



EXCLUSIVE AGENCY BUYER AGENCY CONTRACT

1. APPOINTMENT OF BROKER: By this contract _____ ("Buyer") appoints Broker in Charge of _____ Company ("Broker") as Buyer's agent, subject to the terms and conditions stated in this Contract. By appointing Broker as Buyer's agent, Buyer agrees to conduct all negotiations for the types of property described in Section 2 below through Broker, and refer to Broker all inquiries made to Buyer about such properties from other brokers, salespersons, sellers and others during the term of this contract. "Negotiation" as used in this agreement shall mean property shown, negotiated, or information requested by Buyer through Broker.

2. PURPOSE OF AGENCY: Buyer desires to purchase or lease real property (which may include items of personal property) described as follows:

Type: () Residential () Commercial () Industrial () Vacant Land () Other

General Description/Address: _____

Approximate Price Range: \$ _____

General Location/Address: _____

Preferred Terms: _____

Other: _____

3. BROKER'S DUTIES: (a) The Broker shall provide to Buyer a meaningful explanation of agency and shall use Broker's professional real estate knowledge and skills to represent the Buyer in a diligent and effective manner and to locate property which is available for purchase or lease and suitable to the Buyer; (b) if the Broker is not representing the seller, the Broker shall represent solely the interest of the Buyer in all negotiations and transactions regarding the acquisition of real property, and repudiate any agency or subagency relationship with the seller or the company representing the seller and shall not claim the subagency compensation offered to the selling broker in the Multiple Listing Service; (c) if the Broker represents the seller as well as the Buyer (i.e., disclosed dual agency), the Broker shall **not** disclose to the Buyer information obtained within the confidentiality and trust of the fiduciary relationship with the seller, nor disclose to the seller information similarly obtained from the Buyer, without the consent of the party adversely affected by the disclosure; (d) the Broker may represent other buyers who may be interested in the same property as the Buyer. Upon the termination or completion of this agreement, Broker shall keep confidential all information received during the course of this agreement which was made confidential by written request or instructions from the client, except as provided for under South Carolina law.

Broker represents that Broker is duly licensed under the laws of the State of South Carolina as a real estate broker. Broker will use his best efforts as Buyer's agent to locate property of the type described in Section 2 of this contract and to negotiate acceptance of any offer by Buyer to purchase or lease such property. During the term of this Contract, Broker will give Buyer information describing and identifying properties which appear to Broker to substantially meet the conditions set forth in Section 2.

4. BUYER'S DUTIES. BUYER AGREES TO:

(A) Work with Broker and its Affiliated licensees during the term of this agreement by: (1) allowing Broker of Salesperson to identify property, negotiate for Buyer and otherwise to represent Buyer; and (2) holding Broker harmless from liability as a result of incomplete/inaccurate information provided to Broker by Buyer or Seller; (3) holding Broker harmless from liability as a result of Seller's failure to provide a complete Seller's Property Condition Disclosure statement and (4) indemnifying Broker against all claims, damages, losses, expenses, or liability arising from the handling of earnest money by anyone other than Broker.

(B) Assist Broker and its Affiliated Licensees in the process of identifying, negotiating and contracting to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire by: (1) providing Broker with reliable information (including financial information and written authorization to obtain verification of funds) that Broker deems necessary for the performance of this Agreement; and (2) making himself available to meet with Broker and to see properties, in order that the Broker will be able to perform the promises of the Brokerage Engagement.

(C) Provide Broker and its Affiliated Licensees the following information: (1) general nature, location, and requirements of desired property; and (2) price range, and other terms and conditions relating to desired property.

(D) To authorize Buyer's attorneys and the settlement agent to furnish to Broker copies of the final HUD-1 settlement statement for the transaction prior to the closing date.

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5. COMPENSATION OF BROKER: Brokers fees will be deemed earned when Buyer is under contract to purchase any property presented by Broker. This fee will be due and payable at closing or upon Buyer's default. If Buyer defaults, the total compensation that would have been due Broker will be due and payable immediately in cash from the Buyer. In consideration of the services performed by Broker under the terms of this Contract, Buyer agrees to pay Broker the following fee(s): Buyer shall pay Broker a Brokerage Fee which is the greater of \$_____ or ___% of the purchase or total lease price (renewal, if applicable) of property purchased or leased by Buyer provided that the purchase or lease shall be made to a person with whom Broker shall have negotiated during the term hereof, and provided that Broker, prior to any such purchase, has become entitled to compensation in accordance with the terms hereof.

If within _____ days after the expiration of this Contract Buyer purchases or leases any property that Broker has shown him during the term of this Contract, Buyer will pay Broker the Brokerage Fee stated above. **BROKER SHALL OBTAIN PAYMENT OF THE BROKERAGE FEE OUT OF THE TRANSACTION, BUT BUYER SHALL HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO PAY BROKER THE BROKERAGE FEE SET FORTH IN THIS CONTRACT IF BROKER CANNOT OBTAIN PAYMENT OF SUCH FEE OUT OF THE TRANSACTION. ANY FEES PAID BY THE SELLER OR SELLER'S AGENT SHALL BE CREDITED AGAINST THE BROKERAGE FEE.**

6. TERM OF AGENCY:

Broker's authority to act as Buyer's agent under this Contract shall begin on _____, 20____ and shall end at 11:59p.m. on _____, 20____. **Buyer reserves the right to purchase any property (including "For sale by owners"—FSBOs) during the term hereof, without incurring liability for any compensation to Broker, provided that the purchase shall not be made to a person with whom Broker shall have negotiated during the term hereof, and provided that Broker, prior to any such purchase, has not become entitled to compensation in accordance with the terms hereof.** In the event that Buyer shall purchase the property, Buyer shall immediately notify Broker in writing, specifying the name of the Seller and the purchase price to be paid. In the event that Buyer does not advise Broker, in writing, within ten (10) days that Buyer has negotiated with said Seller, it shall be conclusively presumed that Buyer has not notified Broker, which shall result in Brokerage fee becoming due and payable in full. Upon the receipt by Broker of such notice, the agency granted hereby shall terminate. However, in the event the purchase or lease is made through a person with whom Broker has negotiated, the rights of Broker hereunder shall continue for the balance of the term hereof.

7. CONSENT TO DISCLOSED DUAL AGENCY/DESIGNATED AGENCY: (INITIAL APPLICABLE CHOICES)

_____ Buyer acknowledges receiving an explanation of the types of agency relationships that are offered by brokerage and an Agency Disclosure Form at the first practical opportunity at which substantive contact occurred between the Broker and Buyer.

Buyer acknowledges that after entering into this written agency contract, agent might request a modification in order to act as a **dual agent** or a **designated agent** in a specific transaction. If asked:

_____ Permission to act as a dual agent will not be considered.

_____ Permission to act as a dual agent may be considered at the time I am provided with information about the other party to a transaction. If Buyer agrees, Buyer will execute a separate written **Dual Agency Agreement**.

_____ Permission to act as a designated agent will not be considered.

_____ Permission to act as a designated agent may be considered at the time I am provided with information about the other party to a transaction. If Buyer agrees, Buyer will execute a separate written **Designated Agency Agreement**.

8. OTHER POTENTIAL BUYERS: Buyer understands that other potential buyers have entered into similar agency contracts with Broker which may involve the purchase or lease, through Broker of the same or similar property or properties as Buyer is attempting to purchase or lease. Buyer consents to Broker's representation of such other buyers.

9. INDEMNIFICATION OF BROKER: Buyer promises to disclose to Broker whether Buyer has signed any agency agreement with any other Broker, or has been given prior information about any property that is the subject of this Contract by any other Broker or salesperson, or has previously been shown any such property by any other broker or salesperson. If Buyer fails to tell Broker about such other broker's or salesperson's involvement, and Broker incurs any loss or damage as a result of any claim being brought against him on account of such involvement, due to no fault of Broker, then Buyer shall pay Broker all such losses and damages incurred by Broker because of such claim.

10. DISCLOSURE OF BUYER'S IDENTITY/CONFIDENTIALITY: The Broker [] does or [] does not have the Buyer's permission to disclose Buyer's identity to all property owners and other third parties. The Buyer is advised of the possibility that seller or seller's agent may not treat the existence, terms, or conditions of offers as confidential unless confidentiality is required by law, regulation, or by confidentiality agreement of the parties.

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