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MASSACHUSETTS MANDATORY REAL ESTATE LICENSEE-CONSUMER RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE **THIS IS NOT A CONTRACT**

This disclosure is provided to you, the consumer, by the real estate licensee listed in this disclosure.

THE TIME WHEN THE REAL ESTATE LICENSEE MUST PROVIDE THIS NOTICE TO THE CONSUMER:

All real estate licensees must present this form to you at the first personal meeting with you to discuss a specific property. In the event this relationship changes, an additional disclosure must be provided and completed at that time.

CONSUMER INFORMATION AND RESPONSIBILITY:

If you are a buyer or seller, you can engage a real estate licensee to provide advice, assistance and representation to you as your agent. The real estate licensee can represent you as the seller (Seller's Agent) or represent you as the buyer (Buyer's Agent), or can assist you as a Facilitator.

All real estate licensees, regardless of the working relationship with a consumer must, by law, present properties honestly and accurately, and disclose known material defects in the real estate.

The duties of a real estate licensee do not relieve consumers of the responsibility to protect their own interests. If you need advice for legal, tax, insurance, zoning, permitted use, or land survey matters, it is your responsibility to consult a professional in those areas. Real estate licensees do not and cannot perform home, lead paint, or insect inspections, nor do they perform septic system, wetlands or environmental evaluations.

Do not assume that a real estate licensee works solely for you unless you have an agreement for that relationship.

For more detailed definitions and descriptions about real estate relationships, please see page 2 of this disclosure.

THE SELLER OR BUYER RECEIVING THIS DISCLOSURE IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE REAL ESTATE LICENSEE NAMED BELOW IS WORKING AS A:

Check one: Seller's agent Buyer's agent Facilitator

If seller's or buyer's agent is checked above, the real estate licensee must complete the following section:

Check one: Non-Designated Agency

The real estate firm or business listed below and all other affiliated agents are also working as the agent of the Seller Buyer

Designated Agency

Only the licensee named herein represents the Seller Buyer (designated seller agency or designated buyer agency). In this situation any other agents affiliated with the firm or business listed below do not represent you and may represent another party in your real estate transaction.

By signing below, I, the real estate licensee, acknowledge that this disclosure has been provided to the consumer named herein:

Signature of Real Estate Licensee

Printed Name of Real Estate Licensee License #

Broker Salesperson

Today's Date

Name Real Estate Brokerage Firm

Brokerage Firm Real Estate License #

Signature of Consumer

Printed Name of Consumer

Buyer Seller

Today's Date

Signature of Consumer

Printed Name of Consumer

Buyer Seller

Today's Date

Check here if the consumer declines to sign this notice.

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TYPES OF AGENCY REPRESENTATION

SELLER'S AGENT

A seller can engage the services of a real estate licensee to act as the seller's agent in the sale of the seller's property. This means that the real estate agent represents the seller, who is a client. The agent owes the seller client undivided loyalty, reasonable care, disclosure, obedience to lawful instruction, confidentiality and accounting. The agent must put the seller's interests first and attempt to negotiate price and terms acceptable to their seller client. The seller may authorize sub-agents to represent him/her in marketing its property to buyers, however the seller should be aware that wrongful action by the real estate agent or sub-agents may subject the seller to legal liability for those wrongful actions.

BUYER'S AGENT

A buyer can engage the services of a real estate licensee to act as the buyer's agent in the purchase of a property. This means that the real estate agent represents the buyer, who is a client. The agent owes the buyer client undivided loyalty, reasonable care, disclosure, obedience to lawful instruction, confidentiality and accounting. The agent must put the buyer's interests first and attempt to negotiate price and terms acceptable to their buyer client. The buyer may also authorize sub-agents to represent him/her in purchasing property, however the buyer should be aware that wrongful action by the real estate agent or sub-agents may subject the buyer to legal liability for those wrongful actions.

(NON-AGENT) FACILITATOR

When a real estate licensee works as a facilitator that licensee assists the seller and/or buyer in reaching an agreement but does not represent either the seller or buyer in the transaction. The facilitator and the broker with whom the facilitator is affiliated, owe the seller and buyer a duty to present all real property honestly and accurately by disclosing known material defects and owe a duty to account for funds. Unless otherwise agreed, the facilitator has no duty to keep information received from a seller or buyer confidential. Should the seller and/or buyer expressly agree, a facilitator relationship can be changed to a seller or buyer client relationship with the written agreement of the person so represented.

DESIGNATED SELLER'S AND BUYER'S AGENT

A real estate licensee can be designated by another real estate licensee (the appointing or designating agent) to represent a buyer or seller, provided the buyer or seller expressly agrees to such designation. The real estate licensee once so designated is then the agent for that buyer or seller who becomes the agent's client. The designated agent owes the buyer client or seller client, undivided loyalty, reasonable care, disclosure, obedience to lawful instruction, confidentiality and accounting. The agent must put their client's interests first, and attempt to negotiate price and terms acceptable to their client. No other licensees affiliated with the same firm represent the client unless otherwise agreed upon by the client. In situations where the appointing agent designates another agent to represent the seller and an agent to represent the buyer in the same transaction, then the appointing agent becomes a dual agent. Consequently, a dual agent cannot fully satisfy the duties of loyalty, full disclosure, obedience to lawful instructions, which is required of a seller or buyer agent. Only your designated agent represents your interests. Written consent for designated agency must be provided before a potential transaction is identified, but in any event, no later than prior to the execution of a written agreement for purchase or sale of residential property. The consent must contain the information provided for in the regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespeople (Board). A sample consent to designated agency is available at the Board's website at www.mass.gov/dpl/re.

DUAL AGENT

A real estate licensee may act as a dual agent representing both the seller and the buyer in a transaction but only with the express and informed written consent of both the seller and the buyer. A dual agent shall be neutral with regard to any conflicting interest of the seller and buyer. Consequently, a dual agent cannot satisfy fully the duties of loyalty, full disclosure, obedience to lawful instructions, which is required of a seller or buyer agent. A dual agent does, however, still owe a duty of confidentiality of material information and accounting for funds. Written consent for dual agency must be provided before a potential transaction is identified, but in any event, no later than prior to the execution of a written agreement for purchase or sale of residential property. The consent must contain the information provided for in the regulations of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespeople (Board). A sample consent to dual agency is available at the Board's website at www.mass.gov/dpl/re.

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO SELL LISTING AGREEMENT

I/We _____ ("SELLER"), hereby grant
to _____, a real estate broker
licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("BROKER"), the exclusive right to sell the property
described as _____
_____ and recorded in the _____

County Registry Of Deeds at Book _____, Page _____ ("PROPERTY") on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Seller's Duties And Representations.** The BROKER is granted the exclusive right to sell the PROPERTY, as the SELLER'S agent, during the term of the Agreement and the SELLER agrees to refer all inquiries to the BROKER, to cooperate in marketing the PROPERTY, including completing, lead paint (if property built before 1978) and other forms. If the PROPERTY is sold to a buyer procured by the BROKER, by the SELLER or by anyone else, the fee described in paragraph 4 shall be due. The BROKER is authorized, but is not required: (a) to offer compensation to other licensed brokers as buyer's agents or facilitators; (b) to place a listing for the PROPERTY in any multiple listing service; (c) to place a sign on the PROPERTY; (d) to photograph and advertise the PROPERTY in such media as the BROKER may select; and (e) to place a lock box on the PROPERTY. The SELLER authorizes the BROKER to disclose to prospective buyers all information about the PROPERTY provided to the BROKER by the SELLER, all of which the SELLER represents to be accurate. **The SELLER acknowledges receipt of a Mandatory Licensee-Consumer Relationship Disclosure form.** According to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the National Association of REALTORS®, SELLER has been advised of (1) the broker's general company policies regarding cooperation with and compensation to subagents, buyer's agents and other licensees; (2) the fact that a buyer's agent, even if compensated by the listing broker or seller will represent the interest of the buyer; and (3) any potential for the listing broker to act as a disclosed dual agent on behalf of the seller and buyer. The SELLER agrees to comply with all applicable fair housing laws. Seller is aware that there is a risk of injury to persons viewing the Property as well as a risk of loss or damage to property of the seller during a showing or open house, whether the showing is accompanied by the Broker, via lockbox or otherwise. Seller has the responsibility to prepare the Property for marketing to minimize the likelihood of injury, damage and loss. Seller agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Broker and its agents harmless from any loss or claim of liability during any showing or open house, other than if proven to have been the result of broker's intentional misconduct. Seller understands and agrees that showings may be conducted by licensees other than the Broker or its agents and that inspectors or appraisers may conduct inspections and appraisals outside the presence of the Broker. Seller further understands and agrees that other licensees and prospective buyers are permitted to photograph and videotape the property unless expressly stated to the contrary.
- 2. Listing Price.** The listing price for the PROPERTY shall be _____ dollars or such other price and terms as the SELLER may approve.
- 3. Listing Period.** This Agreement shall begin on _____ and end on _____ and may be extended by agreement.
- 4. Broker's Fee .** (a) If within the term of this Agreement or any extension the PROPERTY is sold or the BROKER procures a buyer who is ready, willing and able to buy at a price and on the terms set forth herein or on such other price and terms as the SELLER may agree, the BROKER shall be due a fee of _____ percent of the selling price, whether or not the transaction is completed or title passes. Said fee shall be paid at the time set for closing and may be deducted from amounts held by BROKER as escrow agent. The aforesaid fee shall also be due upon sale of the property to any person who was introduced to the PROPERTY during the aforesaid term or any extension or who entered into an agreement to purchase during the term, during any extension or within _____ days after expiration of the term or any extension, regardless of the date that title passes, except if the SELLER has entered into an exclusive agreement with another broker in good faith, in which case the BROKER shall be entitled to receive only the difference between the fee set forth herein and any lesser net fee paid to the other broker. If any deposit is retained by the SELLER as liquidated damages for default by the buyer under any agreement for sale of the PROPERTY, the BROKER shall be due one-half (1/2) of the amount so retained, but not more than an amount equal to the full commission that would have been paid to BROKER if a sale had been completed.

(b) SELLER shall not pay any other broker for services in connection with sale of the PROPERTY nor give any instruction that reduces the BROKER'S fee, except if the BROKER has given written consent. Acceptance of escrowed funds shall not constitute consent. Should SELLER violate the foregoing provision and BROKER initiates or is caused to participate in any lawsuit, arbitration or other proceeding, including an interpleader action, BROKER shall be reimbursed by SELLER: (i) for BROKER'S reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and (ii) to receive from SELLER interest at the legal rate on the amount due BROKER.

(c) All disputes, claims or controversies arising out of or related to this Agreement shall, upon demand of either party, be submitted for binding arbitration, to the local association/board of REALTORS® or, in the event the association/board declines to hear the matter, to the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") or, upon mutual agreement, to another dispute resolution service. The REALTOR® arbitration proceedings shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) arbitrators according to the then current rules of the association/board of REALTORS® (or, if before AAA, by a single arbitrator according to the consumer arbitration rules, or if not applicable, to the commercial arbitration rules of the AAA), and all proceedings will be conducted at a location in Massachusetts chosen by the arbitrator. Except as provided for proceedings pursuant to paragraph (b), reasonable attorneys' fees and costs shall be awarded to the generally prevailing party in the arbitration or lawsuit. Should either party file a claim for violation of General Laws Chapter 93A, the prevailing party (including any agent of the BROKER) shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, but no fees and costs shall be recovered in the event that a tender of settlement was made in advance of suit, but rejected, and the court or arbitrator determines that the rejected tender was reasonable in relationship to the injury actually suffered.

5. **Broker Cooperation.** BROKER hereby advises SELLER that BROKER will offer compensation to cooperating licensees as follows: buyer's agents _____ % of the selling price; facilitators (non-agents) _____ % of the selling price. If subagency will be offered, Consent To Subagency form must be signed. SELLER hereby authorizes the BROKER to disclose to prospective buyers whether an offer has been submitted on the PROPERTY and to disclose whether the offer is from a buyer introduced to the PROPERTY by the listing agent, by another licensee associated with the BROKER, or by a cooperating broker. Disclosure of the price and other terms of any offer shall remain confidential until closing, unless otherwise authorized by SELLER.

6. **Broker's Duties .** The BROKER agrees to use reasonable efforts in marketing the PROPERTY and agrees to list the PROPERTY with the _____ multiple listing service. The BROKER shall have no obligation to continue to market the PROPERTY after an offer has been accepted and shall have no obligation to present any offer once an offer has been accepted and while a transaction is pending. The BROKER is not hired as a property inspector, tax advisor or attorney and if such services are desired SELLER should hire professionals. It shall not constitute a violation of any duty owed by the BROKER or by any agent associated with the BROKER to advise a prospective buyer of the availability of a competing property or to assist a buyer with the purchase of another property.

7. **Additional Terms.**

Dated _____

SELLER or Authorized Representative

BROKER or Authorized Representative

SELLER or Authorized Representative



THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SELLER. THE SELLER(S) AUTHORIZES THE BROKER OR SALESPERSON(S) TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE BUYER(S). THIS INFORMATION IS BASED UPON THE SELLER'S KNOWLEDGE, BUT IS NOT INTENDED AS A GUARANTEE OF THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY OR THE CONTINUED SATISFACTORY OPERATION OF ANY SYSTEM. THE BUYER(S) SHOULD INDEPENDENTLY VERIFY ALL INFORMATION BEFORE PURCHASE.

Property Address _____ MA _____

Seller(s)/Owner(s) _____

How long owned _____ How long occupied _____ Approximate Year Built _____

I. TITLE/ZONING/BUILDING INFORMATION						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
1.	Title Problems or Limitations (for example, deed restriction, lot line dispute, order of conditions):					
2.	Easement, Common Driveway, or Right of Way					
3.	Zoning Classification(s) of property:					
4.	Has the City/Town issued notice of outstanding violation?					
5.	Have you been advised that current use is nonconforming in any way?					
6.	Do you know of any variances or special permits?					
7.	During Seller's ownership, has work been done for which a permit was required? If yes, explain.					
7a.	Were permits obtained?					
7b.	Was the work approved by an inspector?					
7c.	Was a licensed contractor hired? (If yes, provide name of contractor)					
7d.	Is there an outstanding notice of any building code violation?					
8.	Have you been informed that any part of the property is in a designated flood zone or wetland?					
9.	Are there any known water drainage problems? Explain.					

II. SYSTEM AND UTILITIES INFORMATION						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
10.	STORAGE TANK					
10a.	Is or Has there ever been an underground storage tank?					
10b.	If yes, type of tank					
10c.	If yes, is it still in use?					
10d.	If not still in use, was it removed?					
10e.	Storage Tank: <input type="checkbox"/> Leased <input type="checkbox"/> Owned (See Hazardous Materials Disclosure Page 8)					

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II. SYSTEM AND UTILITIES INFORMATION (Continued)						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
11.	HEATING SYSTEM					
11a.	Type:					
11b.	Age:					
11c.	Are there any known problems with the heating system? Explain.					
11d.	Identify any unheated room or area:					
11e.	Provide approximate date of last service:					
11f.	Provide reason for service:					

III. WATER, SEWER & OTHER UTILITIES						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
12.	DOMESTIC HOT WATER					
12a.	Type:					
12b.	Age:					
12c.	Are there any known problems with the hot water? Explain.					
13.	SEWAGE SYSTEM					
13a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sewer					
13b.	If Private Sewer, describe type of system:					
13c.	Provide Name of Service Company					
13d.	Date it was last pumped:					____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year
13e.	Frequency of Pumps:					
13f.	During your ownership has sewage backed up into house or onto yard? Explain.					
13g.	Is system shared with other homes?					
13h.	Was a Title 5 Inspection performed?					
13i.	Date of Inspection:					____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year
13j.	Is a copy of Inspection attached?					
14.	PLUMBING SYSTEM					
14a.	Type:					
14b.	Problems? Explain.					
14c.	Bathroom ventilation problems? Explain.					

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III. WATER, SEWER & OTHER UTILITIES (Continued)						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
15.	WATER SOURCE					
15a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private					
15b.	Location					
15c.	Date Last tested:					____/____/____ Month Day Year
15d.	Report Attached?					
15e.	Water Quality problems? Explain.					
15f.	Flow rate:					(gal. /min.)
15g.	Age of Pump:					
15h.	Is there a filtration system? If yes, indicate age and type of filtration system.					Age: _____ Type: _____

IV. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS & UTILITIES						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
16.	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM					
16a.	Problems? Explain.					
17.	APPLIANCES					
17a.	List appliances that are included:					
17b.	Problems? Explain.					
18.	SECURITY SYSTEM					
18a.	Type:					
18b.	Age:					
18c.	Provide Name of Service Company					
18d.	Problems? Explain.					
19.	AIR CONDITIONING					
19a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> Window <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain.					
19b.	Problems? Explain.					
20.	SOLAR PANELS					
20a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Leased <input type="checkbox"/> Owned					
20b.	If leased, explain terms of agreement.					

V. BUILDING/STRUCTURAL INFORMATION						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
21.	FOUNDATION/SLAB					
21a.	Problems? Explain.					

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V. BUILDING/STRUCTURAL INFORMATION (Continued)						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
22.	BASEMENT					
22a.	Problems (select any that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Seepage <input type="checkbox"/> Dampness <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explain.					
22b.	Explain amount, frequency, and location of the problems selected in 22a.					
23.	SUMP PUMP					
23a.	If yes to 23, provide age and location.					
23b.	Problems? Explain.					
24.	ROOF					
24a.	Age:					
24b.	Problems? Explain.					
24c.	Location of leaks/repairs:					
25.	CHIMNEY/FIREPLACE					
25a.	Date last cleaned:					Month / Day / Year
25b.	Problems? Explain.					
25c.	Presence of: <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Stove <input type="checkbox"/> Coal Stove <input type="checkbox"/> Pellet Stove <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Stove					
25d.	If yes to 25c, in compliance with installation regulations/code/bylaws?					
25e.	If no to 25d, Explain.					
25f.	Is there any history of smoke/fire damage to structure? Explain.					
26.	FLOORS					
26a.	Type of floors under carpet/linoleum:					
26b.	Are there any known problems with floors (buckling, sagging, etc.)? Explain.					
27.	WALLS					
27a.	Interior Walls: Problems? Explain.					
27b.	Exterior Walls: Problems? Explain.					
28.	WINDOW/SLIDING DOORS/DOORS					
28a.	Problems? Explain.					
29.	INSULATION					
29a.	Does house have insulation?					

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V. BUILDING/STRUCTURAL INFORMATION (Continued)						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
29b.	If yes, type:					
29c.	Date Installed:					____/____/____ Month Day Year
29d.	Location:					

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
30.	ASBESTOS					
30a.	Is asbestos present in exterior shingles, pipe covering or boiler insulation?					
30b.	Has a fiber count been performed?					
30c.	If yes to 30b., is copy attached? (See Asbestos Disclosure Page 8)					
31.	LEAD PAINT					
31a.	Is lead paint present?					
31b.	If yes to 31a., locations present: (Attach copy of Inspection Reports)					
31c.	If yes to 31a., describe abatement plan/ interim controls, if any:					
31d.	Has paint been encapsulated?					
31e.	If yes to 31d. provide date of encapsulation and by whom.					____/____/____ Month Day Year
31f.	Is Lead Paint Disclosure Form available? If yes attach copy. If no, Explain.					
32.	RADON					
32a.	Has test for Radon been performed? If yes, attach copy. (See Radon Disclosure Page 7)					
33.	MOLD					
33a.	Have you been advised of elevated levels of mold at the Property? Explain.					
34.	INSECTS					
34a.	History of Termites/Wood Destroying Insect or Rodent Problems?					
34b.	If yes to 34a., explain treatment and dates: (See Chlordane Disclosure Page 8)					____/____/____ Month Day Year
35.	ENERGY AUDIT					
35a.	Has an Energy Audit been performed? If yes, attach a copy.					

VII. OUTDOOR AMENITIES & STRUCTURES						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
36.	SWIMMING POOL/JACUZZI					
36a.	Problems? Explain.					
36b.	Name of Service Company:					

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VII. OUTDOOR AMENITIES & STRUCTURES (Continued)						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
37.	GARAGE/SHED/OR OTHER STRUCTURE					
37a.	Problems? Explain.					

VIII. CONDOMINIUM INFORMATION						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
38.	PARKING					
38a.	Number of Spaces					_____ Spaces
38b.	Of those spaces, identify the number that are: <input type="checkbox"/> Deeded <input type="checkbox"/> Exclusive Easements <input type="checkbox"/> Assigned <input type="checkbox"/> Unassigned or <input type="checkbox"/> In Common area					Number of Spaces: Deeded _____ Exclusive Easements _____ Assigned _____ Unassigned _____ In Common area _____
39.	CONDO FEES					
39a.	Current monthly fees for Unit are: Are any of the following (39b.-39g.) included in the monthly fees:					
39b.	Heat					
39c.	Electricity					
39d.	Hot Water					
39e.	Trash Removal					
39f.	Landscaping					
39g.	Snow Removal					
40.	RESERVE FUND					
40a.	Has advance payment been made to a condo reserve fund?					
40b.	If yes to 40a, how much?					
41.	CONDO ASSOCIATION FUND					
41a.	Is owners' association currently involved in any litigation? Explain.					
41b.	Have you been advised of any matter which is likely to result in a special assessment or substantially increase condominium fees? Explain.					

IX. RENTAL PROPERTY INFORMATION						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
42.	UNITS					
42a.	Number of Units:					_____ Units
42b.	Has a unit been added/subdivided since original construction?					
42c.	If yes to 42b., was a permit for new/added unit obtained?					

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IX. RENTAL PROPERTY INFORMATION						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
43.	RENT					Rent \$ _____ /month
43a.	Expiration date of each lease:					_____/_____/_____ Month Day Year
43b.	Any tenants without leases?					
43c.	Is owner holding last month's rent?					
43d.	Is owner holding security deposit?					
43e.	If yes to 43c. and/or 43de., has interest been paid?					
43f.	If security deposit held, attach a copy of Statement(s) of Conditions.					
43g.	Is there any outstanding notice of sanitary code violation? Explain.					

X. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION						
		Yes	No	Unknown	N/A	Description/Explanation
44.	Do you know of any other problem which may affect the value or use of the property which may not be obvious to a prospective buyer? Explain.					

XI. DESCRIPTION/EXPLANATION						

XII. EXPLANATORY MATERIAL

The following clauses are provided for descriptive purposes only. For detailed information, consult the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, or other appropriate agency, or your attorney.

A. Flood Hazard Insurance Disclosure Clause (Question #8)

The lender may require Flood Hazard Insurance as a condition of the mortgage loan if the lender determines that the property is in a flood hazard zone.

E. Radon Disclosure Clause (Question #32)

Radon is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas produced naturally in the ground by the normal decay of uranium and radium. Radon can lead to the development of radioactive particles which can be inhaled. Studies indicate the result of extended exposure to high levels of radon may increase the risk of developing lung cancer.

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B. Hazardous Materials Disclosure Clause (Question #10)

In certain circumstances Massachusetts law can hold an owner of real estate liable to pay for the cost of removing hazardous or toxic materials from real estate and for damages resulting from the release of such materials, according to the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release and Response Act, General Laws, Chapter 21E. The buyer acknowledges that he may have the property professionally inspected for the presence of, or the substantial likelihood of release of oil or hazardous material and such proof of inspection may be required as a prerequisite for financing the property.

C. Asbestos Disclosure Clause (Question #30)

The United States Consumer Produce Safety Commission has maintained that asbestos materials are hazardous if they release separate fibers which can be inhaled. Asbestos is a common insulation material on heating pipes, boilers, and furnaces. It may also be present in certain types of floor and ceiling materials, shingles, plaster products, cements and other building materials. The buyer may have the property professionally inspected for the presence of asbestos and if repair or removal of asbestos is desired, proper safety guidelines must be observed.

D. Lead Paint Disclosure (Question #31)

Whenever a child under six years of age resides in any residential premises in which any paint, plaster or other accessible material contains dangerous levels of lead, the owner is required by law to remove all said paint, plaster or cover with appropriate materials so as to make it inaccessible to a child under six years of age. Consumption of lead is poisonous and may cause serious personal injury. Whenever such residential premises containing dangerous levels of lead undergoes a change of ownership, and as a result a child under six years of age will become a resident, the new owner is required by law to remove said paint, plaster cover or encapsulate it with appropriate materials so as to make it inaccessible to such child. Buyer should receive information pamphlet from Department of Public Health.

F. Chlordane Disclosure Clause (Question #34b.)

Pesticide products containing chlordane were banned in Massachusetts on June 11, 1985, following a determination by the Department of Food and Agriculture that the use of chlordane may cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment including risk of cancer. Although existing data do not conclusively prove that significant health effects have occurred as a direct result of chlordane use, the long-term potential health risks are such that it is prudent public health policy, according to the Department, to eliminate the further introduction of chlordane into the environment.

G. Mold Information (Question #33)

Molds are naturally occurring organisms that exist both indoors and outdoors. More than 1000 different kinds of mold have been found in homes in the United States. Molds are fungi that reproduce by making spores. Spores are small and lightweight and able to travel through the air. Molds need moisture and food to grow and their growth is stimulated by warm, damp and humid conditions. Molds can use materials such as wood, paper, drywall and carpet as food sources. Reducing dampness indoors is often key to reducing the growth of mold. Depending on the level of mold, allergies, respiratory problems and other health consequences can be triggered in sensitive individuals. However, exposure to mold does not always result in health problems. As of July 2002, U.S. governmental agencies reported that a determination had not been made what quantity of mold was acceptable in an indoor environment. For more information on mold, contact an engineer or other qualified mold inspector. Information may also be found at the web site for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, www.epa.gov.

H. Fair Housing Notice

It is unlawful to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age, gender, sex, ancestry, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, disability, presence of a child, receipt of public assistance or other protected classification in the sale or rental of covered housing.

XIII. Acknowledgment

Seller(s) hereby acknowledges that the information set forth above is true and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge. Seller(s) agrees to defend and indemnify the broker(s) and any subagents for disclosure of any information contained herein. Seller(s) acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Seller's Statement of Property Condition.

Date _____ Seller _____ Seller _____

Buyer(s)/Prospective Buyer(s) acknowledges receipt of Seller's Statement of Property Condition prior to purchase. Buyer(s) acknowledges that Broker has not verified the information herein and Buyer(s) has been advised to verify information independently. Buyer(s) is not relying upon any representation, verbal or written, from any real estate broker or licensee concerning legal use. Any reference to the category (single family, multi-family, residential, commercial) or the use of this property in any advertisement or listing sheet, including the number of units, number of rooms or other classification is not a representation concerning legal use or compliance with zoning by-laws, building code, sanitary code or other public or private restrictions by the broker. The BUYER understands that if this information is important to BUYER, it is the duty of the BUYER to seek advice from an attorney or written confirmation from the municipality.

Date _____ Buyer _____ Buyer _____

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Home Inspectors Consumer Fact Sheet

About Home Inspections

A standard home inspection is a visual examination of the physical structure and major interior systems of a residential building consisting of one to four dwelling units. It should be understood that there are certain risks inherent in the purchase of property and a home inspection is inherently limited in its scope and depth. The information gained from home inspection conforming to 266 CMR 6.00 may reduce some of those risks, but the home inspection is not intended to provide the client with protection from all of the risks involved.

An inspection can be likened to a physical exam by a physician; however, it should be clearly understood that a home inspection is not to be confused with an appraisal, a building code inspection, a guarantee of any kind, and/or an insurance policy on the condition of the property.

During an inspection, the inspector will review the readily accessible exposed portions of the structure of the home, including the roof, the attic, walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, basement, and foundation as well as the heating/air conditioning systems, interior plumbing and electrical systems for potential problems.

Home inspections are not intended to point out every small problem or any invisible or latent defect in a home. Most minor or cosmetic flaws, for example, should be apparent to the buyer without the aid of a professional.

Timing of the Home Inspection

A home inspector is typically hired by a potential homebuyer right after the offer to purchase contract is signed, prior to executing the final purchase and sales agreement. However, before the potential buyer signs the offer to purchase contract, he/she should be sure that there is an inspection clause in the contract making the purchase obligation contingent upon the findings of a professional home inspection. This clause should specify the terms to which both the buyer and seller are obligated.

Selecting a Home Inspector

Good referral sources for home inspection services are friends, neighbors, or business acquaintances who have been satisfied with a home inspector. In addition, lawyers and mortgage brokers may also recommend a home inspector. The names of local inspectors can be found by entering the words **home inspection** and the **zip code** of the community where you are purchasing the dwelling and/or searching the Division of Professional Licensure website

at www.mass.gov/dnr/boards/hj, or in the Yellow Pages where many advertise under "Building Inspection Service" or "Home Inspection Service."

Real estate brokers and salesmen may not directly recommend a specific home inspection company or home inspector unless representing the buyer as a buyer's broker. Brokers, however, may provide assistance to buyers in accessing information on licensed home inspectors.

A current homeowner may also want to get a home inspection to identify any problems, especially if the owner plans to sell the home in the near future.

Following are additional tips when searching for a home inspector:

- As of May 2001, home inspectors are required to be licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A home inspector's license should be verified prior to hiring. Consumers should not be confused by home inspector "certifications" offered by, or sold by home inspection trade societies or companies, obtained via home study courses, or provided by home inspection companies that certify their own home inspectors. Since the home inspection business is unregulated in most states, certifications are available to anyone. A home inspector's license can be verified with the Board of Registration of Home Inspectors at its [website](#) or by calling the Board at (617) 727- 4459.
- The home inspection company that is retained should welcome the potential buyer's presence at the home inspection. The home inspector should be willing to address all of the buyer's questions and provide a full verbal and written report.

Those hiring an inspector should expect an open door policy from the home inspection company to be able to ask questions about the content of the home inspection report in the future.

During the Home Inspection

While not necessary, it is recommended that the buyer be present for the inspection. This allows the buyer to observe the inspector, ask questions directly, and obtain a better understanding of the condition of the home, how its systems work, and how to maintain it. The written report may be easier to understand if the buyer was present during the inspection.

It is important that you provide safe access and sufficient lighting so that the inspector can inspect the property.

Inspectors must provide a written evaluation report based on the standards of compliance in accordance with CMR 266.6.00

At the conclusion of the home inspection, the buyer should be well informed of the condition of the home. It should be known if there are visible, apparent problems, if repairs need are required, or whether or not there are any risks of concealed damage, and whether further investigation is recommended and/or required.

Other Inspections and Tests to Consider


It is strongly recommended that potential buyers consider having the following inspections and/or tests performed prior to signing the final purchase agreement:

- Lead paint, <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/environmental-health/exposure-topics/lead/delead/>
- Water quality (is it drinkable)
- Wood destroying insects, including termites.
- Air quality, including radon gases.
- Fungi, mold and allergens.

While some home inspectors are qualified to offer these services, these inspections and tests are not part of the basic home inspection and should be contracted through qualified licensed professionals (of your choice and hire) in those fields.

Filing a Complaint

While most licensees conduct themselves as true professionals, the Division of Professional Licensure will take action against those licensees who fail to maintain acceptable standards of competence and integrity. In some cases, dissatisfied consumers make complaints, however, dissatisfaction alone is not proof of incompetence or sufficient grounds for disciplinary action.

If you have a serious complaint about a home inspector, call or write the Divisions' Office of Investigations and ask for a complaint form. The Division's Office of Investigations is located at 1000 Washington Street, Suite 710, Boston, MA 02118. The phone number is 617-727-7406. A copy of the [complaint form](#)  can also be downloaded from the Division's website (www.mass.gov/dpl/).

STANDARD RESIDENTIAL PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT [#503] (With Contingencies)

The parties make this Agreement this _____ day of _____, 20____. This Agreement supersedes and replaces all obligations made in any prior Contract To Purchase or agreement for sale entered into by the parties.

1. Parties:

_____, the "SELLER," agrees to sell and _____, the "BUYER," agrees to buy, the premises described in paragraph 2 on the terms set forth below. BUYER may require the conveyance to be made to another person or entity ("Nominee") upon notification in writing to SELLER at least five business days prior to the date for performance set forth in paragraph 5. Designation of a Nominee shall not discharge the BUYER from any obligation under this Agreement and BUYER hereby agrees to guarantee performance by the Nominee.

2. Description Of Premises. The premises (the "Premises") consist of:

(a) the land with any and all buildings thereon known as _____

_____ as more specifically described in a deed recorded in the _____ Registry of Deeds at Book _____, Page _____, [Certificate No. _____], a copy of which is / is not [choose one] attached; and

(b) all structures, and improvements on the land and the fixtures, including, but not limited to: any and all storm windows and doors, screens, screen doors, awnings, shutters, window shades and blinds, curtain rods, furnaces, heaters, heating equipment, oil and gas burners and fixtures, hot water heaters, plumbing and bathroom fixtures, towel racks, built-in dishwashers, garbage disposals and trash compactors, stoves, ranges, chandeliers, electric and other lighting fixtures, burglar and fire alarm systems, mantelpieces, wall-to-wall carpets, stair carpets, exterior television antennas and satellite dishes, fences, gates, landscaping including trees, shrubs, flowers; and the following built-in components, if any: air conditioners, vacuums systems, cabinets, shelves, bookcases and stereo speakers, and _____;

but excluding _____
[insert references to refrigerators, dishwashers, microwave ovens, washing machines, dryers or other items, where appropriate]

3. **Purchase Price:** The purchase price for the Premises is \$ _____ (_____ dollars) of which

\$ _____ were paid as a deposit with Contract To Purchase; and

\$ _____ are paid with this Agreement;

\$ _____ are to be paid _____; and

\$ _____ are to be paid at the time for performance by bank's, cashier's, treasurer's or certified check or by wire transfer.

\$ _____ Total

4. **Escrow.** All funds deposited or paid by the BUYER shall be held in a non-interest bearing escrow account, by _____, as escrow agent, subject to the

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terms of this Agreement and shall be paid or otherwise duly accounted for at the time for performance. If a dispute arises between the BUYER and SELLER concerning to whom escrowed funds should be paid, the escrow agent may retain all escrowed funds pending written instructions mutually given by the BUYER and the SELLER. The escrow agent shall abide by any Court decision concerning to whom the funds shall be paid and shall not be made a party to a lawsuit solely as a result of holding escrowed funds. Should the escrow agent be made a party in violation of this paragraph, the escrow agent shall be dismissed and the party asserting a claim against the escrow agent shall pay the agent's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. *[If interest is to accrue on escrowed funds, indicate to whom it shall be paid.]*

5. Time For Performance. The SELLER shall deliver the deed and the BUYER shall pay the balance of the purchase price at _____ o'clock ____ m. on the _____ day of _____, _____, at the _____ Registry of Deeds, or at such other time and place as is mutually agreed in writing. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AS TO EACH PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT. Unless the deed and other documents required by this Agreement are recorded at the time for performance, all documents and funds are to be held in escrow, pending prompt rundown of the title and recording (or registration in the case of registered land). SELLER'S attorney or other escrow agent shall disburse funds the next business day following the date for performance, provided that the recording attorney has not reported a problem outside the recording attorney's control.

6. Title/Plans. The SELLER shall convey the Premises by a good and sufficient quitclaim deed running to the BUYER or to the BUYER'S nominee, conveying good and clear record and marketable title to the Premises, free from liens and encumbrances, except:

- (a) Real estate taxes assessed on the Premises which are not yet due and payable;
- (b) Betterment assessments, if any, which are not a recorded lien on the date of this Agreement;
- (c) Federal, state and local laws, ordinances, bylaws, rules and regulations regulating use of land, including building codes, zoning bylaws, health and environmental laws;
- (d) Rights and obligations in party walls;
- (e) Any easement, restriction or agreement of record presently in force which does not interfere with the reasonable use of the Premises as now used;
- (f) Utility easements in the adjoining ways;
- (g) Matters that would be disclosed by an accurate survey of the Premises; and
- (h) _____

[insert in (h) references to any other easement, restriction, lease or encumbrance which may continue after title is transferred]

If the deed refers to a plan needed to be recorded with it, at the time for performance the SELLER shall deliver the plan with the deed in proper form for recording or registration.

7. Title Insurance. BUYER'S obligations are contingent upon the availability (at normal premium rates) of an owner's title insurance policy insuring BUYER'S title to the premises without exceptions other than the standard exclusions from coverage printed in the current American Land Title Association ("ALTA") policy cover, the standard printed exceptions contained in the ALTA form currently in use for survey matters and real estate taxes (which shall only except real estate taxes not yet due and payable) and those exceptions permitted by paragraph 6 of this Agreement.

8. Closing Certifications and Documents. The SELLER shall execute and deliver simultaneously with the delivery of the deed such certifications and documents as may customarily and reasonably be required by the

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BUYER'S attorney, BUYER'S lender, BUYER'S lender's attorney or any title insurance company insuring the BUYER'S title to the Premises, including, without limitation, certifications and documents relating to:

(a) parties in possession of the premises; (b) the creation of mechanics' or materialmen's liens; and SELLER'S satisfaction of requirements concerning UFFI imposed upon residential sellers by statute and applicable regulations; (c) the HUD-1 Settlement Statement and other financial affidavits and agreements as may reasonably be required by the lender or lender's attorney; (d) the citizenship and residency of SELLER as required by law; and (e) information required to permit the closing agent to report the transaction to the Internal Revenue Service. At the time of delivery of the deed, the SELLER may use monies from the purchase to clear the title, provided that all documents related thereto are recorded with the deed or within a reasonable time thereafter acceptable to the BUYER and, provided further, that discharges of mortgages from banks, credit unions, insurance companies and other institutional lenders may be recorded within a reasonable time after recording of the deed in accordance with usual conveyancing practices. The SELLER'S spouse hereby agrees to release all statutory, common law or other rights or interest in the Premises and to execute the deed, if necessary.

9. Possession And Condition Of Premises. At the time for performance the SELLER shall give the BUYER possession of the entire Premises, free of all occupants and tenants and of all personal property, except property included in the sale or tenants permitted to remain. At the time for performance the Premises also shall comply with the requirements of paragraph 6, and be broom clean and in the same condition as the Premises now are, reasonable wear and tear excepted, with the SELLER to have performed all maintenance customarily undertaken by the SELLER between the date of this Agreement and the time for performance, and there shall be no outstanding notices of violation of any building, zoning, health or environmental law, bylaw, code or regulation, except as agreed. The BUYER shall have the right to enter the Premises within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time for performance or such other time as may be agreed and upon reasonable notice to SELLER for the purpose of determining compliance with this paragraph. At the time of recording of the deed, or as otherwise agreed, the SELLER shall deliver to BUYER all keys to the Premises, garage door openers and any security codes. Until delivery of the deed, the SELLER shall maintain fire and extended coverage insurance on the Premises in the same amount as currently insured.

10. Extension Of Time For Performance . If the SELLER cannot convey title as required by this Agreement or cannot deliver possession of the Premises as agreed, or if at the time of the delivery of the deed the Premises do not conform with the requirements set forth in this Agreement or the BUYER is unable to obtain title insurance in accordance with paragraph 7, upon written notice given no later than the time for performance from either party to the other, the time for performance shall be automatically extended for thirty (30) days, except that if BUYER'S mortgage commitment expires or the terms will materially and adversely change in fewer than thirty (30) days, the time for performance set forth in paragraph 5 shall be extended to one business day before expiration of the mortgage commitment. SELLER shall use reasonable efforts to make title conform or to deliver possession as agreed, or to make the Premises conform to the requirements of this Agreement. Excluding discharge of mortgages and liens, about which the SELLER has actual knowledge at the time of signing this Agreement, the SELLER shall not be required to incur costs or expenses totaling in excess of one-half (1/2) of one percent of the purchase price to make the title or the Premises conform or to deliver possession as agreed. If at the expiration of the time for performance, or if there has been an extension, at the expiration of the time for performance as extended, the SELLER, despite reasonable efforts, cannot make the title or Premises conform, as agreed, or cannot deliver possession, as agreed, or if during the period of this Agreement or any extension thereof, the SELLER has been unable to use proceeds from an insurance claim, if any, to make the Premises conform, then, at the BUYER'S election,

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any payments made by the BUYER pursuant to this Agreement shall be immediately returned. Upon return of all such funds, all obligations of the BUYER and SELLER shall terminate and this Agreement shall automatically become void and neither the BUYER nor SELLER shall have further recourse or remedy against the other.

11. **Nonconformance Of Premises.** If the Premises do not conform to the requirements of paragraph 9 because they have been damaged by fire or other casualty (occurring after the date of this Agreement) that is covered by insurance, then the BUYER shall have the right to elect whether or not to proceed to accept the Premises and take title. If BUYER elects to proceed BUYER shall have the right to elect to have the SELLER pay or assign to the BUYER, at the time for performance, the proceeds recoverable on account of such insurance, less any cost reasonably incurred by the SELLER for any incomplete repairs or restoration. If the SELLER, despite reasonable efforts, has neither been able to restore the Premises to its former condition nor to pay or assign to the BUYER the appropriate portion of insurance proceeds, the BUYER shall have the right to elect to have the SELLER give the BUYER a credit toward the purchase price, for the appropriate amount of insurance proceeds recoverable less any costs reasonably incurred by the SELLER for any incomplete restoration.

12. **Acceptance Of Deed.** The BUYER shall have the right to accept such title to the Premises as the SELLER can deliver at the time for performance and if extended, shall have such right at the time for performance, as extended. The BUYER shall also have the right to accept the Premises in the then current condition and to pay the purchase price without reduction of price. Upon notice in writing of BUYER'S decision to accept the Premises and title, the SELLER shall convey title and deliver possession. Acceptance of a deed by the BUYER or BUYER'S nominee, if any, shall constitute full performance by the SELLER and shall be deemed to release and discharge the SELLER from every duty and obligation set forth in this Agreement, except any duty or obligation of the SELLER that the SELLER has agreed to perform after the time for performance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the warranties, if any, made by the SELLER shall survive delivery of the deed.

13. **Adjustments.** At the time for performance of this Agreement adjustments shall be made as of the date of performance for current real estate taxes, fuel value, water rates, sewer use charges, collected rents, uncollected rents (if and when collected by either party), security deposits, prepaid premiums on insurance if assigned. The net total of such adjustments shall be added to or deducted from the purchase price payable by the BUYER at the time for performance. If the real estate tax rate or assessment has not been established at the time for performance, apportionment of real estate taxes shall be made on the basis of the tax for the most recent tax year with either party having the right to request apportionment from the other within twelve months of the date that the amount of the current year's tax is established. *[If tenants will continue to occupy the Premises, use of the Rental Property Addendum to Purchase And Sale Agreement should be considered.]*

14. **Acknowledgment Of Fee Due Broker.** The SELLER and BUYER acknowledge that a fee of _____ (\$ _____) for professional services shall be paid by the SELLER to _____, the "BROKER", at the time for performance. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and a prior fee agreement with BROKER, the terms of the prior fee agreement shall control unless BROKER has expressly agreed to a change in writing. The BUYER and SELLER acknowledge receipt of a notice from BROKER, pursuant to 254 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations Section 3.0 (13), regarding any agency

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relationship of the BROKER with the BUYER and/or the SELLER. The BUYER and SELLER understand that _____, a real estate broker, is seeking a fee from _____, for services rendered as a seller's subagent buyer's agent facilitator (non-agent) [choose one]. The BUYER further represents and warrants that there is no other broker with whom BUYER has dealt in connection with the purchase of the Premises.

15. **Buyer's Default.** If the BUYER or BUYER'S Nominee breaches this Agreement, all escrowed funds paid or deposited by the BUYER shall be paid to the SELLER as liquidated damages. Receipt of such payment shall constitute the SELLER'S sole remedy, at law, in equity or otherwise, for BUYER'S default. The BUYER and SELLER agree that in the event of default by the BUYER the amount of damages suffered by the SELLER will not be easy to ascertain with certainty and, therefore, BUYER and SELLER agree that the amount of the BUYER'S deposit represents a reasonable estimate of the damages likely to be suffered.

16. **Buyer's Financing.** (Delete If Waived) The BUYER'S obligation to purchase is conditioned upon obtaining a written commitment for mortgage financing in the amount of \$ _____ at prevailing rates, terms and conditions by _____. The BUYER shall have an obligation to act reasonably diligently to satisfy any condition within BUYER'S control. If, despite such diligent efforts, the BUYER has been unable to obtain such written commitment, the BUYER may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice that is received by SELLER or SELLER'S agent by 5:00 p.m. on the calendar day after the date set forth above. In the event that notice has not been actually or constructively received, this condition is deemed waived. In the event that due notice has been received, all monies deposited or paid by the BUYER shall be returned and all obligations of the BUYER and SELLER pursuant to this Agreement shall cease and this Agreement shall become void. In no event shall the BUYER be deemed to have used reasonable efforts to obtain financing unless the BUYER has submitted at least one (1) application to a licensed mortgage lender by _____ and acted reasonably promptly in providing any additional information requested by the mortgage lender.

17. **Inspections/Survey.** Buyer has had an opportunity to conduct all inspections and accepts the condition of the property as is, subject to any work expressly agreed in writing to be performed at the expense of Seller. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Buyer has _____ days from the date of this Agreement to complete inspection of _____ by consultant(s) regularly in the business of conducting said inspections, of BUYER'S own choosing, and at BUYER'S sole cost. If the results are not satisfactory to BUYER, in BUYER'S sole discretion, BUYER shall have the right to give written notice received by the SELLER or SELLER'S agent by 5:00 p.m. on the calendar day after the date set forth above, terminating this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice this Agreement shall be void and all monies deposited by the BUYER shall be returned. Failure to provide timely notice of termination shall constitute a waiver. In the event that the BUYER does not exercise the right to have such inspection(s) or to so terminate, the SELLER and the listing broker are each released from claims relating to the condition of the Premises that the BUYER or the BUYER'S consultants could reasonably have discovered.

18. **Lead Paint Laws.** For premises built before 1978 BUYER acknowledges receipt of the "Department of Public Health Property Transfer Notification" regarding the Lead Law, acknowledges verbal notification of the possible presence of lead hazards and the provisions of the Federal and Massachusetts Lead Laws and regulations, including the right to inspect for dangerous levels of lead. Occupancy of premises containing dangerous levels of lead by a child under six years of age is prohibited, subject to exceptions permitted by law. BUYER further acknowledges that neither the SELLER nor any real estate agent has made any

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representation, express or implied, regarding the absence of lead paint or compliance with any lead law, except as set forth in writing. BUYER assumes full responsibility for compliance with all laws relating to lead paint removal, if required by law, and related matters (in particular, without limitation, Mass. G. L., c. 111, § 197), and BUYER assumes full responsibility for all tests, lead paint removal and other costs of compliance. Pursuant to 40 CMR 745.113(a), the Property Transfer Notification Certification is attached to this agreement.

19. **Certificate of Approved Installation.** The SELLER shall equip the residential structure on the Premises with approved smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors and furnish BUYER with Certificate of Approved Installation from the local Fire Department at the time for performance to the extent required by law as well as any wood stove permit, if any, required by law, regulation or ordinance.

20. **Warranties And Representations.** The SELLER represents and warrants that the Premises is / is not [choose one] served by a septic system or cesspool. [If yes, a copy of the Title 5 Addendum is attached.] The SELLER further represents that there is / is not / has no knowledge of [choose one] underground storage tank. The SELLER further represents and warrants that SELLER has full authority to enter into this Agreement. The buyer is not relying upon any representation, verbal or written, from any real estate broker or licensee concerning legal use. Any reference to the category (single family, multi-family, residential, commercial) or the use of this property in any advertisement or listing sheet, including the number of units, number of rooms or other classification is not a representation concerning legal use or compliance with zoning by-laws, building code, sanitary code or other public or private restrictions by the broker. The BUYER understands that if this information is important to BUYER, it is the duty of the BUYER to seek advice from an attorney or written confirmation from the municipality. In addition, the BUYER acknowledges that there are no warranties or representations made by the SELLER or any broker on which BUYER relies in making this Offer, except those previously made in writing and the following:

[If none, state "none"; if any listed, indicate by whom the warranty or representation was made.]

21. **Notices.** All notices required or permitted to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered in hand, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested or sent by United States Postal Service overnight Express Mail or other overnight delivery service, addressed to the BUYER or SELLER or their authorized representative at the address set forth in this paragraph. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given upon delivery or, if sent by certified mail on the date of delivery set forth in the receipt or in the absence of a receipt three business days after deposited or, if sent by overnight mail or delivery, the next business day after deposit with the overnight mail or delivery service, whether or not a signature is required. Acceptance of any notice, whether by delivery or mail, shall be sufficient if accepted or signed by a person having express or implied authority to receive same. Notice shall also be deemed adequate if given in any other form permitted by law. *[If there are multiple buyers, identify the mailing address of each buyer in paragraph 23.]*

BUYER:
Address:

SELLER:
Address:

22. **Counterparts / Facsimiles / Construction Of Agreement.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. Signatures transmitted by facsimile shall have the effect of original signatures. This Agreement shall be construed as a Massachusetts contract ; is to take effect as a sealed

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instrument; sets forth the entire agreement between the parties; is binding upon and is intended to benefit the BUYER and SELLER and each of their respective heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors and assigns; and may be canceled, modified or amended only by a written agreement executed by both the SELLER and the BUYER. If two or more persons are named as BUYER their obligations are joint and several. If the SELLER or BUYER is a trust, corporation, limited liability company or entity whose representative executes this Agreement in a representative or fiduciary capacity, only the principal or the trust or estate represented shall be bound, and neither the trustee, officer, shareholder or beneficiary shall be personally liable for any obligation, express or implied. The captions and any notes are used only as a matter of convenience and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement and are not to be used in determining the intent of the parties. Any matter or practice which has not been addressed in this Agreement and which is the subject of a Title Standard or Practice Standard of the Massachusetts Conveyancers Association at the time for performance shall be governed by the Title Standard or Practice Standard of the Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts formerly known as the Massachusetts Conveyancers Association..

23. **Additional Provisions.**

UPON SIGNING, THIS DOCUMENT WILL BECOME A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. IF NOT UNDERSTOOD, SEEK ADVICE FROM AN ATTORNEY.

BUYER Date

SELLER Date

BUYER Date

SELLER, *or spouse* Date

Escrow Agent. By signing below, the escrow agent agrees to perform in accordance with paragraph 4, but does not otherwise become a party to this Agreement.

ESCROW AGENT or representative Date



Thank you

for trusting us with your real estate needs

