

# Pennsylvania Residential Lease

Date: {TodaysDate}

1. **PARTIES.** This Pennsylvania 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 the Agreement begins on {StartDate}, and it 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. **Limits On Security Deposit.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.511a, a security deposit may not exceed **two months’** rent during the first year of any lease. During the second and subsequent years of the lease or during

any renewal of the original lease the security deposit may not exceed **one month's** rent, and Landlord shall return to Tenant any amount that exceeds one month's rent. If Tenant has been in possession of the Premises for a period of five years or greater, any increase or increases in rent shall not require a concomitant increase in any security deposit.

- B. **Amount.** Tenant shall deposit with Landlord the amount of [\\${SecurityDeposit}](#) as a security deposit against any breach of this Agreement.
  - C. **Allowable Charges.** Landlord may apply the security deposit toward any breach of this Agreement including but not limited to damage to the Premises, any of the buildings, common areas, parking areas, furniture, fixtures, carpet, or appliances; abandonment of the Premises; nonpayment of rent; late charges; and attorneys' fees. Landlord shall not apply the security deposit to ordinary wear and tear. Tenant shall not apply the security deposit to the last month's rent or any other charges.
  - D. **Interest On Security Deposit.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.511b, after Tenant has resided in the Premises for two years, Landlord shall place the security deposit of more than \$100 in an interest bearing bank account and inform Tenant of the name and address of the bank. Landlord shall be entitled to receive as administrative expenses, a sum equivalent to one per cent per annum upon the security deposit. Landlord shall pay the balance of the interest to Tenant annually upon the anniversary date of the commencement of Tenant's lease.
  - E. **Return Of Security Deposit.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.512, prior to move-out, Tenant shall provide Landlord with a forwarding address. Within **30 days** after the termination of this Agreement or surrender and acceptance of the Premises, whichever occurs last, Landlord shall return Tenant's security deposit with an itemized security deposit settlement statement listing any deductions, along with any applicable interest. If Tenant fails to provide Landlord with a forwarding address upon surrender and acceptance of the Premises, Landlord shall be relieved from any liability under this subsection.
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. Per 68 P.S. § 399.9, if Tenant makes a payment to a utility on account of nonpayment by Landlord for a utility which Landlord is obligated to pay, Tenant may subsequently recover the amount paid to the utility by deducting the amount from any rent due.

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 expiration 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} under this Agreement, 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 a result of Tenant's holdover.
  - D. **Notice to Quit For Evictions.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.501(e), Landlord and Tenant hereby agree that the written notice to quit time period for actions of dispossession shall be **three days** from the date of service. Upon termination of the Agreement Term, breach of this Agreement by Tenant, or the failure of Tenant to pay rent; Landlord may serve written notice upon Tenant communicating that Tenant shall vacate the Premises within **three days** from the date of service. Landlord shall deliver notice to Tenant by personal service and/or posting it conspicuously at the Premises. If Tenant fails to vacate within **three days**, Landlord may proceed with any remedies available under law.  
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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 **30 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.** Landlord warrants that the Premises is fit for human habitation, as provided under Pennsylvania law. Landlord shall comply with all applicable building and housing codes materially affecting health and safety, and shall make all repairs and do whatever is necessary to keep the Premises in a fit and habitable condition. If a condition 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, such condition shall not constitute a breach of Landlord's obligations under this subsection.
  - 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. **In General.** 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.

B. **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 burglar alarm 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 burglar alarm 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. **ILLEGAL DRUGS.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505-A, the following acts relating to illegal drugs shall be a breach of condition of this Agreement and shall be grounds for removal of Tenant from a single-family dwelling, apartment, multiple dwelling premises, or tenement building:

A. the first conviction for an illegal sale, manufacture, or distribution of any drug in violation of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act,"<sup>1</sup> on a single-family dwelling or any portion of the multiple dwelling premises or tenement;

B. the second violation of any of the provisions of "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act" on a single-family dwelling or any portion of the multiple dwelling premises or tenement;

C. the seizure by law enforcement officials of any illegal drugs on the leased premises in the single-family dwelling or multiple dwelling premises or tenement.

Failure to remove any tenant for violation of any of the provisions of this section shall not act as a waiver of Landlord's rights with regard to the same or any other tenant relating to any subsequent acts.

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. **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 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.

26. **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.
27. **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.
28. **PERSONAL PROPERTY.**
- A. **Power To Distrain.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.302, personal property located upon the Premises occupied by a Tenant shall be subject to distress for any rent reserved and due (unless exempted by 68 P.S. § 250.401 et seq.) with appropriate notice and procedures as required by law.
  - B. **Abandoned Personal Property.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505a(a)-(b), upon the termination of this Agreement or relinquishment of possession of real property, Tenant shall remove all personal property from the Premises. Abandoned personal property remaining on the Premises may be disposed of at the discretion of Landlord, subject to the provisions of this section. Personal property remaining on the Premises may be deemed abandoned if any of the following apply:
    - i. Tenant has vacated the Premises following the termination of a written lease;
    - ii. An eviction order or order for possession in favor of Landlord has been entered and Tenant has vacated the Premises and removed substantially all personal property;
    - iii. An eviction order or order for possession in favor of Landlord has been executed;
    - iv. Tenant has provided Landlord with written notice of a forwarding address and has vacated the Premises and removed substantially all personal property;
    - v. Tenant has vacated the Premises without communicating an intent to return; the rent is more than fifteen days past due; and, subsequent to those events, Landlord has posted notice

of Tenant's rights regarding the property per subsection (E) below.

- C. **Deceased Tenant.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505a(c), where Tenant is deceased and leaves personal property remaining in the Premises, the following shall apply. The disposition of personal property in the case of a decedent shall be governed by the provisions of 20 Pa.C.S. §§ 711(1) (relating to mandatory exercise of jurisdiction through orphans' court division in general) and 3392 (relating to classification and order of payment) and other relevant provisions of 20 Pa.C.S. (relating to decedents, estates, and fiduciaries).
- D. **Notice Required.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505a(d), prior to removing or disposing of abandoned property, Landlord must provide written notice of Tenant's rights regarding the property. Tenant shall have ten days from the postmark date of the notice to retrieve the property or to request that the property be stored for an additional period not exceeding thirty days from the date of the notice. If Tenant so requests, Landlord must retain or store the property for up to thirty days from the date of the notice. Storage will be provided at a place of Landlord's choosing, and Tenant shall be responsible for costs. At all times, Landlord shall exercise ordinary care in handling and securing Tenant's property and shall make the property reasonably available for purposes of retrieval.
- E. **Notice Form.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505a(e), notice shall be sent by first class mail to Tenant at the address of the Premises and to any forwarding address provided by Tenant, including any address provided for emergency purposes. The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

*Personal property remaining at (address) is now considered to have been abandoned. Within ten days of the postmark date of this notice, you must retrieve any items you wish to keep or contact your landlord at (telephone number and address) to request that the property be retained or stored. If requested, storage will be provided for up to thirty days from the postmark date of this notice at a place of your landlord's choosing, and you will be responsible for costs of storage.*

- F. **Limitation.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505a(f), under no circumstances may Landlord dispose of or otherwise exercise control over personal property remaining upon inhabited premises without the express permission of the tenant. If the conditions under which personal property may be deemed abandoned no longer exist, the landlord shall have no right to dispose of or otherwise exercise control over the property.
- G. **Lease Shall Control.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505a(g), Except with respect to the provisions of subsection (H) below, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this section and the terms of a written lease,



the terms of the lease shall control.

H. **Protection From Abuse.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505a(h), notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, if Landlord proceeding under the provisions of subsection (B)(iii) has actual knowledge or is notified of a protection from abuse order entered for the protection of Tenant or a member of Tenant's immediate family, Landlord shall refrain from disposing of or otherwise exercising control over the personal property of Tenant for thirty days from the date of the notice. If requested, storage shall be provided for up to thirty days from the date of the request.

I. **Damages.** Per 68 P.S. § 250.505a(i), if Landlord violates the provisions of this section, Landlord shall be subject to treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, and court costs.

29. **GROUNDS 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. Tenant commits certain acts relating to illegal drugs per 68 P.S. § 250.505-A; or
- iv. otherwise provided by law.

B. **Termination By Tenant.** Tenant may terminate this Agreement if:

- i. the Premises is damaged or destroyed 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 in this Agreement above; or
- iii. otherwise provided by law.

30. **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.

31. **SUBORDINATION.** This Agreement is subordinate to any existing or future mortgages or deeds of trust.

32. **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.

33. **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.
34. **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}
35. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions are as follows:  
{AdditionalProvisions}
36. **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.
37. **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.
38. **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.
39. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS.** Landlord and Tenant hereby consent to execution of this Agreement by electronic signature.
40. **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.
41. **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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