

# West Virginia Residential Lease Agreement Form

**I. TERM** – This legal document (“Hereinafter referred to as “Lease Agreement”)  
represents a lease agreement for a term of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Hereinafter referred to as

*Number of Months*

the “Lease Term”) beginning on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

*Day*

*Month*

\_\_\_\_\_ and ending on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

*Year*

*Day*

*Month*

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Year*

**II. LANDLORD & TENANT** – This Lease Agreement is between

\_\_\_\_\_ (Hereinafter referred to as “Landlord”)

*Landlord*

with mailing address of \_\_\_\_\_ City of

*Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

(Hereinafter referred to as the “Premises”) to

\_\_\_\_\_ (Hereinafter referred to as “Tenant”)

*Tenant*

**III. PREMISES** – The Landlord agrees to lease the premises located at

\_\_\_\_\_ City of \_\_\_\_\_ State of

*Street Address*

*City*

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ (Hereinafter referred to as the “Premises”) to

*State*

*Zip Code*

the Tenant only for the purposes of residential use. The Landlord agrees to include  
furnishings and appliances as described:

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Furnishings and Appliances*

If there are any common areas for use but which are shared between other Tenants or the  
Landlord, Tenant shall have the every right to use said areas. If there are any restrictions  
on said common areas they are:

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Restrictions*

**IV. USE**

The Tenant shall obey, and require anyone else on the Premises to obey, all laws and restrictions that apply to the Premises as well as any Federal or State Laws and act in a manner that does not unreasonably disturb any neighbors or constitute a breach of peace. Landlord will give Tenant notice of any restrictions that apply to the Premises.

**A. Alterations** - Tenant \_\_\_\_ may, or, \_\_\_\_ may not make alterations or improvements to the Premises with first obtaining permission from the Landlord in writing of exactly the improvement or alteration and how the improvement or alteration will be made.

**B. Pets** – Tenant \_\_\_\_ may, or, \_\_\_\_ may not be allowed to have pets on the Premises. If pets are not allowed on the premises, they are not to be allowed at anytime, except licensed animals needed by the blind, deaf, disabled or \_\_\_\_\_ under the conditions of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Other* *Conditions*

The Premises are to be used only as a private residence for the Tenant(s) listed in Section II of this Agreement, and the following minor children:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*List Minor Children*

Occupancy by guests for more than \_\_\_\_ is prohibited without Landlord's written  
*# of Days*  
consent and will be considered a breach of this Lease Agreement.

**V. RENT**

Tenant shall pay rent to Landlord payable to in the monthly installments of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ )  
*Amount* *\$*

payable in the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Payable to*

**Payments are due on the \_\_\_\_\_ of every month** (Hereinafter referred to as the “Due  
*#*

Date”) beginning \_\_\_\_\_ . All rent payments shall be  
*Date*

sent to \_\_\_\_\_ City of \_\_\_\_\_ State of  
*Street Address* *City*

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ or if there is another way the Landlord would like to  
*State* *Zip Code*

receive rental payments it shall be described as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Other*

(if applicable) **Prorated first month's rent.**

For the period from Tenant's move-in date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, through the end

*Tenant's Move-in Date*

of the month, Tenant will pay to Landlord the prorated monthly rent of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*Prorated Rent Amount*

This amount will be paid on or before the date the Tenant moves in.

**VI. DEPOSITS AND CHARGES** - In addition to Rent described above, the Tenant shall pay the following to the items that apply:

**A. Deposits (check all that apply)**

\_\_\_\_\_ - Security Deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid upon signing the Lease  
\$

\_\_\_\_\_ - Last Month's Rent of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid upon signing the Lease  
\$

\_\_\_\_\_ - Rent in advance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid upon signing the Lease  
\$

\_\_\_\_\_ - Pet Deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid upon signing the Lease  
\$

\_\_\_\_\_ - Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\$

If the Tenant has paid a deposit or an advancement of rent, the Landlord shall deposit the money in a separate interest bearing or non-interest bearing account for the benefit of the Tenant. Furthermore, within \_\_\_\_\_ days after Tenant has vacated the premises,

*# of days*

returned keys, and provided Landlord with a forwarding address, Landlord will give Tenant an itemized written statement of the reasons for, and the dollar amount of, any of the security deposit retained by the Landlord, along with a check for any deposit balance.



1. With Tenant's consent
2. In case of emergency
3. When Tenant unreasonably withholds consent.
4. If Tenant is absent from the Premises for a period of at least one-half a Rental Installment Period. (If the rent is current and Tenant notifies Landlord of an intended absence, then the Landlord may only enter with Tenant's consent or for the protection or preservation of the Premises.)

## **XI. PROHIBITED ACTS BY LANDLORD**

- A.** - Landlord cannot cause, directly or indirectly, the termination or interruption of any utility service that serves the Tenant including but not limited to; refrigeration garbage collection, gas, oil, electricity, lighting (interior and exterior), or any other service.
- B.** - Landlord cannot prevent the Tenant from accessing the Premises by any and all means.
- C.** - Landlord cannot make any unnecessary repairs to remove; windows, doors, or any fixtures. Landlord cannot remove Tenant's personal property from the Premises unless Tenant has not paid rent; in that case the Landlord may remove Tenant's Personal Property and is not responsible for storage or disposition.

## **XII. DEFAULT**

- A. TENANT'S DEFAULT** – Tenant shall be in default if the following occurs during the term of the Lease Agreement:
1. Tenant fails to pay rent when it is due and the default continues for 3 business days (business days are defined as Monday through Friday except federal holidays) after written notice of failure to pay rent or possession of the Premises.
  2. If there is an intentional act that causes severe destruction, damage, or misuse of Property, then Landlord has the authority to evict the Tenant immediately for unreasonable disturbance.
  3. If Tenant fails to perform any of the stated terms of the Lease Agreement and fails to comply after seven (7) days of receiving notice.
- B. LANDLORD'S DEFAULT** – If Landlord does not comply with Tenant's maintenance obligations within seven (7) days of written notice of Landlord's default of obligation to repair, fix, or maintain the Premises, the Lease Agreement may be altered;
- C. WAIVER** – If Landlord accepts rent knowing of Tenant's default or accepts performance by Tenant of any part of the Lease Agreement, or, Tenant accepts performance by Landlord knowing of Landlord default and pays rent, then the party accepting performance shall not have the right under this Lease Agreement to make a claim or terminate Lease Agreement. This does not limit the rights of any party to enforce later default.
1. Tenant will not be liable for rent if the Landlord's failure to comply makes the Premises uninhabitable.
  2. If the Landlord's failure to comply makes the Premises habitable but not

in the condition upon move-in, then the rent shall be adjusted to the market value of the Premises.

**XIII. POSSESSION** – If, after authorization of this Lease Agreement by both parties either:

- A. Tenant fails to take possession of the Premises; Tenant is still responsible for paying rent on the Due Date every month and to comply with the provisions of this Lease Agreement.
- B. Landlord fails to grant possession of the Premises in a good and habitable condition to Tenant; The Tenant has the right to terminate the Lease Agreement with written notice to Landlord.

**XIV. NOTICES** – All notices made by the Tenant to the Landlord, must be delivered to the following address below;

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*Street Address*

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*Street Address #2*

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*City* , *State*

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*Zip Code*

**XV. DISCLOSURES** – Tenant agrees and acknowledges the disclosures attached to this agreement by filling in their initials below;

\_\_\_\_\_ - State of \_\_\_\_\_ required disclosures  
*State*

\_\_\_\_\_ - Tenant Rules and Regulations

\_\_\_\_\_ - Tenant Checklist Upon Move-In

\_\_\_\_\_ - Other \_\_\_\_\_  
*Other*

**XVI. ADDITIONAL ADDENDUMS** – If any Additional addendum(s) to this agreement, is described as:

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*Additional Addendums*

**XVII. DISCLAIMER** – If one sentence, section, or portion of this Lease Agreement is deemed to be invalid, it does not affect the terms of the rest of this document.

**XVIII. TENANCY** – If for any reason the Tenant or Tenant’s guest(s) fail to comply with this Lease Agreement, or the Tenant misrepresented themselves in this Lease Agreement or on the Rental Application, the Tenant may be found in violation of this

Lease Agreement and at the Landlord's decision this document may become Void.

**XIX. TIME** - Is of the essence.

**XX. ENTIRE LEASE AGREEMENT** – This legal document is the agreement between Landlord and Tenant, any other promises or agreements must be attached hereto other than the necessary rules and regulations as implied by law, have been agreed upon. Any future changes or modifications must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

**XXI. AUTHORIZATION & WITNESS** – IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant agree to the terms and have executed and dated this Lease Agreement below.

Landlord:

Tenant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Landlord's Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Tenant's Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Landlord's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Tenant's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

*(if applicable)*

Licensed Real Estate Agent/Broker/Salesperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*