

Louisiana Residential Lease

Date: {TodaysDate}

1. **PARTIES.** This Louisiana Residential Lease (“Agreement”) is between {TenantNames} (collectively, the “Tenant”) and {PropertyManagerEntity} (“Landlord”). Each Tenant is jointly and severally liable for all terms of this Agreement.
2. **PREMISES.** Subject to the terms and conditions in this Agreement, Landlord rents to Tenant, and Tenant rents from Landlord, for residential purposes only, {Address} (“Premises”).
3. **OCCUPANTS.** The Premises shall be used and occupied only as a private residence by Tenant and immediate family of Tenant, provided that the total number of occupants does not exceed the number of occupants allowed under law. Occupancy by other persons for more than seven consecutive days and more than two occasions in any month is prohibited without Landlord's written consent and shall be considered a breach of this Agreement. Tenant is responsible for the conduct of all occupants, guests, and invitees.
4. **AGREEMENT TERM.** The term of this Agreement begins on {StartDate}, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on {EndDate} (“Agreement Term”).
5. **PAYMENT OF RENT.** Tenant shall pay Landlord a monthly rental amount of \${MonthlyRent}, due to Landlord in full on the first business day of the month at Landlord's address or using electronic funds transfer to an account designated by Landlord for the payment of rent. If Landlord and Tenant agree that Tenant shall make payments through the LeaseRunner Tenant Payment Center, then all {ACH_Fees}.
6. **CHARGES AND FEES.** If Tenant fails to pay the rent in full by the fifth day of the month, Tenant shall pay Landlord a late charge of \${Late_Fee}. If any payment offered by Tenant to Landlord for rent or any other amount due under this Agreement is returned for lack of sufficient funds, for a stop-payment, or for any other reason, Tenant shall pay Landlord an insufficient funds fee of \${NSF_Fee}. Landlord and Tenant agree that the charges and fees are a reasonable estimate of the administrative costs incurred by Landlord. Landlord does not waive the right to insist on payment of the rent in full on the date it is due.
7. **PRORATION OF RENT.** For the period from {StartDate} through the end of the month, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the prorated monthly rent of \${ProratedRent}.
8. **SECURITY DEPOSIT.**
 - A. **Amount.** Tenant shall deposit with Landlord the amount of \${SecurityDeposit} as a security deposit against any breach of this Agreement by Tenant.

B. **Return Of Security Deposit; Allowable Charges.** Per La. R.S. § 9:3251, Landlord shall return Tenant's security deposit within **one month** after the termination of this Agreement or surrender and acceptance of the Premises, whichever occurs last. However, Landlord may retain all or any portion of the security deposit which is reasonably necessary to remedy a default of Tenant or to remedy unreasonable wear to the Premises. If any portion of an advance or deposit is retained by Landlord, Landlord shall forward to Tenant, within **one month** after the date the tenancy terminates, an itemized statement accounting for the proceeds which are retained and giving the reasons therefor. Tenant shall furnish the lessor a forwarding address at the termination of this Agreement, to which such statements may be sent. **Landlord's obligations under this section shall not apply when Tenant abandons the Premises, either without giving notice as required or prior to the end of the Agreement Term.**

C. **Damages.** Per La. R.S. § 9:3252, Landlord's willful failure to comply with subsection (B) above or La. R.S. § 9:3251 shall give Tenant the right to recover any portion of the security deposit wrongfully retained and three hundred dollars or twice the amount of the portion of the security deposit wrongfully retained, whichever is greater, from Landlord. Failure to remit within thirty days after written demand for a refund shall constitute willful failure.

9. **KEYS.** Landlord shall provide Tenant with {HouseKeys} house key(s), {MailboxKeys} mailbox key(s), and {GarageOpeners} garage door opener(s) (collectively, the "Keys"). Keys may not be duplicated, and Tenant shall return Keys to Landlord at move-out. Tenant's failure to return the Keys to Landlord at move-out shall incur a \$50 administrative fee, plus the costs of the lock change service.
10. **UTILITIES.** Landlord shall be responsible for paying the following utilities: {LandlordUtilities}. Tenant shall be responsible for paying all other utilities including but not limited to: {TenantUtilities}. Within three business days after the beginning of the Agreement Term, Tenant shall arrange for such utilities or services and for billing directly to Tenant for the Agreement Term. The party responsible for any particular utility or service shall not be liable for failure to furnish the utility or service when the cause of such failure is beyond that party's control.
11. **SMOKING.** Smoking {Smoking} permitted in the Premises.
12. **PET RESTRICTIONS.** Except for service animals for the disabled, no animal, bird, or other pet is allowed in the Premises at any time, unless Tenant and Landlord have executed a separate written pet agreement. If at any time Tenant allows a pet into the Premises, Landlord may charge Tenant a penalty of \$50 per day, plus the costs of any damages.
13. **NOTICE TO QUIT AND HOLDOVER.**
 - A. **Notice.** At least **30 days** prior to the end of the Agreement Term, Tenant shall provide Landlord with written notice of Tenant's intention to move out by the end of the Agreement Term. If Tenant fails to

provide such written notice, the tenancy shall be month-to-month after the Agreement Term, and all other terms of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

- B. **Month-to-Month Tenancies.** If this Agreement becomes a month-to-month tenancy, rent shall be uniformly apportioned per day during the notice period, which begins upon the other party's receipt of notice of termination as per the following notice periods:
- i. Notice by Landlord. Landlord may terminate a month-to-month tenancy by providing **30 days'** written notice to Tenant.
 - ii. Notice by Tenant. Tenant may terminate a month-to-month tenancy by providing **30 days'** written notice to Landlord.
- C. **Holdover.** If Tenant continues in possession of the Premises after the date of termination of this Agreement, as provided herein or under law, Tenant shall pay to Landlord **double the monthly rental amount of $\{MonthlyRent\}$** , computed and prorated on a daily basis, for each day Tenant remains in possession. In addition, Tenant shall be responsible for any further losses and/or costs incurred by Landlord as determined by a proceeding before any court of competent jurisdiction.
14. **RENT CHANGES.** Landlord may not change the rental amount during the Agreement Term. Landlord may change the rental amount or other agreement terms for a tenancy subsequent to the Agreement Term by providing written notice to Tenant **10 days** prior to the end of the Agreement Term.
15. **POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES.** Tenant shall be responsible for paying rent and complying with all terms of this Agreement after signing this Agreement, even if Tenant fails to take possession of the Premises. If Tenant fails to take possession of the Premises within seven days of the beginning of the Agreement Term, Landlord may terminate this Agreement.
16. **DELAY OF OCCUPANCY.** In the event Tenant's occupancy of the Premises is delayed for construction, repairs, cleaning, a holdover tenant, or any other circumstances beyond Landlord's control, this Agreement shall remain in effect, subject to the abatement of rent on a daily basis. If the delay of occupancy is longer than seven days, Tenant may terminate this Agreement by delivering written notice to Landlord. After such termination, Landlord's liability to Tenant is limited to the return of all sums previously paid by Tenant to Landlord under this Agreement.
17. **REIMBURSEMENT.** Tenant shall immediately reimburse Landlord for any loss, damage, cost, or repair caused by Tenant or an occupant, guest, or invitee of Tenant. Tenant's unpaid balances shall incur interest at the highest lawful rate.
18. **MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES.**
- A. **Landlord's Responsibilities.** If any breach of the following is caused by the misconduct of Tenant, a member of Tenant's household, a guest or invitee of Tenant, or a person under Tenant's direction or control, the condition shall not constitute a breach of Landlord's obligations under this section. Unless otherwise provided under

Louisiana law, Landlord shall:

- i. maintain the Premises in a condition suitable for the purpose of which it was leased;
- ii. make all repairs that become necessary to maintain the Premises in a condition suitable for the purpose for which it was leased; and
- iii. protect Tenant's peaceful possession for the duration of this Agreement.

B. Tenant's Responsibilities. Tenant shall not destroy, deface, damage, impair, or remove any part of the Premises or surrounding property, nor permit any person under Tenant's direction or control to do so.

Tenant shall:

- i. comply with all obligations imposed upon tenants by applicable provisions of all municipal, county, and state codes, statutes, ordinances, and regulations;
- ii. keep the Premises clean, sanitary, and in good condition;
- iii. notify Landlord immediately of any defects, maintenance issues, or dangerous conditions of which Tenant becomes aware;
- iv. be responsible for cleaning and routine maintenance;
- v. dispose promptly of all rubbish, garbage, and other waste; and
- vi. properly use and operate any electrical, gas, and plumbing fixtures and keep them as clean and sanitary as their conditions permit.

19. **SURRENDER.** Upon termination of the tenancy, Tenant shall return the Premises to Landlord in a condition identical to that which existed when Tenant took occupancy, except for ordinary wear and tear. Tenant has examined the Premises, including appliances, fixtures, carpets, drapes, and paint; and has found them to be in good, safe, clean, and operable condition; except as noted on the inspection checklist, if any.

20. **REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.**

A. Landlord's Right to Make Repairs. Per La. C.C. § 2693, if the Premises requires a repair that cannot be postponed until the end of the Agreement Term, Landlord has the right to make that repair even if this causes Tenant to suffer inconvenience or loss of use of the Premises. In such a case, Tenant may obtain a reduction or abatement of the rental amount, or a dissolution of this Agreement, depending on all of the circumstances, including each party's fault or responsibility for the repair, the length of the repair period, and the extent of the loss of use.

B. Tenant's Right to Make Repairs.

- i. Except as provided by law, Tenant shall not make any repairs or alterations to the Premises without the prior written consent of Landlord and the homeowners association, if applicable.

Repairs and alterations include but are not limited to painting, wallpapering, demolition, carpentry, installation of fixtures, or any other changes to the Premises. Any repairs or alterations that Tenant performs with approved consent must conform to a professional standard of quality. Any repairs or alterations performed by Tenant shall become the property of Landlord, and Tenant shall not be entitled to any compensation for such repairs or alterations.

- ii. Per La. C.C. § 2694, if Landlord fails to perform Landlord's obligation to make necessary repairs within a reasonable time after demand by Tenant, Tenant may cause them to be made. Tenant may demand immediate reimbursement of the amount expended for the repair or apply that amount to the payment of rent, but only to the extent that the repair was necessary and the expended amount was reasonable.

C. **Keys and Security Systems.** Tenant shall not, without the prior written consent of Landlord, alter or install any locks to the Premises, or alter or install any security system. Tenant shall provide Landlord with a key or keys capable of unlocking all such altered or new locks as well as with instructions on how to disarm any altered or new security system.

21. **USE VIOLATIONS.** Tenant is responsible for the behavior of Tenant's occupants, guests, and invitees. Tenant shall comply with all rules and regulations of Landlord and the homeowners association, if applicable. Tenant and Tenant's occupants, guests, and invitees shall not use the Premises or any common areas on the property in such a manner that:
- A. violates any law or ordinance, including laws prohibiting the use, possession, or sale of illegal drugs;
 - B. damages the Premises, common areas, or surrounding property; or
 - C. disturbs the peace and quiet of any other tenant or nearby resident.

22. **RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

- A. Landlord, from time to time, may adopt rules or regulations, however described, concerning Tenant's use and occupancy of the Premises. They are enforceable against Tenant only if:
 - i. their purpose is to promote the convenience, safety, or welfare of Tenant; preserve Landlord's property from abusive use; or make a fair distribution of services and facilities held out for the tenants generally;
 - ii. they are reasonably related to the purpose for which they are adopted;
 - iii. they apply to all tenants in the property in a fair manner;
 - iv. they are sufficiently explicit in their prohibition, direction, or limitation of Tenant's conduct to fairly inform Tenant of what must be done to comply;
 - v. they are not for the purpose of evading the obligations of

Landlord; and

vi. Tenant has notice of them at the time Tenant enters into this Agreement or when they are adopted.

B. A rule or regulation adopted after Tenant enters into this Agreement is enforceable against Tenant if reasonable notice of its adoption is given to Tenant and it does not work a substantial modification of this Agreement.

23. **MEGAN'S LAW.** The Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information maintains a state Sex Offender and Child Predator Registry. It is a public access database of the locations of individuals who are required to register pursuant to La. R.S. § 15:540 et seq. Sheriff's departments and police departments serving jurisdictions of 450,000 also maintain such information. The state Sex Offender and Child Predator Registry database can be accessed at

www.lsp.org/socpr/default.html

and contains address, pictures, and conviction records for registered offenders. The database can be searched by zip code, city, parish, or by offender name. Information is also available by phone at 1-800-858-0551 or 1-225-925-6100 or mail at P.O. Box 66614, Mail Slip #18, Baton Rouge, LA, 70896. You may also e-mail State Services at SOCPR@dps.state.la.us for more information.

24. **EXTENDED ABSENCES.** Tenant shall notify Landlord in advance if Tenant will be away from the Premises for seven or more consecutive days. During such absences, Landlord may enter the Premises as reasonably necessary to inspect the Premises and perform needed maintenance or repairs.

25. **ABANDONMENT.**

A. **Evidence of Abandonment.** Tenant's abandonment of the Premises may be evidenced by the return of keys, the substantial removal of the Tenant's personal property, notice by Tenant, the extended absence of Tenant while rent remains unpaid, or any evidence which would cause a reasonable person to believe that Tenant had permanently surrendered possession of the Premises.

B. **Mitigation of Damages.** If at any time during the term of this Agreement Tenant abandons the Premises, Landlord may obtain possession of the Premises in any manner provided by law. Landlord may relet the Premises and hold Tenant liable for any difference between the rent that would have been payable under this Agreement during the balance of the Agreement Term, if this Agreement had continued in force, and the net rent for such period realized by Landlord by means of such reletting. Landlord shall use reasonable efforts to rerent the Premises in order to mitigate damages.

C. **Personal Property.**

Landlord shall consider any personal property left on the Premises to have been abandoned. Landlord may dispose of all such personal property in any manner Landlord shall deem proper, and Landlord is hereby relieved of all liability for doing

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26. **QUIET ENJOYMENT AND LANDLORD'S RIGHT TO ACCESS.** So long as Tenant is not in default under this Agreement, Tenant is entitled to quiet enjoyment of the Premises. Landlord may enter the Premises for the following purposes:
- A. to inspect the Premises and determine Tenant's compliance with the terms of the Agreement;
 - B. to show the Premises to a prospective tenant, purchaser, or lender;
 - C. to estimate repair costs;
 - D. to prevent waste;
 - E. to prevent excessive noise or disturbances; or
 - F. to make any repairs, additions, or alterations.

Except in cases of emergency, Tenant's abandonment of the Premises, court order, or where it is impracticable to do so, Landlord shall give Tenant notice of at least **24 hours** before entering the Premises.

27. **FORCE MAJEURE.** If Landlord or Tenant cannot reasonably perform its obligations under this Agreement because of a natural disaster, war, terrorist activities, civil commotion, an act of God, or any other event beyond Landlord's or Tenant's control (except for non-availability of funds), the party shall not be in breach of this Agreement if the party diligently performs the obligations after the end of the force majeure event. The non-performing party shall give written notice to the other party as soon as practicable in the event of non-performance due to a force majeure event.
28. **ASSIGNMENT, SUBLEASE, AND RELEASE.** Tenant shall not sublet any part of the Premises or assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of Landlord. Unless Landlord issues Tenant a written release, Tenant shall not be released from this Agreement for any reason including but not limited to school withdrawal or transfer, business or employment transfer, loss of employment, marriage, divorce, separation, or bad health, with the exception of certain military service members, victims of domestic violence, and any other exceptions as may be permitted under federal and/or state law. Landlord may charge Tenant a reasonable administrative fee for any assignment, sublet, or release.
29. **PRIVILEGE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.** Per La. C.C. § 2707, Landlord has a privilege on Tenant's movables that are found in or upon the Premises in order to secure the payment of rent and other obligations arising under this Agreement. Per La. C.C. § 2710, Landlord may seize the movables on which Landlord has a privilege while they are in or upon the Premises, and for fifteen days after they have been removed if they remain the property of Tenant and can be identified. Landlord may enforce Landlord's privilege against movables that have been seized by the sheriff or other officer of the court, without the necessity of a further seizure thereof, as long as the movables or the proceeds therefrom remain in the custody of the officer.

30. **TRANSFER OF IMMOVABLE SUBJECT TO UNRECORDED LEASE.** Per La. C.C. § 2712, a third person who acquires the Premises is not bound by this Agreement if this Agreement is unrecorded. In the absence of a contrary provision in this Agreement, Tenant has an action against Landlord for any loss Tenant sustained as a result of the transfer.
31. **TENANT'S RIGHT TO NOTIFICATION OF FORECLOSURE ACTION.** During, and prior to entering into, this Agreement, Landlord shall disclose in writing to Tenant any pending foreclosure action to which the Premises is subject and the right of Tenant to receive a notification of a foreclosure action pursuant to La. R.S. § 9:3260.1.
32. **GROUND'S FOR TERMINATION OF THE TENANCY.**
- A. **Termination by Landlord.** Landlord may terminate this Agreement if:
- i. Tenant or Tenant's occupants, guests, or invitees fail to comply with any term of this Agreement;
 - ii. Tenant misrepresents any material fact on Tenant's rental application;
 - iii. per La. C.C. § 2686, Tenant uses the Premises for a purpose other than that for which it was leased or in a manner that may cause damage; or
 - iv. per La. C.C. § 2719 or as otherwise provided by law.
- B. **Termination By Tenant.** Tenant may terminate this Agreement if:
- i. the Premises is damaged or destroyed by fire or casualty other than by the wrongful or negligent acts of Tenant to the extent that normal use and occupancy is substantially impaired;
 - ii. Landlord breaches the warranty of habitability described the maintenance responsibilities in this Agreement;
 - iii. if, without the fault of Tenant, the Premises is partially destroyed or its use is otherwise substantially impaired, per La. C.C. § 2715;
 - iv. Tenant or Tenant's spouse is an active or reserve member of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard and the United States Coast Guard, and meets the conditions of La. R.S. § 9:3261;
 - v. Tenant is a domestic abuse victim per La. R.S. § 9:3261.1;
 - vi. Tenant is a sexual assault victim per La. R.S. § 9:3261.2; or
 - vii. per La. C.C. § 2719 or as otherwise provided by law.
33. **INSURANCE AND LIABILITY.** Landlord's insurance does not cover Tenant's personal possessions in the event of loss or damage due to fire, windstorm, flood, theft, vandalism, or other similar cause. If Tenant desires to insure personal possessions or to insure against Tenant's personal liability, Tenant should obtain renters insurance. Tenant's insurance shall be the primary insurance responsible for payment in the event of a loss, and Tenant or Tenant's insurance company will reimburse Landlord or Landlord's insurance

company, if necessary. Tenant shall only be liable for personal injury or property damage caused by the negligence or willful acts of Tenant. Landlord shall only be liable for personal injury or property damage caused by the negligence or willful acts of Landlord.

34. **SUBORDINATION.** This Agreement is subordinate to any existing or future mortgages or deeds of trust.
35. **RELEASE OF TENANT INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES.** Tenant authorizes Landlord to disclose Tenant's rental history to a third party who requests the information for a governmental, judicial, law enforcement, or business purpose.
36. **EMINENT DOMAIN.** If any part of the Premises is condemned through power of eminent domain, this Agreement shall end and all condemnation proceeds shall belong to Landlord.
37. **NOTICES AND AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE LEGAL PAPERS.** Landlord, any person managing the Premises, and anyone designated by Landlord are authorized to accept service of process and receive other notices and demands at Landlord's address listed below. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement or required under law, all notices required under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the other party personally, or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, or securely and conspicuously posted, as follows:
 - A. To Tenant: the Premises, or at Tenant's last known address
 - B. To Landlord: {PropertyManagerEntity}, {PropertyManagerAddress}
38. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions are as follows:
{AdditionalProvisions}
39. **ATTORNEYS' FEES.** In any action or legal proceeding to enforce any part of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall recover damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs.
40. **WAIVER.** The failure by Landlord to insist in any one or more cases upon strict performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or a relinquishment for the future of any such term or condition of this Agreement.
41. **HEADINGS.** The section headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
42. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS.** Landlord and Tenant hereby consent to execution of this Agreement by electronic signature.
43. **VALIDITY OF EACH PART.** If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.
44. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Landlord and Tenant. No promises or representations, other than those contained herein or implied by law, have been made by Landlord or

Tenant. Any addendum or modification to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by Landlord and Tenant.

Effective as of the date first set forth above.

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