



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

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

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

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

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

[ ] BUYER [ ] SELLER IS A SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE LICENSEE

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

2. PURCHASE PRICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable by transfer of Good Funds via [ ] Finance or [ ] a combination of Finance and Cash USD or [ ] Cash USD. Verification of Cash available for Closing is [ ] attached [ ] not attached [ ] to be Delivered before \_\_\_\_\_. This Contract [ ] is [ ] is not contingent upon the sale and closing of Buyer's real property and SCR504 [ ] is [ ] is not attached.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State of South Carolina Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Section/Phase \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map \_\_\_\_\_

Parties agree that no personal property will transfer as part of this sale, except described below and/or [ ] in attachment(s):

[ ] BUYER [ ] BUYER [ ] SELLER [ ] SELLER [ ] BUYER [ ] BUYER [ ] SELLER [ ] SELLER

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

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

**5. EARNEST MONEY:** Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (USD) Earnest Money is paid as follows: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ accompanies this offer and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be paid by 6 P.M. on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and Earnest Money is in the form of  check  cash  other (e.g. wire) \_\_\_\_\_ to be a Credit to Buyer at Closing or disbursed only as Parties agree in writing or by court order or by Contract or as required for Closing by Closing Attorney. Buyer and seller authorize \_\_\_\_\_ as Escrow Agent to deposit and hold and disburse earnest money according to the terms of any separate escrow agreement, the law, and any regulations. Broker does not guarantee payment of a check or checks accepted as earnest money. Parties direct escrow agent to communicate reasonable information confirming receipt and status of earnest money upon a Broker request. If Earnest Money is not delivered by the agreed upon date above Seller may terminate the contract by delivering Notice of Termination to the Buyer.

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

#### **6. TRANSACTION COSTS:**

##### **A. TRANSACTION COSTS**

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

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

4) At Closing, Seller will pay Buyer's transaction costs not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which includes non-allowable costs first and then allowable costs (FHA/VA). Buyer is responsible for any Buyer's transaction costs exceeding this amount. If the amount exceeds the actual amount of those costs or amount allowed by Lender, then any excess funds will revert to Seller. Seller will also provide or pay for all of Seller's transaction costs. If no

Closing, Buyer is responsible for Buyer's transaction costs and Seller responsible for Seller's transaction costs

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

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

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

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

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

**7. FINANCE:** Buyer's obligation under this Contract  is  is not contingent upon obtaining financing of a  30 year or  15 year or  other \_\_\_\_\_ purchase money loan at reasonable prevailing market terms with loan(s) equal in amounts to a maximum \_\_\_\_\_% of the Purchase Price or Appraised Value whichever is lower. ("Financing Contingency"). Financing Contingency expires at Closing ("Financing Period"). Buyer must make timely good faith efforts to apply for and obtain financing while refraining from contrary actions ("Financing Effort"). In a timely manner, Buyer shall inform Seller and Brokers of pertinent financing issues and authorize Buyer's Lender to disclose pertinent loan information to Seller and Brokers ("Financing Disclosure"). Buyer shall apply for financing by \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and shall Deliver Notice to Seller of reasonable pre-final loan approval (e.g. pre-approval letter, initial approval letter) that contains no unreasonable credit, income, or asset conditions by \_\_\_\_\_ (date) (no repairs required prior to this Notice). Final loan approval occurs when Lender funds loan(s). If the Buyer changes their Lender during the Financing Period they must notify the seller in writing within \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days. Absent written approval by the Seller, Buyer cannot change lender if the closing date agreed upon in Paragraph 4 will change as a direct result. If a Lender subsequently declines or fails to approve financing, the Buyer shall notify the Seller and Brokers as soon as possible. If the Seller and Brokers are notified of inability to obtain financing during the Financing Period, either Party may terminate this Contract by Notice.

Lender (may change): \_\_\_\_\_  FHA  VA  Conventional  Seller  Other \_\_\_\_\_. An FHA VA Financing Addendum  is  is not attached. Additional financing terms  are  are not attached.

**8. DUE DILIGENCE:**

The DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD begins upon the Effective Date and shall expire at 6 P.M. on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). Any extension to this date must be made in writing and agreed to by both Parties.

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

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

- (1) Conduct/obtain Inspections [e.g. on site conditions, off site conditions]
- (2) Deliver Repairs Requests Notice to Seller [e.g. SCR525 with all repair requests, all/portions of reports]
- (3) Proceed under amended Contract [e.g. SCR310 and SCR525, SCR390, SCR391]
- (4) Proceed under As Is Contract [e.g. Buyer desires to buy anyway, Buyer wants Property without Repair]
- (5) Terminate Contract by timely/properly Delivering "Notice of Termination" and "Termination Fee" to Seller within the Due Diligence Period.

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

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

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

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

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

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_  **see attached.**

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

**10. APPRAISED VALUE:**

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

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

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

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

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

liability) for the property prior to signing Contract.

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

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

NOTICE: THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE THAT BROKERS HAVE/WILL/MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM HWC/OTHERS FOR REFERRAL/PROCESSING. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A HWC OR SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CONTRACT AND IF YOU CHOOSE TO PURCHASE SUCH COVERAGE YOU ARE FREE TO PURCHASE IT FROM ANOTHER PROVIDER.

**15. FIRE OR CASUALTY OR INJURY:** In case the Property is damaged wholly or partially by fire or other casualty prior to Closing, Parties will have the right for 5 Calendar Days after Notice of damage to Deliver Notice of Termination to other Party. If Party does not Deliver Notice of Termination, the Parties proceed according to the Contract and Seller is to be responsible to (1) repair all damage, (2) remit to Buyer an amount sufficient for repairs, or (3) assign to Buyer the right to all proceeds of insurance and remit any deductible amount applicable to such casualty. If Buyer or Inspections caused the damage, Buyer is responsible for indemnifying Seller for damages. Brokers and Parties should ensure that they are protected by appropriate risk management strategies such as insurance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**22. ADJUSTMENTS:** Buyer and Seller agree to settle or prorate, annually or as appropriate; as of Closing Date: (A) utilities and waste fees issued after Closing which include service for time Property was owned/occupied by Seller (B) real estate taxes and owner association fees/assessments for the calendar year of Closing (C) any rents, deposits, fees associated with

leasing (D) insurance (including any non-special assessments assessed due to increased premiums), EMS service, fuel/consumables, and all other non-special assessments. Closing Attorney shall make tax proration based on the available tax information deemed reliable by the Closing Attorney. Should the tax or tax estimate or proration later become inaccurate or change, Buyer and Seller shall make any financial adjustments between themselves once accurate tax information is available and Buyer takes timely reasonable steps to minimize taxes. This section survives Closing. Buyer is solely responsible for timely and reasonably minimizing the Buyer's taxes and obtaining tax minimization procedural information including related legal counsel and financial counsel. ~~Special assessments approved prior to Closing shall be the responsibility of the Seller. Special Assessments approved after Closing shall be the responsibility of the Buyer.~~

### **23. DEFAULT:**

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

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

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

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

**27. BROKERS COMPENSATION:** Parties direct Closing Attorney to use settlement funds to collect and disburse Brokers Compensation to Brokers in accordance with agreements and document compensation on the settlement statement. If a Party disputes Brokers Compensation, that Party agrees to retain a South Carolina law firm to escrow only the disputed amount of Brokerage Compensation until the dispute is resolved by a written agreement signed by that Party and the Affected Broker, arbitration award, or court order. Party requesting the escrow shall pay all costs for escrow. If the dispute is not resolved within 180 days of Closing, the escrow shall be disbursed to the Broker. Parties agree that Brokers are third party beneficiaries to this Contract and have standing to seek remedies at law and equity. Parties represent that their only enforceable agency and/or non-agency agreements are with the Brokers disclosed in this Contract. Parties consent to Brokers possibly receiving compensation from the HWC and/or others if compensation is paid in accordance with laws and REALTOR® ethics.

**28. ATTACHMENTS, OTHER CONTINGENCIES, TERMS, AND/OR STIPULATIONS:** There may be attachments to this Contract. The most recent changes, amendments, attachments, contingencies, stipulations, addendum, additions, exhibits, or writings, agreed to by the Parties; is evidence of the Parties' intent and agreement and shall control any Contract language conflicts. Parties shall initial and date Contract changes. If any documents are attached as addenda, amendments, attachments, or exhibits considered part of this Agreement, such documents can be further identified or described here (e.g.

SCR 390, 391, 503, 504, 315, 320, 393, 370, 375, 513, 610): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**31. EXPIRATION OF OFFER:** When signed by a Party and intended as an offer or counter offer, this document represents an offer to the other Party that may be rescinded any time prior to or expires at \_\_\_\_\_  AM  PM on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ unless accepted or counter-offered by the other Party in written form Delivered prior to such deadline. **This offer will expire automatically if no action is taken by either party 30 calendar days after the offer's submittal.**

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

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

BUYER: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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Buyer's Agent/Company

Buyer's Agent License #/LLR Office Code

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**Buyer's Agent Telephone Number**

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**Seller's Agent/Company**

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