shall promptly correct this inaccuracy (e.g. delivering a corrected CDS to the Buyer or making reasonable repairs prior to Closing). Buyer understands the CDS does not replace Inspections. Buyer

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understands and agrees the CDS contains only statements made by the Seller. Parties agree the Brokers are not responsible nor liable for any information in the CDS and the Brokers have met requirements of SC Code 27-50-70. CDS is not a substitute for the Buyers and Inspectors inspecting the Property, Property issues, and off site conditions for all needs.

□ Buyer and Seller agree that Seller will <u>NOT</u> complete nor provide a CDS to Buyer in accordance with SC Code of Law, as amended, Section 27-50-30, Paragraph (13). Buyers have sole responsibility to inspect Property Issues for all their needs.

- 21. LEAD BASED PAINT/LEAD HAZARDS: If Property was built or contains items created prior to 1978, it may contain lead based hazards and Parties agree to sign "Disclosure of Information of Lead Based Paint and/or Lead Hazards" forms (e.g. SCR315) and give copies to Brokers. Parties acknowledge receiving and understanding the EPA pamphlet "Protect your Family From Lead in Your Home." For their protection, Buyers should conduct/obtain Inspections of all Property issues per their needs.
- 22. SEX OFFENDER/CRIMINAL INFORMATION: Parties agree that Brokers are not responsible for obtaining or disclosing information in the SC Sex Offender Registry and no course of action may be brought against any Brokers for failure to obtain or disclose sex offender or criminal information. Buyer and Seller agree that they have sole responsibility to obtain their own sex offender, death, psychological stigma, clandestine laboratory, and crime information from sources (e.g. law enforcement, P.I., web). The Buyer may obtain information about the Sex Offender Registry and persons registered with the Registry by contacting the local county Sheriff or other appropriate law enforcement officials.
- 23. TRUST ACCOUNT INTEREST/CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION: According to the South Carolina Real Estate Commission regulations and South Carolina laws, any interest earned from deposit to Closing on Buyer's earnest money deposit belongs to Buyer. It is understood that Broker  $\Box$  may  $\Box$  may not place deposited earnest monies into an interest bearing trust account. If Buyer's earnest money deposit is deposited into an interest bearing trust account, Parties agree that Broker will retain all interest earned in said account and may contribute some or all to a charitable enterprise.
- 24. SC INCOME TAX ON NON-RESIDENT GAIN AND COMPLIANCE AND USA FEDERAL INCOME TAX: Seller and Buyer will comply with the provisions of the South Carolina laws [e.g. 12-8-580 (as amended)] regarding state income tax withholding requirements if the Seller is not a resident or has not filed South Carolina state income tax returns. Seller and Buyer will comply with United States of America federal income tax laws. Seller and Buyer should discuss tax laws and minimization actions with their qualified tax advisor. Parties will comply with all local, state, federal laws, and any rules.

#### 25. ROLLBACK TAXES (CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS):

□ The parties agree that the Seller shall pay any rollback taxes at the closing. No later than five calendar days prior to the closing date, Seller shall provide any and all information and documentation required by the appropriate taxing authority to assess the rollback taxes on the Property. The parties agree that County assessment/estimate for rollback taxes collected on the closing statement represents the final amount for rollback taxes to be paid by Seller; after the closing, neither party shall have any further duties or responsibilities to the other party related to rollback taxes.

□ The parties agree that the Buyer shall pay any rollback taxes whenever the taxes are assessed; Seller has no responsibility for rollback taxes.

□ The Parties agree to split agree to pay the rollback taxes as follows:	% paid by Buyer and	%
paid by Seller		

## 26. SPECIAL STUDIES AREA, WETLANDS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS: All reports and certifications required by the Lender, Buyer, or any government concerning any special study area, wetlands, or environmental issues shall be ordered by \_

and paid for by

All of these reports or certifications shall be completed no later than <u>Calendar Days after the original Effective Date</u>, unless the Parties agree in writing or extend this period ("Environmental Period"). In the event repairs are necessary to address environmental concerns (Repair Requests); the Seller shall be Delivered Notice in writing of the specific defects or deficiencies no later than two Calendar Days after the Environmental Period. If the Buyer fails to notify the Seller within this timeframe, Buyer shall have waived any and all rights under terms of this section. If Lender's commitment requires any additional inspections or certifications, these are to be provided by the Buyer.

Upon Delivered Notice of the Repair Requests, Seller has five Calendar Days to address the Buyer's Repair Requests. The costs of all repairs to address environmental concerns to be paid by Seller. If the Seller fails to agree to make these repairs within this timeframe, the Buyer shall have two Calendar Days to choose any of the following options (1) accept the Property in its present condition, (2) negotiate with the Seller for the payment of these repairs or (3) terminate this Contract. The repairs to any other items are the sole responsibility of the Buyer. The obligations of the Seller for repairs terminate upon Closing. If the Seller agrees to make the repairs, the Parties agree to proceed under Contract.

# 27. HOME WARRANTY COMPANY OPTIONAL COVERAGE ("HWC"): Parties agree that a Home Warranty ordered by \_\_\_\_\_\_ with at least twelve months of coverage after Closing Date □ will □ will not be provided by Closing and \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Home Warranty Company. Buyer to pay any deficit and surplus reverts to payor. Proposed HWC and type of HWC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In order for Broker to receive compensation under this section they must provide written notice done through an amendment (Form 390) or paragraph 36 to the parties prior to closing. ANY COMPENSATION IN THIS SECTION IS COMING EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE HOME WARRANTY COMPANY AND IS NOT PAID BY ANY PARTY TO THIS CONTRACT OR THEIR BROKER. NOTICE: THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE THAT BROKERS HAVE/WILL/MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM HWC/OTHERS FOR REFERRAL/PROCESSING. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A HWC OR SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CONTRACT AND IF YOU CHOOSE TO PURCHASE SUCH COVERAGE YOU ARE FREE TO PURCHASE IT FROM ANOTHER PROVIDER.

- 28. ENTIRE AND BINDING AGREEMENT (MERGER CLAUSE): Parties agree that this Contract expresses the entire agreement between the parties, that there is no other agreement, oral/otherwise, modifying the terms and this Contract is binding on Parties and principals, heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns. Illegal provisions are severable.
- 29. ADJUSTMENTS: Buyer and Seller agree to settle or prorate, annually or as appropriate; as of Closing Date: (A) utilities and waste fees issued after Closing which include service for time Property was owned/occupied by Seller (B) real estate taxes and owner association fees/assessments for the calendar year of Closing (C) any rents, deposits, fees associated with leasing (D) insurance (including any non-special assessments assessed due to increased premiums), EMS service, fuel/consumables, and all other non-special assessments. Closing Attorney shall make tax proration based on the available tax information deemed reliable by the Closing Attorney. Should the tax or tax estimate or proration later become inaccurate or change, Buyer and Seller shall make any financial adjustments between themselves once accurate tax information is available and Buyer takes timely reasonable steps to minimize taxes. This section survives Closing. Buyer is solely responsible for timely and reasonably minimizing the Buyer's taxes and obtaining tax minimization procedural information including related legal counsel and financial counsel.

#### 30. DEFAULT/BREACH OF CONTRACT:

- (A) If Seller defaults in the performance of any of the Seller's obligations under this Contract ("Default"), Buyer may:
  - (i) Deliver Notice of Default to Seller and terminate Contract and
  - (ii) Pursue any remedies available to Buyer at law or equity and
  - (iii) Recover attorneys' fees and all other direct costs of litigation if Seller found in default/breach of Contract.
- (B) If Buyer defaults in the performance of any of the Buyer's obligations under this Contract ("Default"), Seller may:
  - (i) Deliver Notice of Default to Buyer and terminate Contract and
  - (ii) Pursue any remedies available to Seller at law or equity and
  - (iii) Recover attorneys' fees and all other direct costs of litigation if Buyer found in default/breach of Contract.
- (C) If either/both Parties default, Parties agree to sign an escrow deposit disbursement agreement or release agreement.

(D) Parties may agree in writing to allow a Cure Period for a default. If within the Cure Period, either Party cures the Default and Delivers Notice, Parties shall proceed under the Contract.

- 31. MEDIATION: To potentially avoid expensive/lengthy/uncertain litigation, Parties may voluntarily/cooperatively decide which mediator to hire, how to pay the mediator, where to meet for mediation talks, and their own settlement agreement. Mediators do not decide settlement outcomes (Parties decide). Mediators merely facilitate the Parties reaching their own settlement and documenting settlement. Parties agree to attempt mediation for any dispute, claim, breach, representations made by any Party/Broker/other (e.g. concealment, misrepresentation, negligence, fraud) or service issues related to this Contract by using the National Association of REALTORS® Mediation Dispute Resolution System (803-772-5206 or www.NAR.REALTOR/policy/mediation or www.screaltors.org/mediation). Parties agree some matters may proceed without mediation (e.g. foreclosure, action to enforce a mortgage or deed of trust or "rent to own" agreement, unlawful detainer action, file/enforce mechanic's lien, probate issues, interpleader action on earnest money). Parties agree some matters are not a waiver of mediation nor a breach of duty to attempt mediation (e.g. filing judicial action enabling recording notice of pending action, order for attachment/receivership/injunction or other provisional remedies).
- 32. NON-RELIANCE CLAUSE (NOT A MERGER CLAUSE NOR EXTENSION OF A MERGER CLAUSE): Parties execute this Contract freely and voluntarily without reliance upon any statements, representations, inducements, promises, or agreements by Brokers or Parties except as expressly stipulated or set forth in this Contract. If not contained herein, such statements, representations, inducements, promises, or agreements shall be of no force or effect. Parties acknowledge that Brokers are being retained solely as licensed real estate agents and not as any attorney, tax/financial advisor, appraiser, surveyor, engineer, mold or air quality expert, home inspector, or other professional service provider.
- **33. BROKER DISCLAIMER:** Parties acknowledge that Brokers give no warranties or representations of any kind, expressed or implied as to: (1) condition of the Property, including but not limited to termites, radon, mold, asbestos, moisture, environmental issues, water, waste, air quality, HVAC, utilities, plumbing, electrical or structure, etc. (2) condition of the Property, survey or legal matters, square footage (3) off site conditions (4) schools (5) title including but not limited to easements, encroachments, projections, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, setbacks, and the like (6) fitness for a particular purpose of the Property or the improvements (7) zoning ordinances and restrictions (8) projected income, value, marketability, taxes, insurance, or other possible benefits to Buyer. Parties consent that their Brokers may communicate with them via any means; and use or disclose information not made confidential by written instruction of Parties.
- 34. BROKERS COMPENSATION: Parties direct Closing Attorney to use settlement funds to collect and disburse compensation to Brokers in accordance with written agreements, as amended, between any Party and a broker or other representative, and

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document compensation on the settlement statement. If a Party disputes a Broker's compensation, that Party agrees to retain a South Carolina law firm to escrow only the disputed amount of the Broker's compensation until the dispute is resolved by a written agreement signed by that Party and the affected Broker, arbitration award, or court order. Party requesting the escrow shall pay all costs for escrow. If the dispute is not resolved within180 days of Closing, the escrow shall be disbursed to the Broker. Parties agree that Brokers are third party beneficiaries to this Contract and have standing to seek remedies at law and equity. Parties represent that their only enforceable agency and/or non-agency agreements are with the Brokers disclosed in this Contract. Should any Broker receive any compensation from the transaction in this Contract that has not been disclosed to Seller and Buyer in this Contract or a listing agency or compensation agreement disclosed, then prior to Closing, the Broker that expects to receive such compensation must notify Seller and Buyer and receive their written permission for Broker to receive such compensation.

- **35. BROKER LIABILITY LIMITATION:** Parties agree Brokers provided Parties with benefits, services, assistance, and value in bringing about this Contract. In consideration and recognition of the risks, rewards, compensation and benefits arising from this transaction to Brokers, Parties each agree that they shall pay Brokers' attorneys fees and that Brokers, shall not be liable to either Party or both, either jointly, severally or individually, in an amount exceeding that Broker's Compensation by reason of any act or omission, including negligence, misrepresentation, errors and omissions, or breach of undertaking, except for intentional or willful acts. This limitation shall apply regardless of the cause of action or legal theory asserted against either Broker, unless the claim is for an intentional or willful act. This limitation of liability shall apply to all claims, losses, costs, damages or claimed expenses of any nature from any cause(s), except intentional or willful acts, so that the total liability of either Broker shall not exceed the amount set forth herein. Parties will indemnify and hold harmless and pay attorneys fees for Brokers from breach of contract, any negligent or intentional acts or omissions by any Parties, Inspectors, Professionals, Service Providers, Contractors, etc. including any introduced or recommended by Brokers. Parties each agree that there is valid and sufficient consideration for this limitation of liability and that Brokers are the intended third-party beneficiaries of this provision.
- 36. ATTACHMENTS, OTHER CONTINGENCIES, TERMS, AND/OR STIPULATIONS: NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING BROKERAGE COMPENSATION <u>BETWEEN PARTIES OR BROKERAGE FIRMS</u> SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION OR ANY ATTACHED ADDENDA. ANY VOLUNTARY NEGOTIATION FOR BROKERAGE COMPENSATION SHOULD BE DONE IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF THIS CONTRACT AS PART OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF BUYER TRANSACTION COST OR IN A SEPARATE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT (SCR FORM 120). THE ONLY APPROPRIATE ITEM REGARDING COMPENSATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 27 AND RELATED TO COMPENSATION PAID TO A BROKER BY A HOME WARRANTY COMPANY. There may be attachments to this Contract. The most recent changes, amendments, attachments, contingencies, stipulations, addendum, additions, exhibits, or writings, agreed to by the Parties; is evidence of the Parties' intent and agreement and shall control any Contract language conflicts. Parties shall initial and date Contract changes. If any documents are attached as addenda, amendments, attachments, or exhibits considered part of this Agreement, such documents can be further identified or described here (e.g. SCR 390, 391, 503, 504, 315, 320, 393, 370, 375, 513, 610):

- **37. NOTICE AND DELIVERY:** Notice is any unilateral communication (offers, counteroffers, acceptance, termination, unilateral requests for better terms, and associated addenda/amendments) from one Party to the other. Notice to/from a Broker representing a Party is deemed Notice to/from the Party. All Notice, consents, approvals, counterparts, and similar actions required under Contract must be in paper or electronic writing and will only be effective as of delivery to the Notice address/email/fax written below and awareness of receipt by Broker ("Delivered") unless Parties agree otherwise in writing.
- 38. Due to potential criminal activity, parties are solely responsible to verify all wiring instructions with law firm/bank and understand that audio/visual surveillance may occur. Parties acknowledge receiving, reading, reviewing, and understanding: this Contract, the SC Disclosure of Real Estate Brokerage Relationships form, any agency agreements, and copies of these documents. Parties acknowledge having time and opportunity to review all documents and receive legal counsel from their attorneys prior to signing Contract.
- 39. EXPIRATION OF OFFER: When signed by a Party and intended as an offer or counter offer, this document represents an offer to the other Party that may be rescinded any time prior to or expires at \_\_\_\_\_ AM D PM on

Delivered prior to such deadline:

, \_\_\_\_\_\_unless accepted or counter-offered by the other Party in written form

This offer will expire automatically if no action is taken by either party 30 calendar days after the offer's submittal.

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If signee is not a Party, appropriate legal documents (e.g. Power of Attorney, Corporate Authorization) are 
attached or 
to be Delivered within \_\_\_\_\_\_Calendar Days. Parties shall initial and date all page and changes in this Contract.

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Buyer's Agent License #/LLR Office Code	Buyer's Agent Telephone Number	
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#### TRANSACTION BROKERAGE AGREEMENT

1. PARTIES: This legally binding Agreement ("Contract:") is entered into by Customer(s), \_\_\_\_\_

("Customer") and ("Broker") as transaction broker.

subject to the terms and conditions stated in this Contract. In accordance with the terms of this agreement, Customer agrees to compensate Broker for facilitating the purchase or sale of real estate as described below. "Broker" is defined as a licensed South Carolina real estate broker-in-charge which includes the broker's associated real estate licensees.

2. **PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT:** Customer desires to DPURCHASE DSELL LEASE real property (personal property must be addressed in a separate agreement) described as follows:

Type: □ Residential □ Commercial □ Industrial □ Vacant Land □ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Property to SELL:	
Address:	
Tax Map Number:	
List Price:	
Property to PURCHASE/LEASE:	
Approximate Price Range: \$	
General Property Description:	
General Location:	
Other:	

Customer agrees to compensate Broker \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_or \_\_\_\_\_% of gross sales/lease price/amount earned for Broker completing the facilitation of the real estate transaction described above during the term beginning on \_\_\_\_\_\_ and ending at 11:59 pm on \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Customer and Broker agree that Broker shall provide the following customer services to Customer. The Broker shall:

- 1. Use skill, care, and diligence to facilitate the transaction;
- 2. Be honest, fair and provide accurate information;
- 3. Account in a timely manner for all funds received by the Broker on behalf of a party to a real estate transaction;
- 4. Disclose material adverse facts actually known by the Broker that affect the transaction, or the value or condition of the real property and that are not readily ascertainable;
- 5. Promptly present all written offers and counteroffers involving the sale, lease or exchange of property even when the property is subject to a contract of sale;
- 6. Keep information confidential as requested in writing by the Customer.

Customer agrees to waive all confidentiality except for that information the Customer requests, in writing, be kept confidential. Customer agrees that Broker is not an agent of the Customer, Customer has not established a client relationship with the Broker, and that the Broker is not acting in a fiduciary capacity. Customer agrees that the Broker is not an advocate for the interests of the Customer. Customer agrees to be responsible for verifying wiring instructions.

## PAYMENT WOULD BE DUE IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT BY THE COMPENSATING PARTY.COMPENSATION FOR THE PURPOSES/ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE IS NOT SET BY LAW AND IS FULLY NEGOTIABLE BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

3. DISCLOSURE: The parties agree that compensation being paid under this Agreement will be disclosed to all parties to the transaction that generate the compensation payment. The Broker's compensation from all sources in any transaction subject to this Agreement cannot exceed the maximum calculated above unless an amendment pursuant to this section allows a higher amount

PARTIES ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS CONTRACT Parties acknowledge receiving, reading, reviewing, and understanding: this Contract, the LLR's SC Disclosure of Real Estate Relationships, any transaction brokerage agreements, and copies of these documents.

Customer:	Date:	Time:
Customer:	Date:	
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#### In addition to Form 530 SCHEDULE A CHECKLIST OF APPLIANCES AND/OR PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SALE OF:

	(Address)
Refrigerator	Wooden Shutters
Freezer	Plantation Blinds
Microwave (not built in)	Window Shades
Bar Refrigerator	Area Rug(s)
Lce Maker	Window Air Conditioning Unit(s)
Washing Machine	Fireplace Set (Tools/Screen)
Dryer	Pool Equipment
Clotheslines & Poles	Porch Swing
Draperies	Dock
Curtains/Window Treatment	Pier
🔲 Mini Blinds	Boat Lift
Vertical Blinds	Shelving (not attached)
	Work Benches

#### UTILITY COMPANIES

Electricity:		_ Natural Gas:							
Water:		Cable:							
Seller:	Date:	Buyer:	Date:						
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# WIRE FRAUD WARNING

Anyone involved in a real estate transaction can become a criminal's target for WIRE FRAUD, crimes, or assault.

<u>Always be suspicious of all emailed wiring instructions. Always check the wire's authenticity and routing numbers.</u> <u>Immediately communicate any suspicion of an email WIRE FRAUD scheme to banks and law enforcement (FBI).</u>

#### NEVER WIRE MONEY OR SEND MONEY TO ANYONE WITHOUT VERBALLY VERIFYING THE WIRING/TRANSFER DIRECTIONS AND RECIPIENT VIA TRUSTED SOURCES (NOT EMAIL) IN A TIMELY AND REASONABLE MANNER

#### DUE TO WIRE FRAUD SCAMS, REALTORS® WILL ALMOST NEVER EMAIL WIRING INSTRUCTIONS.

Always verify wiring instructions via trusted sources (**not** email)(e.g. phone, visual, mail) and knowing/recognizing lawyer's/seller's/staff's voice on the phone or seeing faces. Beware: Criminals create fake law firms/staff/phone numbers.

Domestic and over seas organized WIRE FRAUD criminals can create fake phone numbers using a local area code.

Domestic and over seas organized WIRE FRAUD criminals may hack into trusted email accounts (e.g. lawyers, sellers, real estate licensees, bankers) and email fake wire instructions to YOU and steal YOUR money if YOU wire without verification.

WIRE FRAUD defenses: Proper verification of WIRE instructions. Use secure/encrypted email, mail, courier, or fax in lieu of email which is vulnerable to WIRE FRAUD hacking. Obtain cyber/crime insurance. Utilize trusted REALTORS®, local established professionals. Timely/properly investigate/check on people, companies, and real estate schemes/crimes (internet) to avoid and deter crooks. Contact law enforcement and SCR (803-772-5206) for information on WIRE FRAUD.

Domestic and over seas organized criminals can "phish" for identity theft information. Beware clicking links and emails. Consider using two step email authentication (text code) alongside state of the art password protection. Sellers should secure all valuables, drugs, weapons, pets, sentimental items, and identity theft information prior to showings. Consider personal safety at all times. Stop criminals scraping listings into fake rentals (Google Alerts, Alert Craigslist/VRBO).

PARTIES ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE PRIOR TO SIGNING AND DURING THE TRANSACTION. REALTORS® RECOMMEND OBTAINING LEGAL COUNSEL. VERIFY WIRE INSTRUCTIONS. Due to potential WIRE FRAUD, parties are solely responsible to verify all WIRE instructions from anyone. Parties acknowledge receiving, reading, reviewing, and understanding: this WIRE FRAUD WARNING. Please report crimes to law enforcement (e.g. FBI) and applicable REALTOR® associations (<u>info@screaltors.org</u> 803-772-5206).

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