



DUAL AGENCY AGREEMENT

THIS DOCUMENT IS A MODIFICATION TO THE SELLER'S LISTING AGREEMENT AND THE BUYER'S AGENCY REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT.

This Dual Agency Agreement is entered into between _____, Buyer, and _____ Real Estate Company, Seller, and _____ Real Estate Company for Property located at _____.

The term "Broker" includes the real estate firm, broker-in-charge and associated licensees.

1. **DUAL AGENCY:** Seller and Buyer agree that Broker shall serve as both Seller's agent and Buyer's agent in the sale of Seller's property to Buyer in accordance with Section 40-57-137(M)(1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, which provides in part that "...in acting as a dual agent, a licensee represents clients whose interest may be adverse and that agency duties are limited." The parties agree that without permission from the party about whom the information pertains, Broker shall not disclose to the other party the following information:

- a) That a party may agree to a price, terms, or any conditions of sale other than those offered;
- b) The motivation of a party for engaging in the transaction, unless disclosure is otherwise provided by state law or regulation; and
- c) Any information about a party which that party has identified as confidential unless disclosure is otherwise required by state law or regulation.

2. **BROKER'S DUAL AGENCY ROLE:** Because Broker is serving as Agent for both Seller and Buyer in this transaction, Broker shall make every reasonable effort to represent Seller and Buyer in a balanced and fair manner. Broker shall also make every reasonable effort to encourage and effect communication and negotiation between Seller and Buyer. Seller and Buyer understand and acknowledge that:

- a) Prior to the time this agreement was entered into, Broker acted as the exclusive Agent of Seller and acted as exclusive Agent of Buyer.
- b) In those separate roles Broker may have obtained information which, if disclosed, could harm the bargaining position of the party providing such information to Broker.
- c) Broker is required by law to disclose to Seller and Buyer any known material facts concerning the property or the transaction. Seller and Buyer agree that Broker shall not be liable to either party for (1) disclosing known material facts concerning the property required by law to be disclosed and (2) refusing or failing to disclose other information the law does not require to be disclosed which could harm or compromise one party's bargaining position but could benefit the other party.

3. **SELLER'S AND BUYER'S ROLES:** Because of Broker's Dual Agency relationship, Seller and Buyer understand and acknowledge that:

- a) Seller and Buyer have determined that the advantages of entering into this Dual Agency Agreement, with Broker acting as Agent for both, outweigh the disadvantages.
- b) Seller and Buyer each have the responsibility of making their own decisions as to what terms are to be included in any agreement to buy and sell between the Seller and Buyer.
- c) Seller and Buyer are fully aware of, and understand, the implications and consequences of Broker's Dual Agency role as expressed herein to provide balanced and fair representation of Seller and Buyer and to encourage communication between Seller and Buyer rather than acting as an advocate or exclusive agent.
- d) Seller and Buyer agree to indemnify and hold Broker harmless against all claims, damages, losses, expenses, or liabilities, other than violations of the South Carolina Real Estate License Law and intentional wrongful acts, arising from Broker's role as a Dual Agent.
- e) Seller and Buyer may seek independent legal counsel to assist them with the negotiation and preparation of a buy and sell agreement or with any matter relating to the transaction which is the subject matter of a buy and sell agreement.

4. **PREVIOUS AGENCY AGREEMENTS:** The parties agree that this Agreement shall modify any agency agreements previously entered into by Seller and Broker or between Buyer and Broker. If those previous agency agreements contain expiration or termination dates prior to the termination date for this Agreement as set forth below, the expiration or termination dates of the previous agency agreements are hereby extended until the termination of this Agreement. If this Agreement terminates prior to the termination date of any previous agency agreement, the previous agency agreement shall remain in force and effect in accordance with its terms. In any areas where this Agreement contradicts or conflicts with those agency agreements, this Dual Agency Agreement shall control.

5. **DURATION OF DUAL AGENCY:** The term of this Agreement shall commence when this document is executed by Seller, Buyer and Broker, and unless extended by written agreement of all parties, shall terminate upon the closing of the sale of the property.

6. **FAIR HOUSING:** The Broker shall conduct all brokerage activities in regard to this Agreement without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin and shall conduct business in full compliance with local, state, and federal fair housing laws.

7. **FACSIMILE AND OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS:** The parties agree that the execution of this dual agency agreement or acceptance of any offer or counteroffer may be communicated by use of a fax or other secure electronic means, including but not limited to electronic mail and internet, and the signatures, initials and handwritten or typewritten modifications to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to be valid and binding upon the parties as if the original signatures, initials and handwritten or typewritten modifications were present on the documents in the handwriting of each party.

8. **COUNTERPARTS:** This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and in pleading or proving any provision of this Agreement it shall not be necessary to produce more than one such counterpart.

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. BOTH BUYER AND SELLER SHALL SEEK FURTHER ASSISTANCE IF THE CONTENTS ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD. BOTH BUYER AND SELLER ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A SIGNED COPY OF THIS DUAL AGENCY AGREEMENT.

Seller Date Time

Seller Date Time

Buyer Date Time

Buyer Date Time

Real Estate Brokerage (Name of Real Estate Co.)

By: Broker/Assoc. Licensee Date