

VACATION RENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS IS A VACATION RENTAL AGREEMENT UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA VACATION RENTAL ACT. THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT ARE DEFINED BY LAW AND INCLUDE UNIQUE PROVISIONS PERMITTING THE DISBURSEMENT OF RENT PRIOR TO TENANCY AND EXPEDITED EVICTION OF TENANTS. YOUR SIGNATURE ON THIS AGREEMENT, OR PAYMENT OF MONEY OR TAKING POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY AFTER RECEIPT OF THE AGREEMENT, IS EVIDENCE OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND YOUR INTENT TO USE THIS PROPERTY FOR A VACATION RENTAL.

Real Estate Agency: _____ (“Agent”)
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
Tenant: _____ (“Tenant”)
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Agent, as agent of the owner, hereby rents to Tenant, and Tenant hereby rents from Agent, the vacation property described below (referred to hereafter as the “Premises”) on the terms contained in this Agreement.

AGENT SHALL CONDUCT ALL BROKERAGE ACTIVITIES IN REGARD TO THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT RESPECT TO THE RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, HANDICAP, FAMILIAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OF ANY TENANT.

1. **Premises.** City of _____ County of _____
 Name of Premises: _____ Street Address: _____
 Confirmation #: _____ Other Description: _____
 Occupancy Limit: _____

2. **Term.** BEGINS: _____ (date) at _____ (time) ENDS: _____ (date) at _____ (time).

3. **Rent.** Tenant agrees to pay rent for the Premises in the amount of \$ _____ in accordance with paragraph 4 below.

4. **Tenant Representation.** Tenant represents and warrants that Tenant is at least _____ years old and that Tenant will occupy the Premises during the Term of the tenancy created hereunder.

4. Financial Terms.

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Due:</u>	<u>Description:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Due:</u>
Advance Rent	\$ _____	_____	Security Deposit	\$ _____	_____
Rent Balance	\$ _____	_____	Cleaning Fee	\$ _____	_____
Reservation Fee	\$ _____	_____	Other Fees:		
			_____	\$ _____	_____
Taxes:*			_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	TOTAL	\$ _____	_____

*Tax rates are calculated as of the time of this Agreement. Tenant shall be responsible for payment of all applicable taxes according to rates in effect at the time of occupancy.

Trip Interruption Insurance. Amount: _____ If trip interruption insurance is desired, initial here: _____
 Add amount for trip insurance to total above.

NOTE: TENANT’S DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INTERRUPTION INSURANCE WILL AFFECT TENANT’S RIGHTS IN THE EVENT OF A MANDATORY EVACUATION. SEE PARAGRAPH 13 BELOW.

5. **Disbursement of Rent and Third-Party Fees.** Tenant authorizes Agent to disburse up to fifty percent (50%) of the rent set forth in paragraph 3 above to the owner (or as the owner directs) prior to Tenant’s occupancy of the Premises, and the balance of the rent



upon the commencement of the tenancy, a material breach of this Agreement by Tenant, or as otherwise permitted under the Vacation Rental Act. **Tenant agrees to pay a \$35.00 processing fee for any check of Tenant that may be returned by the financial institution due to insufficient funds or because Tenant did not have an account at the financial institution.** Tenant also authorizes Agent to disburse prior to Tenant's occupancy of the Premises any fees owed to third parties to pay for any goods, services, or benefits procured by Agent for the benefit of Tenant, including but not limited to any fees set forth herein payable to Agent for reservation, transfer or cancellation of Tenant's tenancy.

6. Security Deposit. Any security deposit provided for in paragraph 4 above may be applied to actual damages caused by Tenant as permitted under the Tenant Security Deposit Act. In addition, Agent may deduct from the security deposit the amount of any unpaid long distance or per call telephone charges and cable television charges that are not specifically described in this Agreement (including any addendum hereto) as being included with the Premises. Agent shall apply, account for, or refund Tenant's security deposit within 45 days following the end of the tenancy.

7. Trust Account. Any advance payment made by Tenant shall be deposited in a trust account with _____ (name of financial institution) located at _____ (address). **Tenant agrees that any advance payment may be deposited in an interest-bearing trust account and that any interest thereon shall accrue for the benefit of, and shall be paid to, the owner (or as the owner directs) as it accrues and as often as is permitted by the terms of the account.**

8. Tenant Duties. Tenant agrees to comply with all obligations imposed by the Vacation Rental Act on Tenant with respect to maintenance of the Premises, including but not limited to: (i) keeping the Premises as clean and safe as the conditions of the Premises permit and causing no unsafe or unsanitary conditions in the common areas and remainder of the Premises that Tenant uses; (ii) not deliberately or negligently destroy, deface, damage, or remove any part of the Premises or knowingly permit any person to do so; and (iii) notifying Agent in writing of the need of replacement of or repairs to a smoke detector, and replacing the batteries as needed during the tenancy. Tenant agrees not to use the Premises for any activity or purpose that violates any criminal law or governmental regulation and may use the Premises for residential purposes only. Tenant's breach of any duty contained in this paragraph shall be considered material, and shall result in the termination of Tenant's tenancy.

9. Occupancy Limits. Unless otherwise stated in paragraph 1, occupancy of the Premises shall be limited to two persons per bedroom, including family, children and Tenant guests. Bedding arrangements in the Premises are portrayed only to illustrate possible sleeping arrangements and may not be taken as a representation of permitted occupancy. Tenant agrees to be responsible for ensuring that maximum permitted occupancy of the Premises is not exceeded during the term of this Agreement, and should contact Agent with any questions regarding permitted occupancy of the Premises.

10. Agent Duties. Owner is required to provide the Premises in a fit and habitable condition. If at the time Tenant is to begin occupancy of the Premises, the Premises are not in a fit and habitable condition and Agent cannot substitute a reasonably comparable property in such condition, Agent shall refund to Tenant all payments made by Tenant.

11. Cancellation. In the event of a cancellation by Tenant, Tenant shall receive a refund of all payments made by Tenant, less an administrative fee of \$_____ if the Premises are re-rented on the terms set forth herein. If the Premises are not re-rented on the terms set forth herein, Tenant will not be entitled to a refund of any rent payment made hereunder. Whether or not the Premises are re-rented, Tenant, rather than Agent, shall be responsible for seeking reimbursement of any fees paid by Tenant to Agent for goods, services, or benefits procured by Agent from third parties for the benefit of Tenant that may have been paid out prior to Tenant's cancellation. **NOTE:** Trip interruption insurance may provide coverage for losses incurred by Tenant in the event of a cancellation.

12. Transfer of Premises.

- (a) If the owner voluntarily transfers the Premises, Tenant has the right to enforce this Agreement against the grantee of the Premises if Tenant's occupancy under this Agreement is to end 180 days or less after the grantee's interest in the Premises is recorded. If Tenant's occupancy is to end more than 180 days after such recordation, Tenant has no right to enforce the terms of this Agreement unless the grantee agrees in writing to honor this Agreement. If the grantee does not honor this Agreement, Tenant is entitled to a refund of all advance rent paid by Tenant (and other fees owed to third parties not already lawfully disbursed). Within 20 days after transfer of the Premises, the grantee or the grantee's agent is required to: (i) notify Tenant in writing of the transfer of the Premises, the grantee's name and address, and the date the grantee's interest was recorded; and (ii) advise Tenant whether Tenant has the right to occupy the Premises subject to the terms of this Agreement or receive a refund of any payments made by Tenant. However, if the grantee engages Agent to continue managing the Premises after the transfer, the grantee shall have no obligation under (i) or (ii) above if this Agreement must be honored under the Vacation Rental Act or if the grantee agrees in writing to honor this Agreement.

(b) Upon termination of the owner's interest in the Premises, whether by sale, assignment, death, appointment of a receiver or otherwise, the owner, owner's agent, or real estate agent is required to transfer all advance rent paid by Tenant (and other fees owed to third parties not already lawfully disbursed) to the owner's successor-in-interest within 30 days, and notify Tenant by mail of such transfer and of the transferee's name and address. However, if Tenant's occupancy under this Agreement is to end more than 180 days after recordation of the interest of the owner's successor-in-interest in the Premises, and the successor-in-interest has not agreed to honor this Agreement, all advance rent paid by Tenant (and other fees owed to third parties not already lawfully disbursed) must be transferred to Tenant within 30 days.

13. **Mandatory Evacuation.** If State or local authorities order a mandatory evacuation of an area that includes the Premises, Tenant shall comply with the order. Upon compliance, Tenant will be entitled to a refund of the prorated rent for each night that Tenant is unable to occupy the Premises because of the order. However, Tenant will not be entitled to a refund if, prior to taking possession of the Premises: (i) Tenant refused insurance offered by Agent that would have compensated Tenant for losses or damages resulting from loss of use of the Premises due to a mandatory evacuation order, or (ii) Tenant purchased such insurance from Agent.

14. **Expedited Eviction.** If the tenancy created hereunder is for 30 days or less, the expedited eviction procedures set forth in the Vacation Rental Act will apply. Tenant may be evicted under such procedures if Tenant: (i) holds over in possession after Tenant's tenancy has expired; (ii) commits a material breach of any provision of this Agreement (including any addendum hereto) that according to its terms would result in the termination of Tenant's tenancy; (iii) fails to pay rent as required by this Agreement; or (iv) has obtained possession of the Premises by fraud or misrepresentation.

15. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless; Right of Entry; Assignment.** Tenant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Agent and the owner from and against any liability for personal injury or property damage sustained by any person (including Tenant's guests) as a result of any cause, unless caused by the negligent or willful act of Agent or the owner, or the failure of Agent or the owner to comply with the Vacation Rental Act. Tenant agrees that Agent, the owner or their respective representatives may enter the Premises during reasonable hours to inspect the Premises, to make such repairs, alterations or improvements thereto as Agent or owner may deem appropriate, or to show the Premises to prospective purchasers or tenants. Tenant shall not assign this Agreement or sublet the Premises in whole or part without written permission of Agent.

16. **Pets.** Unless otherwise specifically permitted in this Agreement (including any addendum hereto), no pets shall be allowed on the Premises. Tenant's breach of this provision shall be considered material, and shall result in the termination of Tenant's tenancy.

17. **Other Terms and Conditions.** _____

18. **Governing Law; Venue.** The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina, and that in the event of a dispute, any legal action may only be instituted in the county where the Property is located.

19. **Addenda.** Any addenda to this Agreement are described in the following space and attached hereto: _____

Tenant agrees that Tenant has received and read any such addenda, and that they shall constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

20. Use of **Electronic Means; Notice.** The parties agree that electronic means may be used to sign this Agreement or to make any modifications the parties may agree to, and that any written notice, communication or documents may be transmitted electronically to any e-mail address, cell phone number or fax number used by the parties to communicate during the course of this Agreement. Any notices required or authorized to be given hereunder or pursuant to applicable law may also be mailed to Tenant's address or hand delivered to the Tenant at the address of the Premises and to the Agent at the Agent's address.

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USE OF THIS FORM IS NOT INTENDED TO IDENTIFY THE USER AS A REALTOR®.

TENANT:

_____ (SEAL)

_____ (SEAL)

DATE: _____

REAL ESTATE AGENCY:

[Name of Agency]

BY: _____

[Authorized Representative]

DATE: _____