



CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS/MLS
APARTMENTS/INVESTMENTS REAL ESTATE SALE CONTRACT



1 This Contract is made between _____ ("Buyer") and _____ ("Seller") (collectively,
2 "Parties"), to convey the property known as _____ ("Property"), together with all improvements.
3 _____ (Address) _____ (City) _____ (ST) _____ (Zip) _____ (Unit No.)
4 A fully executed original of this Contract shall be held by Listing Broker. The date of the offer of this Contract is _____, 200__.
5 **1. Fixtures and Personal Property.** In addition to the Property, Seller shall transfer to Buyer by a Bill of Sale, all heating, cooling, electrical, and plumbing
6 systems, together with the following checked items:
7 ☐ T.V. Antenna _____ ☐ Washer _____ ☐ Central air conditioner _____ ☐ Water softener _____ ☐ Wall to wall carpeting _____
8 ☐ Refrigerator _____ ☐ Dryer _____ ☐ Window air conditioner _____ ☐ Fireplace gas log _____ ☐ Existing storms & screens _____
9 ☐ Oven/Range _____ ☐ Attached book cases and cabinets _____ ☐ Electronic air filter _____ ☐ Firewood _____ ☐ Radiator covers _____
10 ☐ Microwave _____ ☐ Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors _____ ☐ Central humidifier _____ ☐ Lighting Fixtures _____ ☐ All planted vegetation _____
11 ☐ Dishwasher _____ ☐ Garbage disposal _____ ☐ Fireplace screen and equipment _____ ☐ Sump pump _____ ☐ Trash compactor _____
12 ☐ Outdoor shed _____ ☐ Built-in or attached shelving _____ ☐ Home warranty (as attached) _____ ☐ Security system _____ ☐ Window treatments _____
13 ☐ Ceiling fan _____ ☐ Electronic garage door(s) with _____ remote unit(s) _____
14 Seller also transfers the following: _____. The following items are specifically excluded: _____.
15 **2. Purchase Price.** The purchase price for the Property and the items identified in Paragraph 1 is \$ _____ ("Purchase Price").
16 **3. Earnest Money.** Upon Buyer's execution of this Contract, Buyer shall deposit with _____ ("Escrowee"), initial earnest money in the
17 amount of \$ _____, in the form of _____ ("Initial Earnest Money"). The Initial Earnest Money shall be returned and this
18 Contract shall be of no force or effect if this Contract is not accepted by Seller on or before _____, 200__. The Initial Earnest Money shall be increased to 10% of
19 the Purchase Price ("Final Earnest Money") within _____ business days after the expiration of the Attorney Approval Period (See Paragraph 12 of this Contract) (the
20 Initial and Final Earnest Money are collectively referred to as the "Earnest Money"). Buyer and Seller shall execute all mutually agreed and necessary documents with
21 regard to the Earnest Money. Except as otherwise agreed, Buyer shall pay all expenses with regard to the Earnest Money.
22 **4. Payment of Balance; Mortgage Contingency.** (a) In addition to the Final Earnest Money, the balance of the Purchase Price shall be paid at closing, plus or
23 minus prorations, by cash, cashier's check, certified check, wire transfer of funds, or other payment mutually agreed by the Parties. (b) This Contract is contingent upon
24 Buyer securing by _____, 200__ ("First Commitment Date") a written commitment ("Required Commitment") for a fixed rate or an adjustable rate mortgage
25 permitted to be made by a U.S. or Illinois savings and loan association or bank for \$ _____, the interest rate (or initial interest rate if an adjustable rate
26 mortgage) not to exceed _____% per year, amortized over _____ years, payable monthly, loan fee not to exceed _____%, plus appraisal and credit report fee, if any
27 ("Required Mortgage"). If the Required Mortgage has a balloon payment, it shall be due no sooner than _____ years. Buyer shall pay for private mortgage insurance as
28 required by the lending institution. If a FHA or VA mortgage is to be obtained, Rider 8, Rider 9, or the HUD Rider shall be attached to this Contract. (1) If Buyer is
29 unable to obtain the Required Commitment by the First Commitment Date, Buyer shall so notify Seller in writing on or before that Date. Seller may, within 30 business
30 days after the First Commitment Date ("Second Commitment Date"), secure the Required Commitment for Buyer upon the same terms, and may extend the closing date
31 by 30 business days. The Required Commitment may be given by Seller or a third party. Buyer shall furnish all requested credit information, sign customary documents
32 relating to the application and securing of the Required Commitment, and pay one application fee as directed by Seller. Should Seller choose not to secure the Required
33 Commitment for Buyer, this Contract shall be null and void as of the First Commitment Date, and the Earnest Money shall be returned to Buyer. (2) If Buyer notifies
34 Seller on or before the First Commitment Date that Buyer has been unable to obtain the Required Commitment, and neither Buyer nor Seller secures the Required
35 Commitment on or before the Second Commitment Date, this Contract shall be null and void and the Earnest Money shall be returned to Buyer. (3) If Buyer does not
36 provide any notice to Seller by the First Commitment Date, Buyer shall be deemed to have waived this contingency and this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
37 **5. Deed; Real Estate Taxes.** At closing, Seller shall execute and deliver to Buyer, or cause to be executed and delivered to Buyer, a recordable Warranty Deed with
38 release of homestead rights (or other appropriate deed if title is in trust or in an estate), or Articles of Agreement, if applicable, subject only to the following, if any:
39 covenants, conditions, and restrictions of record; public and utility easements; existing leases and tenancies; special governmental taxes or assessments for improvements
40 not yet completed; unconfirmed special governmental taxes or assessments; general real estate taxes for the year 200__ and subsequent years; the mortgage or trust deed
41 referred to in Paragraph C of the General Provisions of this Contract and/or Rider 7, if applicable. Seller represents that the 200__ general real estate taxes are
42 \$ _____. General real estate taxes shall be prorated as mutually agreed by the Parties prior to the expiration of the Attorney Approval Period.
43 **6. Leases.** Seller shall present to Buyer a complete copy of all existing leases affecting the Property and a rent roll within three business days of the Acceptance Date.
44 Seller represents and warrants that (a) existing leases, if any, will be assigned to Buyer at closing and (b) the present monthly gross rental income is \$ _____.
45 **7. Closing.** Closing or escrow payout shall be on _____, 200__ (except as provided in Paragraph 4(b) of this Contract), provided title has been shown to be
46 good or is accepted by Buyer, at a time and location mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
47 **8. Possession.** (a) Seller agrees to surrender possession of the Property on or before _____, 200__ ("Possession Date"), provided the transaction has closed.
48 (b) If the Possession Date is not the date of closing, then, at closing, Seller shall pay to Buyer \$ _____ per day for use and occupancy commencing the first day after
49 closing up to and including the Possession Date or on a monthly basis, whichever period is shorter ("Use/Occupancy Payments"). Buyer shall refund any part of
50 Use/Occupancy Payments for use and occupancy beyond the date possession is actually surrendered. Additionally, Seller shall deposit with Escrowee a sum equal to 2% of
51 the Purchase Price ("Possession Escrow") to guarantee possession on or before the Possession Date, which sum shall be held from the net proceeds at closing on
52 Escrowee's form of receipt. If Seller does not surrender the Property on the Possession Date, Seller shall pay to Buyer, in addition to the Use/Occupancy Payments, the
53 sum of 10% of the original amount of the Possession Escrow per day up to and including the day possession is surrendered to Buyer plus any unpaid Use/Occupancy
54 Payments to the date possession is surrendered, these amounts to be paid out of the Possession Escrow and the balance, if any, to be returned to Seller. Acceptance of
55 payments by Buyer shall not limit Buyer's other legal remedies. Seller and Buyer hereby acknowledge that Escrowee shall not distribute the Possession Escrow without
56 the joint written direction of Seller and Buyer. If either Party objects to disposition of the Possession Escrow, then Escrowee may deposit the Possession Escrow with the
57 Clerk of the Circuit Court by the filing of an action in the nature of an Interpleader. Escrowee shall be reimbursed from the Possession Escrow for all costs, including
58 reasonable attorneys' fees, related to the filing of the Interpleader, and the Parties shall indemnify and hold Escrowee harmless from any and all claims and demands,
59 including the payment of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.
60 **9. Disclosures.** Buyer has received the Heat Disclosure ☐ Yes/ ☐ No; Lead Paint Disclosure ☐ Yes/ ☐ No; Zoning Certification ☐ Yes/ ☐ No.
61 **10. Dual Agency.** The Parties consent to _____ ("Licensee") to act as Dual Agent in providing brokerage services on their behalf and specifically
62 consent to Licensee acting as Dual Agent on the transaction covered by this Contract. _____ Seller(s) Initials _____ Buyer(s) initials
63 **11. Attorney Modification.** Within _____ business days after the Acceptance Date ("Attorney Approval Period"), the Parties' respective attorneys may make
64 modifications to this Contract ("Proposed Modifications") on matters other than the Purchase Price, broker's compensation, and dates, that are mutually acceptable to
65 the Parties. If, within the Attorney Approval Period, the Parties cannot reach agreement regarding the Proposed Modifications, then either Party may terminate this
66 Contract by written notice to the other Party. In that event, this Contract shall be null and void, and the Earnest Money shall be refunded to Buyer upon joint written
67 direction of the Parties to Escrowee. IN THE ABSENCE OF DELIVERY OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE ATTORNEY
68 APPROVAL PERIOD, THIS PROVISION SHALL BE DEEMED WAIVED BY ALL PARTIES, AND THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.



69 **12. Inspection.** In addition to the inspection provided in Paragraph F of the General Conditions of this Contract, within ____ business days after the Acceptance Date
70 ("**Inspection Period**"), Buyer may provide at its expense (unless otherwise provided by law) a home, radon, environmental, lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint
71 hazards (unless separately waived), wood infestation, and/or mold inspection(s) of the Property ("**Inspections**") by one or more properly licensed or certified inspection
72 personnel ("**Inspector**"). The Inspections shall include only major components of the Property, including, without limitation, central heating, central cooling, plumbing,
73 well, and electric systems, roofs, walls, windows, ceilings, floors, appliances, and foundations. A major component shall be deemed to be in operating condition if it
74 performs the function for which it is intended, regardless of age, and does not constitute a health or safety threat. Buyer shall indemnify Seller from and against any loss
75 or damage to the Property or personal injury caused by Buyer or Buyer's Inspector. Prior to expiration of the Inspection Period, Buyer shall notify Seller or Seller's
76 attorney in writing ("**Buyer's Inspection Notice**") of any defects disclosed by the Inspections that are unacceptable to Buyer, together with a copy of the pertinent pages
77 of the relevant Inspections report. Buyer agrees that minor repairs and maintenance costing less than \$250 shall not constitute defects covered by this Paragraph. If the
78 Parties have not reached written agreement resolving the inspection issues within the Inspection Period, then either Party may terminate this Contract by written notice
79 to the other Party. In the event of such notice, this Contract shall be null and void and the Earnest Money shall be refunded to Buyer upon joint written direction of the
80 Parties to Escrowee. **IN THE ABSENCE OF WRITTEN NOTICE PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF THE INSPECTION PERIOD, THIS PROVISION SHALL BE**
81 **DEEMED WAIVED BY ALL PARTIES, AND THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**
82 **13. General Provisions and Riders. THIS CONTRACT INCLUDES THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS CONTRACT AND**
83 **THE RIDERS ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS CONTRACT:** _____.

84 ACCEPTANCE DATE _____ 200 ____

85 Buyer Signature: _____ Seller Signature: _____

86 Buyer Signature: _____ Seller Signature: _____

87 _____

88 Print Buyer(s) Name(s) Social Security # Print Seller(s) Name(s) Social Security #

89 _____

90 Address City State Zip Address City State Zip

91 _____

92 Phone #(s) Email Phone #(s) Email

93 FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

94 _____

95 Selling Office and Agent MLS# Email Listing Office and Agent MLS# Email

96 _____

97 Address City State Zip Address City State Zip

98 Phone # Fax # Phone # Fax #

99 _____

100 Buyer's Attorney Email Seller's Attorney Email

101 _____

102 Address City State Zip Address City State Zip

103 Phone # Fax # Phone # Fax #

104 Mortgage Company Fax # Loan Officer Fax #

105 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

106 **A. Prorations.** Rent, interest on existing mortgage, if any, water taxes and other items shall be prorated to date of closing. If the Property is improved, but the
107 last available tax bill is on vacant land, the Parties shall reprorate taxes when the bill on improved property is available. Security deposits, if any, shall be paid to Buyer at
108 closing.

109 **B. Uniform Vendor and Purchaser Risk Act** The provisions of the Uniform Vendor and Purchaser Risk Act of the State of Illinois shall be applicable to this
110 Contract.

111 **C. Title.** At least five days prior to the closing date, Seller shall deliver to Buyer or his agent evidence of merchantable title in the intended grantor by delivering
112 a Commitment for Title Insurance of a title insurance company bearing a date on or subsequent to the Acceptance Date, in the amount of the Purchase Price, subject to no
113 other exceptions than those previously listed within this Contract and to general exceptions contained in the commitment. Delay in delivery by Seller of a Commitment for
114 Title Insurance due to delay by Buyer's mortgagee in recording mortgage and bringing down title shall not be a default of this Contract. Every Commitment for Title
115 Insurance furnished by Seller shall be conclusive evidence of title as shown. If evidence of title discloses other exceptions, Seller shall have 30 days after Seller's receipt of
116 evidence of title to cure the exceptions and notify Buyer accordingly. As to those exceptions that may be removed at closing by payment of money, Seller may have those
117 exceptions removed at closing by using the proceeds of the sale.

118 **D. Notice.** All notices required by this Contract shall be in writing and shall be served upon the Parties or their attorneys at the addresses provided in this
119 Contract. The mailing of notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, shall be sufficient service when the notice is mailed. Notices may also be served
120 by personal delivery or commercial delivery service, by mail-o-gram, telegram, or by the use of a facsimile machine with proof of transmission and a copy of the notice with
121 proof of transmission being sent by regular mail on the date of transmission. In addition, facsimile signatures shall be sufficient for purposes of executing, negotiating,
122 and finalizing this Contract. E-mail notices shall be deemed valid and received by the addressee when delivered by e-mail and opened by the recipient, provided that a
123 copy of the e-mail notice is also sent by regular mail to the recipient on the date of transmission.

124 **E. Disposition of Earnest Money.** In the event of default by Buyer, the Earnest Money, less expenses and commission of the Listing Broker, shall be paid to
125 Seller. If Seller defaults, the Earnest Money, at the option of Buyer, shall be refunded to Buyer, but such refunding shall not release Seller from the obligations of this
126 Contract. In the event of any default, Escrowee shall give written notice to Seller and Buyer indicating Escrowee's intended disposition of the Earnest Money and request
127 Seller's and Buyer's written consent to the Escrowee's intended disposition of the Earnest Money within 30 days after the notice. However, Seller and Buyer acknowledge
128 that if Escrowee is a licensed real estate broker, Escrowee may not distribute the Earnest Money without the joint written direction of Seller and Buyer or their authorized
129 agents. If Escrowee is not a licensed real estate broker, Seller and Buyer agree that if neither Party objects, in writing, to the proposed disposition of the Earnest Money
130 within 30 days after the date of the notice, then Escrowee shall proceed to dispose the Earnest Money as previously noticed by Escrowee. If either Seller or Buyer objects
131 to the intended disposition within the 30 day period, or if Escrowee is a licensed real estate broker and does not receive the joint written direction of Seller and Buyer
132 authorizing distribution of the Earnest Money, then the Escrowee may deposit the Earnest Money with the Clerk of the Circuit Court by the filing of an action in the
133 nature of an Interpleader. Escrowee may be reimbursed from the Earnest Money for all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, related to the filing of the Interpleader
134 and the Parties indemnify and hold Escrowee harmless from any and all claims and demands, including the payment of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses
135 arising out of those claims and demands.

136 **F. Operational Systems.** Seller represents that the heating, plumbing, electrical, central cooling, ventilating systems, appliances, and fixtures on the Property
137 are in working order and will be so at the time of closing and that the roof is free of leaks and will be so at the time of closing. Buyer shall have the right to inspect the
138 Property during the 48-hour period immediately prior to closing to verify that they are in working order and that the Property is in substantially the same condition,
139 normal wear and tear excepted, as of the Acceptance Date.

140 **G. Insulation Disclosure Requirements.** If the Property is new construction, Buyer and Seller shall comply with all insulation disclosure requirements as
141 provided by the Federal Trade Commission, and Rider 13 is attached.

142 **H. Code Violations.** Seller warrants that no notice from any city, village, or other governmental authority of a dwelling code violation that currently exists on
143 the Property has been issued and received by Seller or Seller's agent ("**Code Violation Notice**"). If a Code Violation Notice is received after the Acceptance Date and
144 before closing, Seller shall promptly notify Buyer of the Notice.

145 **I. Heating Cost Disclosure.** If the Property is located in the City of Chicago, Seller and Buyer shall comply with provisions of Chapter 5-16-010 of the Chicago
146 Code of Ordinances concerning Heating Cost Disclosure for the Property.

147 **J. Escrow Closing.** At the written request of Seller or Buyer received prior to the delivery of the deed under this Contract, this sale shall be closed through an
148 escrow with a title insurance company, in accordance with the general provisions of the usual form of deed and money escrow agreement then furnished and in use by the
149 title insurance company, with such special provisions inserted in the escrow agreement as may be required to conform with this Contract. Upon the creation of an escrow,
150 payment of Purchase Price and delivery of deed shall be made through the escrow, this Contract and the Earnest Money shall be deposited in the escrow, and the Broker
151 shall be made a party to the escrow with regard to commission due. The cost of the escrow shall be divided equally between Buyer and Seller.

152 **K. Survey.** Prior to closing, Seller shall provide Buyer with a survey by a licensed land surveyor dated not more than six months prior to the date of closing,
153 showing the present location of all improvements. If Buyer or Buyer's mortgagee desires a more recent or extensive survey, the survey shall be obtained at Buyer's
154 expense.

155 **L. Affidavit of Title; ALTA.** Seller agrees to furnish to Buyer an affidavit of title subject only to those items set forth in this Contract, and an ALTA form if
156 required by Buyer's mortgagee, or the title insurance company, for extended coverage.

157 **M. Legal Description.** The Parties may amend this Contract to attach a complete and correct legal description of the Property.

158 **N. RESPA.** Buyer and Seller shall make all disclosures and do all things necessary to comply with the applicable provisions of the Real Estate Settlement
159 Procedures Act of 1974, as amended.

160 **O. Transfer Taxes.** Seller shall pay the amount of any stamp tax imposed by the state and county on the transfer of title, and shall furnish a completed
161 declaration signed by Seller or Seller's agent in the form required by the state and county, and shall furnish any declaration signed by Seller or Seller's agent or meet other
162 requirements as established by any local ordinance with regard to a transfer or transaction tax. Any real estate transfer tax required by local ordinance shall be paid by
163 the person designated in that ordinance.

164 **P. Removal of Personal Property.** Seller shall remove from the Property by the Possession Date all debris and Seller's personal property not conveyed by Bill
165 of Sale to Buyer.

166 **Q. Surrender.** Seller agrees to surrender possession of the Property in the same condition as it is on the Acceptance Date, ordinary wear and tear excepted, subject to
167 Paragraph B of the General Provisions of this Contract. To the extent that Seller fails to comply with this Provision, Seller shall not be responsible for that portion of the total cost
168 related to this violation that is below \$250.00.

169 **R. Time.** Time is of the essence for purposes of this Contract.

170 **S. Number.** Wherever appropriate within this Contract, the singular includes the plural.

171 **T. Flood Plain Insurance.** In the event the Property is in a flood plain and flood insurance is required by Buyer's lender, Buyer shall pay for that insurance.

172 **U. Business Days and Time.** Any reference in this Contract to "day" or "days" shall mean business days, and not calendar days. Business days are Monday, Tuesday,
173 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, excluding all official federal and state holidays.

174 **V. Patriot Act.** Seller and Buyer represent and warrant that they are not acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of any person, group, entity, or nation named by
175 Executive Order or the United States Treasury Department as a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person, or other banned or blocked person, entity, nation or transaction
176 pursuant to any law, order, rule or regulation which is enforced or administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), and that they are not engaged in this transaction
177 directly or indirectly on behalf of, or facilitating this transaction directly or indirectly on behalf of, any such person, group, entity, or nation. Each Party shall defend, indemnify, and
178 hold harmless the other Party from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, risks, liabilities, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) arising from or
179 related to any breach of the foregoing representation and warranty.

180 **W. Brokers.** The Real Estate Brokers named in this Contract shall be compensated in accordance with their agreements with their clients and/or any offer of compensation
181 made by the Listing Broker in a multiple listing service in which the listing and Cooperating Broker both participate.

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