

## LEASE – BUSINESS PROPERTY – SHORT FORM

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between,

\_\_\_\_\_ (“Landlord”) whose address, for the purpose of this lease is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street and Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (“Tenant”), whose address for the purpose of this lease is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street and Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

**The parties agree as follows:**

**1. PREMISES AND TERM.** Landlord leases to Tenant the following real estate, situated in \_\_\_\_\_  
County, Iowa:

together with all improvements thereon, and all rights, easements and appurtenances thereto belonging, for a term beginning on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and ending on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ upon the  
condition that Tenant performs as provided in this lease.

**2. RENT.** Tenant agrees to pay Landlord as rent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, in advance commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month thereafter, during the term of this lease. Rent for  
any partial month shall be prorated as additional rent. Tenant shall also pay:

All sums shall be paid at the address of Landlord, or at such other place as Landlord may designate in writing. Delinquent payments shall  
draw interest at \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum.

**3. POSSESSION.** Tenant shall be entitled to possession on the first day of the lease term, and shall yield possession to Landlord at the  
termination of this lease. SHOULD LANDLORD BE UNABLE TO GIVE POSSESSION ON SAID DATE, TENANT'S ONLY  
DAMAGES SHALL BE A PRO RATA ABATEMENT OF RENT.

**4. USE.** Tenant shall use the premises only for

\_\_\_\_\_  
**5. CARE AND MAINTENANCE.** (a) Tenant takes the premises as is, except as herein provided.

(b) Landlord shall keep the following in good repair: (strike inapplicable words) (roof) (exterior walls) (foundation) (sewer) (plumbing)  
(heating) (wiring) (air conditioning) (plate glass) (windows and window glass) (parking area) (driveways) (sidewalks) (exterior decorating) (interior  
decorating)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landlord shall not be liable for failure to make any repairs or replacements unless Landlord fails to do so within a reasonable time after written notice  
from Tenant.

(c) Tenant shall maintain the premises in a reasonable safe, serviceable, clean and presentable condition, and except for the repairs and  
replacements provided to be made by Landlord in subparagraph (b) above, shall make all repairs, replacements and improvements to the premises,  
INCLUDING ALL CHANGES, ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS ORDERED BY ANY LAWFULLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT  
AUTHORITY DIRECTLY RELATED TO TENANTS USE OF THE PREMISES. Tenant shall make no structural changes or alterations without  
the prior written consent of Landlord. Unless otherwise provided, and if the premises included the ground floor, Tenant agrees to remove all snow  
and ice and other obstructions from the sidewalk on or abutting the premises.

**6. UTILITIES AND SERVICES.** Tenant shall pay for all utilities and services which may be used on the premises, except the following to be furnished by Landlord:

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Landlord shall not be liable for damages for failure to perform as herein provided, or for any stoppage for needed repair or for improvements or arising from causes beyond the control of Landlord, provided Landlord uses reasonable diligence to resume such services.

**7. SURRENDER.** Upon the termination of this lease, Tenant will surrender the premises to Landlord in good and clean condition, except for ordinary wear and tear or damage without fault or liability of Tenant. Continued possession, beyond the term of this Lease and the acceptance of rent by Landlord shall constitute a month-to-month extension of this Lease.

**8. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING.** No assignment or subletting, either voluntary or by operation of law, shall be effective without the prior written consent of Landlord, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld.

**9. INSURANCE.**

A. **PROPERTY INSURANCE.** Landlord and Tenant agree to insure their respective real and personal property for the full insurable value. Such insurance shall cover losses included in the Insurance Services Offer Broad Form Causes of Loss (formerly fire and extended coverage). To the extent permitted by their policies the Landlord and Tenant waive all rights of recovery against each other.

B. **LIABILITY INSURANCE.** Tenant shall obtain commercial general liability insurance in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each occurrence, and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annual aggregate per location. This policy shall be endorsed to include the Landlord as an additional insured.

**10. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE.** Each party shall be liable to the other for all damage to the property of the other negligently, recklessly or intentionally caused by that party (or their agents, employees or invitees), except to the extent the loss is insured and subrogation is waived under the owner's policy.

**11. IDEMNITY.** Except for the negligence of Landlord, Tenant will protect, defend, and indemnify Landlord from and against any and all loss, costs, damage and expenses occasioned by, or arising out of, any accident or other occurrence causing or inflicting injury or damage to any person or property, happening or done in, upon or about the premises, or due directly or indirectly to the tenancy, use or occupancy thereof, or any part thereof by Tenant or any person claiming through or under Tenant.

**12. DAMAGE.** In the event of damage to the premises, so that Tenant is unable to conduct business on the premises, this lease may be terminated at the option of either party. Such termination shall be effected by notice of one party to the other within twenty \_\_\_\_\_ days after such notice; and both parties shall thereafter be released from all future obligations hereunder.

**13. MECHANICS' LIENS.** Neither Tenant, nor anyone claiming by, through, or under Tenant, shall have the right to file any mechanic's lien against the premises. Tenant shall give notice in advance to all contractors and subcontractors who may furnish, or agree to furnish, any material, service or labor for any improvement on the premises.

**14. DEFAULT, NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.**

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

A. Each of the following shall constitute an event of default by Tenant: (1) Failure to pay rent when due; (2) failure to observe or perform any duties, obligations, agreements, or conditions imposed on Tenant pursuant to the terms of the lease; (3) abandonment of the premises. "Abandonment" means the Tenant has failed to engage in its usual and customary business activities on the premises for more than fifteen (15) consecutive business days; (4) Institution of voluntary bankruptcy proceedings by Tenant; Institution of Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings in which the Tenant thereafter is adjudged a bankruptcy; assignment for the benefit of creditors of the interest of Tenant under this lease agreement; appointment of a receiver for the property or affairs of Tenant, where the receivership is not vacated within ten (10) days after the appointment of the receiver.

NOTICE OF DEFAULT

B. Landlord shall give Tenant a written notice specifying the default and giving the Tenant ten (10) days in which to correct the default. If there is a default (other than for nonpayment of a monetary obligation of Tenant, including rent) that cannot be remedied in the (10) days by diligent efforts of the Tenant, Tenant shall propose an additional period of time in which to remedy the default. Consent to additional time shall not be unreasonably withheld by Landlord. Landlord shall not be required to give Tenant any more than three notices for the same default within any 365 day period.

REMEDIES

C. In the event Tenant has not remedied a default in a timely manner following a Notice of Default, Landlord may proceed with all available remedies at law or in equity, including but not limited to the following: (1) Termination. Landlord may declare this lease to be terminated and shall give Tenant a written notice of such termination. In the event of termination of this lease, Landlord shall be entitled to prove claim for and obtain judgment against Tenant for the balance of the rent agreed to be paid for the term herein provided, plus all expenses of Landlord in regaining possession of the premises and the reletting thereof, including attorney's fees and court costs, crediting against such claim, however, any amount obtained by reason of such reletting; (2) Forfeiture. If a default is not remedied in a timely manner, Landlord may then declare this lease to be forfeited and shall give Tenant a written notice of such forfeiture, and may, at the time, give Tenant the notice to quit provided for in Chapter 64B of the Code of Iowa.

**15. SIGNS.** Landlord, during the last ninety \_\_\_\_\_ days of this lease, shall have the right to maintain on the premises either or both a "For Rent" or "For Sale" sign. Tenant will permit prospective tenants or buyers to enter and examine the premises.

**16. NOTICES AND DEMANDS.** All notices shall be given to the parties hereto at the addresses designated unless either party notifies the other, in writing, of a different address. Without prejudice to any other method of notifying a party in writing or making a demand or other communication, such notice shall be considered given under the terms of this lease when it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, registered or certified, properly addressed, return receipt requested, and postage prepaid.

**17. PROVISIONS BINDING.** Each and every covenant and agreement herein contained shall extend to and be binding upon the respective successors, heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of the parties hereto.

**18. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

LANDLORD \_\_\_\_\_

TENANT \_\_\_\_\_

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