

# SAMPLE LEASE AGREEMENT ONLY

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This agreement, made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, between \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the LANDLORD, and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as the TENANT, concerning the lease of the following described property: **123 Sample St., Sample, FL 12345** is agreed to by and shall bind the TENANT, its heirs, estate, or legally appointed representatives. TENANT as herein used shall include all persons to whom this property is leased. LANDLORD as herein used shall include the OWNER(s) of the premises, its heirs, assigns or representatives and/or any AGENT(s) designated by the OWNER(s).

**TERM OF LEASE:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. If for any reason LANDLORD cannot deliver possession of the premises to TENANT by the beginning date, the beginning date may be extended up to 30 days or lease voided at LANDLORD'S option without LANDLORD being liable for any expenses caused by such delay or termination.

**OCCUPANTS:** Only the following individuals shall occupy the premises unless written consent of the LANDLORD is obtained: (HERE ALL TENANTS AND MINOR OCCUPANTS ARE LISTED). A reasonable number of guests may occupy the premises without prior written consent if stay is limited to 72 hours.

**PRORATED RENT:** TENANT agrees to pay the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ prorated rent for the period of \_\_\_\_\_ due on \_\_\_\_\_.

**ADVANCE RENT:** TENANT agrees to pay the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as advance rent representing payment for the last month of lease term or any renewal.

**RENT:** TENANT agrees to pay the monthly rent amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ plus any applicable sales tax as rent on the **1st** day of each month in advance without demand at **365 Property Management 24123 Peachland Blvd. Ste. C-4 #109 Port Charlotte, FL 33954** Phone number **941-500-4511**, Emergency phone number **941-500-4511**. Rent must be received by LANDLORD or its designated AGENT on or before the due date. A late fee of **\$75.00** plus **\$2** per day thereafter shall be due as additional rent if TENANT fails to make rent payments on or before the **3rd** day of each month. TENANT acknowledges in the event electronic payments and/or direct deposits are permitted, LANDLORD reserves the right to suspend or terminate electronic payments and/or direct deposit arrangements in the event of default by TENANT under this lease and to demand payment at a physical address. Cash payments are not accepted. If TENANT'S payment is dishonored, all future payments must be made by money order or cashier's check; dishonored payments will be subject to the greater of 5% of the payment amount or a \$40.00 charge as additional rent. If LANDLORD has actual knowledge that there are insufficient funds to cover a payment, rent will be considered unpaid, LANDLORD may serve TENANT with a Three-Day Notice and will not be required to deposit the payment. Third party checks are not permitted. Time is of the essence. The imposition of late fees and/or dishonored payment charges is not a substitution or waiver of available Florida law remedies. If rent is not received by the **1st** day of each month, LANDLORD may serve a Three Day Notice on the next day or any day thereafter as allowed by law, and LANDLORD has the right to demand that late payments shall only be in the form of a money order or a certified check. All signatories to this lease are jointly and severally responsible for the faithful performance of this lease. All payments made shall first be applied to any outstanding balances of any kind including late charges and/or any other charges due under this lease. All notices by TENANT to LANDLORD shall be sent to LANDLORD'S address above by certified mail.

**PETS:** TENANT shall not keep any animal or pet in or around the rental premises without LANDLORD'S prior written approval.

**SECURITY DEPOSIT:** TENANT agrees to pay LANDLORD the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, as security for faithful performance by TENANT of all terms, covenants and conditions of this lease. This deposit may be applied by the LANDLORD for any monies owed by TENANT under the lease or Florida law, physical damages to the premises, costs, and attorney's fees associated with TENANT'S failure to fulfill the terms of the lease and any monetary damages incurred by LANDLORD due to TENANT'S default. TENANT cannot dictate that this deposit be used for any rent due. If TENANT breaches the lease by abandoning, surrendering or being evicted from the rental premises prior to the lease expiration date (or the expiration of any extension) TENANT will be responsible for unpaid rent, physical damages, future rent due, attorney's fees, costs and any other amounts due under the terms of the tenancy or Florida law. The security deposit (and advance rent, if applicable) will be held in the following manner: Deposited in a separate non-interest-bearing account with MidFlorida Credit Union, Florida. Florida statutory law, 83.49(3) provides:

(3)(a) Upon the vacating of the premises for termination of the lease, if the landlord does not intend to impose a claim on the security deposit, the LANDLORD shall have 15 days to return the security deposit together with interest if otherwise required, or the landlord shall have 30 days to give the TENANT written notice by certified mail to the TENANT last known mailing address of his intention to impose a claim on the deposit, and the reason for imposing the claim. The notice shall contain a statement in substantially the following form: This is a notice of my intention to impose a claim for damages in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ upon your security deposit, due to \_\_\_\_\_. It is sent to you as required by s. 83.49(3), Florida Statutes. You are hereby notified that you must object in writing to this deduction from your security deposit within 15 days from the time you receive this notice, or I will be authorized to deduct my claim from your security deposit. Your objection must be sent to (LANDLORD'S address). If the LANDLORD fails to give the required notice within the 30-day period, he forfeits his right to impose a claim upon the security deposit. (b) Unless the TENANT objects to the imposition of the LANDLORD'S claim or the amount thereof within 15 days after receipt of the landlord's notice of intention to impose a claim, the LANDLORD may then deduct the amount of his claim and shall remit the balance of the deposit to the TENANT within 30 days after the date of the notice of intention to impose a claim for damages. (c) If either party

institutes an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to adjudicate his right to the security deposit, the prevailing party is entitled to receive his court costs plus a reasonable fee for his attorney. The court shall advance the cause on the calendar. (d) Compliance with this subsection by an individual or business entity authorized to conduct business in this state, including Florida-licensed real estate brokers and salespersons, shall constitute compliance with all other relevant Florida Statutes pertaining to security deposits held pursuant to a rental agreement or other landlord-tenant relationship. Enforcement personnel shall look solely to this subsection to determine compliance. This subsection prevails over any conflicting provisions in chapter 475 and in other sections of the Florida Statutes. Security deposit refunds if any shall be made by mail only, as provided by law, made out in names of all TENANTS in one check, and, may not be picked up in person from LANDLORD.

**ASSIGNMENTS/SUBLETTING:** TENANT shall not assign this lease, transfer any interest, advertise or solicit any third parties to advertise any rental or use of the premises, rent to another or sublet the premises or any part thereof for any period of time.

**APPLICATION:** If TENANT has filled out a rental application, any misrepresentation made by the TENANT in same will be a breach of this agreement and LANDLORD may terminate the tenancy. Lease may be contingent upon association approval of tenancy; when applicable, TENANT agrees to make good faith effort in diligently complying with association approval process.

**FIXTURES AND ALTERATIONS:** TENANT must obtain prior written consent from LANDLORD before painting, installing fixtures, making alterations, additions or improvements and if permission granted, same shall become LANDLORD'S property and shall remain on the premises at the termination of the tenancy.

**USE OF PREMISES:** TENANT shall maintain the premises in a clean and sanitary condition and not disturb surrounding residents or the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of the premises or surrounding premises. TENANT shall install window shades or draperies (no foil, sheets, paper etc. allowed) within 15 days of taking occupancy if not already provided. Premises are to be used and occupied by the TENANT for only residential, non-business, private housing purposes only. TENANT shall not operate any type of day care or child sitting service on the premises. TENANT shall secure insurance immediately for any water filled devices with a loss payable clause to LANDLORD. No trampolines, athletic equipment, recreational equipment, or any items or activities which can cause interference with the insurance coverage on the premises will be permitted. TENANT is strictly prohibited from installing or using a permanent or portable fire pit anywhere on the premises and may not otherwise light exterior fires. TENANT acknowledges burning of candles or incense is NOT permitted on the premises. TENANT shall not place or use any above ground pools of any size on the premises without LANDLORD'S approval. TENANT is not permitted to access, enter or store any items in any crawl spaces, attics or any locked areas on the premises without prior written permission from LANDLORD. No aquariums are allowed without Landlord's prior written consent. **SMOKING is NOT permitted inside the unit at any time.**

**RISK OF LOSS:** All TENANTS' personal property shall be at the risk of the TENANT, and LANDLORD shall not be liable for any damage to said personal property of the TENANT arising from criminal acts, fire, storm, flood, rain or wind damage, acts of negligence of any person whomsoever, or from the bursting or leaking of water pipes. LANDLORD shall not be responsible for the loss of any food in the event of a refrigerator or freezer failure, defect or electrical failure. **TENANT is strongly urged to secure insurance for personal property.**

**DEFAULT:** (1) Failure of TENANT to pay rent or any additional rent when due, or (2) TENANT'S violation of any other term, condition or covenant of this lease (and if applicable, attached rules and regulations), condominium or HOA rules regulations, restrictions, by-laws or neighborhood deed restrictions or (3) failure of TENANT to comply with any federal, state and/or local laws, rules and ordinances, or (4) TENANT'S failure to move into the premises or TENANT'S abandonment of the premises, shall constitute a default by TENANT. Upon default, TENANT shall owe LANDLORD rent and all sums as they become due under the terms of this lease and any addenda attached hereto and any and all amounts owed to LANDLORD as permitted by Florida law. If the TENANT abandons or surrenders possession of the premises during the lease term or any renewals, or is evicted by the LANDLORD, LANDLORD may retake possession of the premises and make a good faith effort to re-rent it for the TENANT account. Retaking of possession shall not constitute a rescission of this lease nor a surrender of the leasehold estate. If TENANT(s) breach this lease agreement, in addition to any other remedies available by law and this lease agreement, TENANT(s) shall be responsible for any leasing fee or commission charge which OWNER may incur in attempting to re-lease the premises through a licensed real estate company. If TENANT'S actions or inactions result in any fines, attorney's fees, costs or charges from or imposed by a condo association or homeowners association if in place, or governmental agency, TENANT shall be in default of this lease and shall be immediately required to pay such sums as additional rent.

**ATTORNEY'S FEES:** The prevailing party in any litigation between LANDLORD and TENANT concerning enforcement of the terms and conditions of the lease shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and court costs. LANDLORD and TENANT waive the right to demand a jury trial concerning any litigation between LANDLORD and TENANT regarding enforcement of the terms and conditions of this lease.

**UTILITIES:** LANDLORD is responsible for providing the following utilities only: \_\_\_\_\_. The TENANT agrees to pay all charges and deposits for all other utilities and TENANT agrees to have all accounts for utilities immediately placed in TENANT name with accounts kept current throughout occupancy. Garbage and or trash removal is considered a utility under this lease. If the utilities which TENANT is responsible for are still in LANDLORD'S name at the time TENANT takes occupancy, TENANT agrees that LANDLORD shall order such utilities to be terminated. In the event a condominium association or homeowners association is currently providing any services to the unit such as cable, satellite TV, alarm monitoring, internet, water, sewer, trash, guarded security gate or other services and the association decides these services will no longer be provided, TENANT agrees and understands that LANDLORD shall not be required to replace, provide or pay for these removed services for TENANT. TENANT may opt to pay for non-essential services but shall be required to pay for essential services including

but not limited to water, sewer and trash if the association no longer provides these services. The discontinuation of any such services by the association shall not be construed as a prohibited practice by LANDLORD nor shall it constitute a default under the lease. The failure of TENANT to retain and pay for essential services upon notice and demand by the LANDLORD shall constitute a material breach of the lease. In the event the premises is currently on well water, if the municipality or county decides to connect the premises to city/municipality water, TENANT agrees that TENANT shall be responsible for paying for the monthly water bill and monthly sewer bill if no longer on septic and shall place the water/sewer utility in TENANT'S name unless prohibited by the municipality to avoid any interruption in service. If TENANT surrenders the premises early, abandons the premises, or is evicted, TENANT shall remain responsible for all accruing utility charges otherwise the responsibility of the TENANT under the lease. Tenant is responsible for any cost related to the installation and/or maintenance of phone lines, cable lines, outlets and/or jacks, if Tenant chooses to have phone land line service and/or cable service.

**VEHICLES:** Vehicle(s) must be currently licensed, owned by TENANT, registered, operational & properly parked. TENANT agrees to abide by all parking rules established now or in the future by LANDLORD or condo /homeowner association's rules, if applicable. No trailers, campers, vehicles on blocks, motorcycles, boats or commercial vehicles are allowed on or about the premises without LANDLORD'S prior written approval. TENANT is not to repair or disassemble vehicles on the premises. Vehicles not meeting the above requirements & additional rules of LANDLORD are unauthorized vehicles subject to being towed at TENANT expense. Parking on the grass is prohibited. TENANT agrees to indemnify LANDLORD for any expenses incurred due to the towing of any vehicle belonging to the guest or invitee of TENANT. TENANT agrees that only the following vehicles will be parked on the premises: \_\_\_\_\_.

**MAINTENANCE/INSPECTION:** TENANT agrees that they have fully inspected the premises and accepts the condition of the premises in 'as is' condition with no warranties or promises express or implied. TENANT shall maintain the premises in good, clean and tenantable condition throughout the tenancy, keep all plumbing fixtures in good repair, use all electrical, plumbing, heating, cooling, appliances and other equipment in a reasonable manner, removing all garbage in a clean and sanitary manner. In the event TENANT or TENANT'S guests or invitees cause any damage to the premises, LANDLORD may at its option repair same and TENANT shall pay for the expenses of same on demand or LANDLORD may require TENANT repair same, all charges incurred as additional rent. TENANT shall also be fully responsible for, and agrees to maintain and repair at TENANT'S expense, the following: A/C FILTERS, WASHER, DRYER, EXTERMINATION, GARBAGE DISPOSAL, LAWN/SHRUBBERY, LOCKS/KEYS, SCREENING, POOL SERVICE, POOL EQUIPMENT, HOT TUB, SMOKE ALARM(S), WINDOWS. In the event a major repair to the premises must be made which will necessitate the TENANT'S vacating the premises, LANDLORD may at its option terminate this agreement and TENANT agrees to vacate the premises holding LANDLORD harmless for any damages suffered if any. TENANT shall notify LANDLORD immediately of any maintenance need or repair in writing. TENANT agrees that they shall immediately test each smoke detector and shall maintain same. In the event the TENANT is responsible for paying for LP/Propane gas, TENANT shall pay the fees and costs associated with the rental of the tank.

**VACATING:** At the expiration of this agreement or any extension, TENANT shall peaceably surrender the premises and turn in all keys and any other property owned by LANDLORD leaving the premises in good, clean condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

**RENEWAL:** LANDLORD or TENANT shall have 60 days to notify each other in writing prior to the lease expiration date of an intent not to renew the lease. If the required notice is not given by LANDLORD or TENANT, and TENANT vacates as of the lease expiration date, TENANT shall owe an additional month's rent. If the required notice is not given by LANDLORD or TENANT, and no new lease is signed, the tenancy shall become a month-to-month tenancy, which may be terminated by TENANT or LANDLORD giving written notice not less than 15 days prior to the end of some monthly payment period. All other conditions of the lease shall remain in effect. Upon receiving proper notice from LANDLORD, if TENANT fails to vacate as of the lease expiration date or the end of any successive consensual period, TENANT shall additionally be held liable for holdover (double) rent thereafter.

**RIGHT OF ENTRY:** LANDLORD, upon reasonable notice by telephone, hand-delivery or posting to TENANT, has the right of entry to the premises for showing, repairs, appraisals, inspections, or any other reason. LANDLORD has immediate right of entry in cases of emergency, or to protect or preserve the premises. TENANT shall not alter or add locks without prior written consent. If consent is given, TENANT must provide LANDLORD with a key to all locks. LANDLORD may place "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs on the premises at any time.

**CONDEMNATION, DAMAGE TO PREMISES, ACTS OF GOD and TERMINATION:** If for any reason the premises are condemned by any governmental authority, destroyed, rendered uninhabitable, rendered dangerous to persons or property, and/or damaged through fire, water, smoke, wind, flood, act of God, nature or accident, or, if it becomes necessary, in the opinion of LANDLORD or its AGENT, that TENANT must vacate the premises in order for repairs to the premises to be undertaken, this lease shall, at LANDLORD'S option and upon 7 days written notice to TENANT, cease and shall terminate, TENANT agrees to and shall vacate and TENANT, if not in default of the lease, shall owe no further rent due under the terms of the lease. In such case, TENANT hereby waives all claims against LANDLORD for any damages suffered by such condemnation, damage, destruction or lease termination. TENANT agrees that in the event there are hurricane or storm shutters on the premises, TENANT will install same if there is a hurricane or tropical storm watch or warning in effect and/or at the request of the LANDLORD. If TENANT is unable to perform this task for any reason, TENANT agrees to notify LANDLORD as soon as any storm watch or warning is placed into effect.

**MOLD:** LANDLORD reserves the right to terminate the tenancy and TENANT(s) agree to vacate the premises in the event LANDLORD in its sole judgment feels that either there is mold or mildew present in the dwelling unit which may pose a safety or health hazard to TENANT(s) or other persons and/or TENANT(s) actions or inactions are causing a condition which is conducive to mold growth.

**WAIVERS:** The rights of the LANDLORD under this lease shall be cumulative, and failure on the part of the LANDLORD to exercise promptly any rights given hereunder shall not operate to forfeit any other rights allowed by this lease or by law.

**INDEMNIFICATION:** TENANT agrees to reimburse LANDLORD upon demand in the amount of the loss, property damage, or cost of repairs or service (including plumbing trouble) caused by the negligence or improper use by TENANT, his AGENTS, family or guests. TENANT at all times, will indemnify and hold harmless LANDLORD from all losses, damages, liabilities and expenses which can be claimed against LANDLORD for any injuries or damages to the person or property of any persons, caused by the acts, omissions, neglect or fault of TENANT, his AGENTS, family or guests, or arising from TENANT'S failure to comply with any applicable laws, statutes, ordinances or regulations.

**DISPUTES AND LITIGATION:** In the event of a dispute concerning the tenancy created by this agreement, TENANT agrees that whether or not the premises are being actively managed by an AGENT for the record OWNER, TENANT agrees to hold AGENT, its heirs, employees and assigns harmless and shall look solely to the record OWNER of the premises in the event of a legal dispute.

**INTEGRATION:** This lease and exhibits and attachments, if any, set forth the entire agreement between LANDLORD and TENANT concerning the premises, and there are no covenants, promises, agreements, conditions, or understandings, oral or written between them other than those herein set forth. If any provision in this agreement is illegal, invalid or unenforceable, that provision shall be void but all other terms and conditions of the agreement shall be in effect.

**MODIFICATIONS:** No subsequent alteration, amendment, change or addition to this lease shall be binding upon LANDLORD unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

**RADON GAS:** State law requires the following notice to be given: "Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that, when it has accumulated in a building in sufficient quantities, may present health risks to persons who are exposed to it over time. Levels of radon that exceed federal and state guidelines have been found in buildings in Florida. Additional information regarding radon and radon testing may be obtained from your county public health unit."

**ABANDONED PROPERTY:** BY SIGNING THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT, THE TENANT AGREES THAT UPON SURRENDER, ABANDONMENT, OR RECOVERY OF POSSESSION OF THE DWELLING UNIT DUE TO THE DEATH OF THE LAST REMAINING TENANT, AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 83, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE LANDLORD SHALL NOT BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR STORAGE OR DISPOSITION OF THE TENANT'S PERSONAL PROPERTY.

**ADDITIONAL STIPULATIONS:**

Added here.

ACCEPTANCE BY FACSIMILE AND/OR BY ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE BY ANY OF THE PARTIES SHALL CONSTITUTE VALID BINDING ACCEPTANCE OF THIS LEASE AGREEMENT AND ITS ADDENDA:

MOLD ADDENDUM (THIS IS ATTACHED)

PET ADDENDUM (THIS IS ATTACHED IF APPROPRIATE)

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

\_\_\_\_\_ TENANT  
Sample Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_ AGENT