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Listing Agreement – Commercial Authority to Offer for Sale

Form 520

for use in the Province of Ontario

GENERAL USE: The Listing Agreement is a contract between a Seller and a real estate company authorizing the real estate company to represent the Seller when a Seller would like to offer their property for sale on the open market.

This section of the Agreement identifies the parties involved and specifies the time period for the contract. If the time period is greater than six months then the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act and the Real Estate Council of Ontario require that the Seller(s) initial in the oval beside the bracket. There is also a statement in the form of a representation or warranty stating that the Sellers are party to another contract whether a Listing or an agreement to pay commission.

This is a **Multiple Listing Service® Agreement**  **OR** **This Listing is Exclusive**
(Seller's Initials) (Seller's Initials)

BETWEEN:

BROKERAGE:
..... (the "Listing Brokerage")

SELLER(S): (the "Seller")

In consideration of the Listing Brokerage listing the real property **for sale** known as

..... (the "Property")
the Seller hereby gives the Listing Brokerage the **exclusive and irrevocable** right to act as the Seller's agent,

commencing at 12:01 a.m. on the day of, 20.....

until 11:59 p.m. on the day of, 20..... (the "Listing Period"),

{ Seller acknowledges that the length of the Listing Period is negotiable between the Seller and the Listing Brokerage and, if an MLS® listing, may be subject to minimum requirements of the real estate board, however, in accordance with the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act of Ontario (2002), **if the Listing Period exceeds six months, the Listing Brokerage must obtain the Seller's initials.** **}**
(Seller's Initials)

to offer the Property **for sale** at a price of:

..... Dollars (\$Cdn

and upon the terms particularly set out herein, or at such other price and/or terms acceptable to the Seller. It is understood that the price and/or terms set out herein are at the Seller's personal request, after full discussion with the Listing Brokerage's representative regarding potential market value of the Property.

The Seller hereby represents and warrants that the Seller is not a party to any other listing agreement for the Property or agreement to pay commission to any other real estate brokerage for the sale of the property.

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS: *The following section defines who will be referred to as the Buyer and Seller for the remainder of the document.*

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS: For the purposes of this Listing Agreement ("Authority" or "Agreement"), "Seller" includes vendor and a "buyer" includes a purchaser or a prospective purchaser. A purchase shall be deemed to include the entering into of any agreement to exchange, or the obtaining of an option to purchase which is subsequently exercised, or the causing of a First Right of Refusal to be exercised, or an agreement to sell or transfer shares or assets. "Real property" includes real estate as defined in the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act (2002). The "Property" shall be deemed to include any part thereof or interest therein. A "real estate board" includes a real estate association. This Agreement shall be read with all changes of gender or number required by the context. For purposes of this Agreement, anyone introduced to or shown the Property shall be deemed to include any spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, related corporations and affiliated corporations. Related corporations or affiliated corporations shall include any corporation where one half or a majority of the shareholders, directors or officers of the related or affiliated corporation are the same person(s) as the shareholders, directors, or officers of the corporation introduced to or shown the Property.

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2. **COMMISSION:** An important section of the Agreement as it sets out the fee that will be paid to real estate company. In addition there is a period after the expiry of the Agreement where the real estate company would be entitled to commission if the Buyer was introduced to or shown the property during the contract or Listing period. This is the "holdover period". Further, there is a possibility that the Brokerage may be entitled to commission even if the transaction did not close.

2. **COMMISSION:** In consideration of the Listing Brokerage listing the Property for sale, the Seller agrees to pay the Listing Brokerage a commission of % of the sale price of the Property or

..... for any valid offer to purchase the Property from any source whatsoever obtained during the Listing Period and on the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement **OR** such other terms and conditions as the Seller may accept.

The Seller further agrees to pay such commission as calculated above if an agreement to purchase is agreed to or accepted by the Seller or anyone on

the Seller's behalf within days after the expiration of the Listing Period (**Holdover Period**), so long as such agreement is with anyone who was introduced to the Property from any source whatsoever during the Listing Period or shown the Property during the Listing Period. If, however, the offer for the purchase of the Property is pursuant to a new agreement in writing to pay commission to another registered real estate brokerage, the Seller's liability for commission shall be reduced by the amount paid by the Seller under the new agreement.

The Seller further agrees to pay such commission as calculated above even if the transaction contemplated by an agreement to purchase agreed to or accepted by the Seller or anyone on the Seller's behalf is not completed, if such non-completion is owing or attributable to the Seller's default or neglect, said commission to be payable on the date set for completion of the purchase of the Property.

Any deposit in respect of any agreement where the transaction has been completed shall first be applied to reduce the commission payable. Should such amounts paid to the Listing Brokerage from the deposit or by the Seller's solicitor not be sufficient, the Seller shall be liable to pay to the Listing Brokerage on demand, any deficiency in commission and taxes owing on such commission.

In the event the buyer fails to complete the purchase and the deposit or any part thereof becomes forfeited, awarded, directed or released to the Seller, the Seller then authorizes the Listing Brokerage to retain as commission for services rendered, fifty (50%) per cent of the amount of the said deposit forfeited, awarded, directed or released to the Seller (but not to exceed the commission payable had a sale been consummated) and to pay the balance of the deposit to the Seller.

All amounts set out as commission are to be paid plus applicable taxes on such commission.

3. **REPRESENTATION:** This paragraph confirms that the real estate company and the salesperson have explained the different types of agency relationships that may occur in a real estate transaction. It also authorizes the real estate company to cooperate with any other real estate companies in order to sell the property. This section details how the commission paid to the Listing real estate company will be shared with the cooperating real estate company.

3. **REPRESENTATION:** The Seller acknowledges that the Listing Brokerage has provided the Seller with written information explaining agency relationships, including information on Seller Representation, Sub-agency, Buyer Representation, Multiple Representation and Customer Service. The Seller authorizes the Listing Brokerage to co-operate with any other registered real estate brokerage (co-operating brokerage), and to offer to pay

the co-operating brokerage a commission of % of the sale price of the Property or

..... out of the commission the Seller pays the Listing Brokerage. The Seller understands that unless the Seller is otherwise informed, the co-operating brokerage is representing the interests of the buyer in the transaction. The Seller further acknowledges that the Listing Brokerage may be listing other properties that may be similar to the Seller's Property and the Seller hereby consents to the Listing Brokerage acting as an agent for more than one seller without any claim by the Seller of conflict of interest. Unless otherwise agreed in writing between Seller and Listing Brokerage, any commission payable to any other brokerage shall be paid out of the commission the Seller pays the Listing Brokerage.

The Seller hereby appoints the Listing Brokerage as the Seller's agent for the purpose of giving and receiving notices pursuant to any offer or agreement to purchase the Property.

MULTIPLE REPRESENTATION: The Seller hereby acknowledges that the Listing Brokerage may be entering into buyer representation agreements with buyers who may be interested in purchasing the Seller's Property. In the event that the Listing Brokerage has entered into or enters into a buyer representation agreement with a prospective buyer for the Seller's Property, the Listing Brokerage will obtain the Seller's written consent to represent both the Seller and the buyer for the transaction at the earliest practical opportunity and in all cases prior to any offer to purchase being submitted or presented.

The Seller understand and acknowledges that the Listing Brokerage must be impartial when representing both the Seller and the buyer and equally protect the interests of the Seller and buyer. The Seller understands and acknowledges that when representing both the Seller and the buyer, the Listing Brokerage shall have a duty of full disclosure to both the Seller and the buyer, including a requirement to disclose all factual information about the Property known to the Listing Brokerage.

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However, the Seller further understands and acknowledges that the Listing Brokerage shall not disclose:

- that the Seller may or will accept less than the listed price, unless otherwise instructed in writing by the Seller;
- that the buyer may or will pay more than the offered price, unless otherwise instructed in writing by the buyer;
- the motivation of or personal information about the Seller or buyer, unless otherwise instructed in writing by the party to which the information applies or unless failure to disclose would constitute fraudulent, unlawful or unethical practice;
- the price the buyer should offer or the price the Seller should accept; and
- the Listing Brokerage shall not disclose to the buyer the terms of any other offer.

However, it is understood that factual market information about comparable properties and information known to the Listing Brokerage concerning potential uses for the Property will be disclosed to both Seller and buyer to assist them to come to their own conclusions.

Where a Brokerage represents both the Seller and the Buyer (multiple representation), the Brokerage shall not be entitled or authorized to be agent for either the Buyer or the Seller for the purpose of giving and receiving notices.

MULTIPLE REPRESENTATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICE: The Seller understands and agrees that the Listing Brokerage also provides representation and customer service to other sellers and buyers. If the Listing Brokerage represents or provides customer service to more than one seller or buyer for the same trade, the Listing Brokerage shall, in writing, at the earliest practicable opportunity and before any offer is made, inform all sellers and buyers of the nature of the Listing Brokerage's relationship to each seller and buyer.

- 4. REFERRAL OF ENQUIRIES: This section requires that the Seller is to advise the real estate company of any enquiries made with respect to the property. If the enquiry results in an accepted offer to purchase during the listing period or after, during the holdover period the Seller will be liable to pay commission.*
- 4. REFERRAL OF ENQUIRIES:** The Seller agrees that during the Listing Period, the Seller shall advise the Listing Brokerage immediately of all enquiries from any source whatsoever, and all offers to purchase submitted to the Seller shall be immediately submitted to the Listing Brokerage by the Seller before the Seller accepts or rejects the same. If any enquiry during the Listing Period results in the Seller's accepting a valid offer to purchase during the Listing Period or within the Holdover Period after the expiration of the Listing Period described above, the Seller agrees to pay the Listing Brokerage the amount of commission set out above, payable within five (5) days following the Listing Brokerage's written demand therefor.
- 5. MARKETING: The real estate brokerage is authorized to market the property. To do this there is permission to place a "For Sale" and "Sold" sign on the property.*
- 5. MARKETING:** The Seller agrees to allow the Listing Brokerage to show and permit prospective buyers to fully inspect the Property during reasonable hours and the Seller gives the Listing Brokerage the sole and exclusive right to place "For Sale" and "Sold" sign(s) upon the Property. The Seller consents to the Listing Brokerage including information in advertising that may identify the Property. The Seller further agrees that the Listing Brokerage shall have sole and exclusive authority to make all advertising decisions relating to the marketing of the Property during the Listing Period. The Seller agrees that the Listing Brokerage will not be held liable in any manner whatsoever for any acts or omissions with respect to advertising by the Listing Brokerage or any other party, other than by the Listing Brokerage's gross negligence or wilful act.
- 6. WARRANTY: This warranty confirms that the Seller has all the authority necessary in order to sign the Listing. It also confirms that the Seller has disclosed outside interests such as first rights of refusal, easements, mortgages and so forth.*
- 6. WARRANTY:** The Seller represents and warrants that the Seller has the exclusive authority and power to execute this Authority to offer the Property for sale and that the Seller has informed the Listing Brokerage of any third party interests or claims on the Property such as rights of first refusal, options, easements, mortgages, encumbrances or otherwise concerning the Property, which may affect the sale of the Property.
- 7. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE: The Seller will not hold the Listing Brokerage liable for loss or damage to the property or contents unless it was caused by the Listing Brokerage's gross negligence or a willful act. Further the Seller confirms that the Seller has insurance to cover any injury or property damage that may occur.*
- 7. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:** The Seller will not hold the Listing Brokerage and representatives of the Brokerage responsible for any loss or damage to the Property or contents occurring during the term of this Agreement caused by the Listing Brokerage or anyone else by any means, including theft, fire or vandalism, other than by the Listing Brokerage's gross negligence or wilful act. The Seller agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Listing Brokerage and representatives of the Brokerage and any co-operating brokerage from any liability, claim, loss, cost, damage or injury, including but not limited to loss of the commission payable under this Agreement, caused or contributed to by the breach of any warranty or representation made by the Seller in this Agreement or the accompanying data form. The Seller agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Listing Brokerage and representatives of the Brokerage and any co-operating brokerage from any liability, claim, loss, cost, damage or injury as a result of the Property being affected by any contaminants or environmental problems.
The Seller warrants the Property is insured, including personal liability insurance against any claims or lawsuits resulting from bodily injury or property damage to others caused in any way on or at the Property and the Seller indemnifies the Brokerage and all of its employees, representatives, salespersons and brokers (Listing Brokerage) and any co-operating brokerage and all of its employees, representatives, salespersons and brokers (co-operating brokerage) for and against any claims against the Listing Brokerage or co-operating brokerage made by anyone who attends or visits the Property.
- 8. THE FAMILY LAW ACT: The Seller is warranting that if spousal consent is necessary then the spouse has signed this agreement.*
- 8. FAMILY LAW ACT:** The Seller hereby warrants that spousal consent is not necessary under the provisions of the Family Law Act, R.S.O. 1990, unless the Seller's spouse has executed the consent hereinafter provided.

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9. **FINDERS FEES:** *In order for a Salesperson to receive any finder's fee it is necessary to receive consent. This section provides that consent. This may occur where a mortgage company sends a fee for a referral.*

9. **FINDERS FEES:** The Seller acknowledges that the Brokerage may be receiving a finder's fee, reward and/or referral incentive, and the Seller consents to any such benefit being received and retained by the Brokerage in addition to the commission as described above.

10. **VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION:** *This section authorizes the Salesperson to obtain information from governments, mortgagees and others in order to help with the sale of the property.*

10. **VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION:** The Seller authorizes the Listing Brokerage to obtain any information from any regulatory authorities, governments, mortgagees or others affecting the Property and the Seller agrees to execute and deliver such further authorizations in this regard as may be reasonably required. The Seller hereby appoints the Listing Brokerage or the Listing Brokerage's authorized representative as the Seller's attorney to execute such documentation as may be necessary to effect obtaining any information as aforesaid. The Seller hereby authorizes, instructs and directs the above noted regulatory authorities, governments, mortgagees or others to release any and all information to the Listing Brokerage.

11. **USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION:** *This provision is necessary in order to facilitate the sale of the property. In order to ensure compliance with privacy laws the Seller consents to use and disclosure of personal information in order to market the property. This will include the use of photographs, surveys and so on.*

11. **USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION:** The Seller consents to the collection, use and disclosure of personal information by the Brokerage for the purpose of listing and marketing the Property including, but not limited to: listing and advertising the Property using any medium including the Internet; disclosing Property information to prospective buyers, brokerages, salespersons and others who may assist in the sale of the Property; such other use of the Seller's personal information as is consistent with listing and marketing of the Property. The Seller consents, if this is an MLS® Listing, to placement of the listing information and sales information by the Brokerage into the database(s) of the MLS® System of the appropriate Board, and to the posting of any documents and other information (including, without limitation, photographs, images, graphics, audio and video recordings, virtual tours, drawings, floor plans, architectural designs, artistic renderings, surveys and listing descriptions) provided by or on behalf of the Seller into the database(s) of the MLS® System of the appropriate Board. The Seller hereby indemnifies and saves harmless the Brokerage and/or any of its employees, servants, brokers or sales representatives from any and all claims, liabilities, suits, actions, losses, costs and legal fees caused by, or arising out of, or resulting from the posting of any documents or other information (including, without limitation, photographs, images, graphics, audio and video recordings, virtual tours, drawings, floor plans, architectural designs, artistic renderings, surveys and listing descriptions) as aforesaid. The Seller acknowledges that the database, within the board's MLS® System is the property of the real estate board(s) and can be licensed, resold, or otherwise dealt with by the board(s). The Seller further acknowledges that the real estate board(s) may: during the term of the listing and thereafter, distribute the information in the database, within the board's MLS® System to any persons authorized to use such service which may include other brokerages, government departments, appraisers, municipal organizations and others; market the Property, at its option, in any medium, including electronic media; during the term of the listing and thereafter, compile, retain and publish any statistics including historical data within the board's MLS® System and retain, reproduce and display photographs, images, graphics, audio and video recordings, virtual tours, drawings, floor plans, architectural designs, artistic renderings, surveys and listing descriptions which may be used by board members to conduct comparative analyses; and make such other use of the information as the Brokerage and/or real estate board(s) deem appropriate, in connection with the listing, marketing and selling of real estate during the term of the listing and thereafter. The Seller acknowledges that the information, personal or otherwise ("information"), provided to the real estate board or association may be stored on databases located outside of Canada, in which case the information would be subject to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the information is located.

Once a Listing has expired the Seller can choose to or not to be contacted by other real estate salespersons.

In the event that this Agreement expires or is cancelled or otherwise terminated and the Property is not sold, the Seller, by initialling:

consent to allow other real estate board members to contact the Seller after expiration or other termination of this Agreement to discuss listing or otherwise marketing the Property.

(Does)

(Does Not)

12. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:** *This states that heirs, estate trustees or any other party legally acting on behalf of the Seller must also abide by the terms of this Agreement.*

12. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:** The heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the undersigned are bound by the terms of this Agreement.

13. **CONFLICT OR DISCREPANCY:** *In the event something is added to the agreement, for example by way of schedule and the added part is in conflict or there is a discrepancy with a pre-printed clause, then the added part overrides the pre-printed provision.*

13. **CONFLICT OR DISCREPANCY:** If there is any conflict or discrepancy between any provision added to this Agreement (including any Schedule attached hereto) and any provision in the standard pre-set portion hereof, the added provision shall supersede the standard pre-set provision to the extent of such conflict or discrepancy. This Agreement, including any Schedule attached hereto, shall constitute the entire Authority from the Seller to the Brokerage. There is no representation, warranty, collateral agreement or condition, which affects this Agreement other than as expressed herein.

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14. **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:** This confirms that communications may occur electronically and will still be binding.

14. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: This Listing Agreement and any agreements, notices or other communications contemplated thereby may be transmitted by means of electronic systems, in which case signatures shall be deemed to be original. The transmission of this Agreement by the Seller by electronic means shall be deemed to confirm the Seller has retained a true copy of the Agreement.

15. **SCHEDULE(S):** If something has been added such as a form, it should be noted here.

15. SCHEDULE(S) and data form attached hereto form(s) part of this Agreement.

This section provides that the listing company will market the property in order to obtain an offer acceptable to the Seller. The salesperson will sign the Listing on behalf of the brokerage.

THE LISTING BROKERAGE AGREES TO MARKET THE PROPERTY ON BEHALF OF THE SELLER AND REPRESENT THE SELLER IN AN ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN A VALID OFFER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY ON THE TERMS SET OUT IN THIS AGREEMENT OR ON SUCH OTHER TERMS SATISFACTORY TO THE SELLER.

..... DATE
(Authorized to bind the Listing Brokerage) (Name of Person Signing)

THIS AUTHORITY HAS BEEN READ AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY ME AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THIS DATE I HAVE SIGNED UNDER SEAL.
Any representations contained herein or as shown on the accompanying data form respecting the Property are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED I have hereunto set my hand and seal:

.....
(Name of Seller)

..... DATE
(Signature of Seller/Authorized Signing Officer) (Seal) (Tel. No.)

..... DATE
(Signature of Seller/Authorized Signing Officer) (Seal)

SPOUSAL CONSENT: The undersigned spouse of the Seller hereby consents to the listing of the Property herein pursuant to the provisions of the Family Law Act, R.S.O. 1990 and hereby agrees that he/she will execute all necessary or incidental documents to further any transaction provided for herein.

..... DATE
(Spouse) (Seal)

The Declaration of Insurance is signed by the Salesperson stating that they carry insurance as required by the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act (REBBA).

DECLARATION OF INSURANCE

The broker/salesperson
(Name of Broker/Salesperson)
hereby declares that he/she is insured as required by the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act (REBBA) and Regulations.
.....
(Signature(s) of Broker/Salesperson)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Seller(s) hereby acknowledge that the Seller(s) fully understand the terms of this Agreement and have received a true copy of this Agreement on the day of, 20

..... Date:
(Signature of Seller)

..... Date:
(Signature of Seller)