

**FARM AND RANCH CONTRACT**

NOTICE: Designed For Use In Sales Of Existing Farms Or Ranches Of Any Size. Not For Use In Complex Transactions.



1. PARTIES: The parties to this contract are _____ (Seller) and _____ (Buyer). Seller agrees to sell and convey to Buyer and Buyer agrees to buy from Seller the Property defined below.

2. PROPERTY: The land, improvements, accessories and crops except for the exclusions and reservations, are collectively referred to as the Property (Property).

A. LAND: The land situated in the County (or Counties) of _____

Texas, described as follows: _____

_____ or as described on attached exhibit, also known as _____ (address/zip code), together with all rights, privileges, and appurtenances pertaining thereto.

B. IMPROVEMENTS:

(1) FARM AND RANCH IMPROVEMENTS: The following **permanently installed and built-in items**, if any: windmills, tanks, barns, pens, fences, gates, sheds, outbuildings, and corrals.

(2) RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS: Any houses, garages, and all other fixtures and improvements attached to the above-described real property, including without limitation, the following **permanently installed and built-in items**, if any: all equipment and appliances, valances, screens, shutters, awnings, wall-to-wall carpeting, mirrors, ceiling fans, attic fans, mail boxes, television antennas, mounts and brackets for televisions and speakers, heating and air-conditioning units, security and fire detection equipment, wiring, plumbing and lighting fixtures, chandeliers, water softener system, kitchen equipment, garage door openers, cleaning equipment, shrubbery, landscaping, outdoor cooking equipment, generators, and all other property attached to the above described real property.

C. ACCESSORIES:

(1) FARM AND RANCH ACCESSORIES: The following described related accessories: (check boxes of conveyed accessories) ☐ portable buildings ☐ hunting blinds ☐ game feeders ☐ livestock feeders and troughs ☐ irrigation equipment ☐ fuel tanks ☐ submersible pumps ☐ pressure tanks ☐ corrals ☐ gates ☐ chutes ☐ other: _____

(2) RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORIES: The following described related accessories, if any: window air conditioning units, stove, fireplace screens, curtains and rods, blinds, window shades, draperies and rods, door keys, mailbox keys, above ground pool, swimming pool equipment and maintenance accessories, artificial fireplace logs, security systems that are not fixtures, and controls for: (i) garage doors, (ii) entry gates, and (iii) other improvements and accessories. "Controls" includes Seller's transferable rights to the (i) software and applications used to access and control improvements or accessories, and (ii) hardware used solely to control improvements or accessories.

D. CROPS: Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Seller has the right to harvest all growing crops until delivery of possession of the Property.

E. EXCLUSIONS: The following improvements, accessories, and crops will be retained by Seller and must be removed prior to delivery of possession: _____

F. RESERVATIONS: Any reservation for oil, gas, or other minerals, water, timber, or other interests is made in accordance with an attached addendum.

3. SALES PRICE:

A. Cash portion of Sales Price payable by Buyer at closing \$ _____

The term "Cash portion of the Sales Price" does not include proceeds from borrowing of any kind or selling other real property except as disclosed in this contract.

B. Sum of all financing described in the attached: ☐ Third Party Financing Addendum, ☐ Loan Assumption Addendum, ☐ Seller Financing Addendum .. \$ _____

C. Sales Price (Sum of A and B) \$ _____

D. The Sales Price ☐ will ☐ will not be adjusted based on the survey required by Paragraph 6C. If the Sales Price is adjusted, the Sales Price will be adjusted based on the difference between _____ acres and the acreage set forth in the survey required by Paragraph 6C. The difference in acreage (either increased or decreased) shall be multiplied by the sum of \$ _____ per acre and either added to or subtracted from the Sales Price stated in Paragraph 3C. If the Sales Price is adjusted by more than 10%, either party may terminate this contract by providing written notice to the other party within _____ days after the terminating party receives the survey. If neither party terminates this contract or if the variance is 10% or less, the adjustment will be made to the amount in ☐ 3A ☐ 3B ☐ proportionately to 3A and 3B.

4. LEASES: Except as disclosed in this contract, Seller is not aware of any leases affecting the Property. After the Effective Date, Seller may not, without Buyer's written consent, create a new lease, amend any existing lease, or convey any interest in the Property. (Check all applicable boxes)

☐ A. RESIDENTIAL LEASES: The Property is subject to one or more residential leases and the Addendum Regarding Residential Leases is attached to this contract.

☐ B. FIXTURE LEASES: Fixtures on the Property are subject to one or more fixture leases (for example, solar panels, propane tanks, water softener, security system) and the Addendum Regarding Fixture Leases is attached to this contract.

- ☐ C. NATURAL RESOURCE LEASES: "Natural Resource Lease" means an existing oil and gas, mineral, geothermal, water, or other natural resource lease affecting the Property to which Seller is a party.
- ☐ (1) Seller has delivered to Buyer a copy of all the Natural Resource Leases.
- ☐ (2) Seller has not delivered to Buyer a copy of all the Natural Resource Leases. Seller shall provide to Buyer a copy of all the Natural Resource Leases within 3 days after the Effective Date. Buyer may terminate the contract within _____ days after the date the Buyer receives all the Natural Resource Leases and the earnest money shall be refunded to Buyer.
- ☐ D. SURFACE LEASES: "Surface Lease" means an existing lease for the surface only of the Property (for example, grazing leases, hunting leases, agricultural leases, recreational leases, wind leases, solar leases, timber or forestry leases). (Check all applicable boxes)
- ☐ (1) Seller has delivered to Buyer a copy of all written Surface Leases.
- ☐ (2) Seller provides Buyer with notice of the following oral Surface Lease(s), identifying the type of lease, name of the tenant(s), rental amount, and term: _____.
- ☐ (3) Seller has not delivered to Buyer all Surface Leases (whether written or oral). Seller shall provide to Buyer a copy of all the written Surface Leases and notice of all oral Surface Leases, identifying the type of lease, the name of the tenant(s), rental amount, and term, within 3 days after the Effective Date. Buyer may terminate the contract within _____ days after the date the Buyer receives all the Surface Leases and the earnest money shall be refunded to Buyer.

5. EARNEST MONEY AND TERMINATION OPTION:

- A. DELIVERY OF EARNEST MONEY AND OPTION FEE: Within 3 days after the Effective Date, Buyer must deliver to _____ (Escrow Agent) at _____ (address): \$_____ as earnest money and \$_____ as the option fee. The earnest money and option fee shall be made payable to escrow agent and may be paid separately or combined in a single payment.
- (1) Buyer shall deliver additional earnest money of \$_____ to Escrow Agent within _____ days after the Effective Date of this contract.
- (2) If the last day to deliver the earnest money, option fee, or the additional earnest money falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Legal Holiday, the time to deliver the earnest money, option fee, or the additional earnest money, as applicable, is extended until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Legal Holiday. "Legal Holiday" means a legal holiday described in Sections 662.003(a) and 662.003(b)(4) and (6), Texas Government Code.
- (3) The amount(s) Escrow Agent receives under this paragraph shall be applied first to the option fee, then to the earnest money, and then to the additional earnest money.
- (4) Buyer authorizes Escrow Agent to release and deliver the option fee to Seller at any time without further notice to or consent from Buyer, and releases Escrow Agent from liability for delivery of the option fee to Seller. The option fee will be credited to the Sales Price at closing.
- B. TERMINATION OPTION: For nominal consideration, the receipt of which Seller acknowledges, and Buyer's agreement to pay the option fee within the time required, Seller grants Buyer the unrestricted right to terminate this contract by giving notice of termination to Seller within _____ days after the Effective Date of this contract (Option Period). Notices under this paragraph must be given by 5:00 p.m. (local time where the Property is located) by the date specified. If Buyer gives notice of termination within the time prescribed: (i) the option fee will not be refunded and Escrow Agent shall release any option fee remaining with Escrow Agent to Seller; and (ii) any earnest money will be refunded to Buyer.
- C. FAILURE TO TIMELY DELIVER EARNEST MONEY: If Buyer fails to deliver the earnest money within the time required, Seller may terminate this contract or exercise Seller's remedies under Paragraph 15, or both, by providing notice to Buyer before Buyer delivers the earnest money.
- D. FAILURE TO TIMELY DELIVER OPTION FEE: If no dollar amount is stated as the option fee or if Buyer fails to deliver the option fee within the time required, Buyer shall not have the unrestricted right to terminate this contract under this Paragraph 5.
- E. TIME: **Time is of the essence for this paragraph and strict compliance with the time for performance is required.**

6. TITLE POLICY AND SURVEY:

- A. TITLE POLICY: Seller shall furnish to Buyer at ☐ Seller's ☐ Buyer's expense an owner policy of title insurance (Title Policy) issued by: _____ (Title Company) in the amount of the Sales Price, dated at or after closing, insuring Buyer against loss under the provisions of the Title Policy, subject to the promulgated exclusions (including existing building and zoning ordinances) and the following exceptions:
- (1) The standard printed exception for standby fees, taxes and assessments.
- (2) Liens created as part of the financing described in Paragraph 3.
- (3) Reservations or exceptions otherwise permitted by this contract or as may be approved by Buyer in writing.
- (4) The standard printed exception as to marital rights.
- (5) The standard printed exception as to waters, tidelands, beaches, streams, and related matters.
- (6) The standard printed exception as to discrepancies, conflicts, shortages in area or boundary lines, encroachments or protrusions, or overlapping improvements:
- ☐ (i) will not be amended or deleted from the title policy; or
- ☐ (ii) will be amended to read, "shortages in area" at the expense of ☐ Buyer ☐ Seller.

(7) The exception or exclusion regarding minerals approved by the Texas Department of Insurance.

B. COMMITMENT: Within 20 days after the Title Company receives a copy of this contract, Seller shall furnish to Buyer a commitment for title insurance (Commitment) and, at Buyer's expense, legible copies of restrictive covenants and documents evidencing exceptions in the Commitment (Exception Documents) other than the standard printed exceptions. Seller authorizes the Title Company to deliver the Commitment and Exception Documents to Buyer at Buyer's address shown in Paragraph 21. If the Commitment and Exception Documents are not delivered to Buyer within the specified time, the time for delivery will be automatically extended up to 15 days or 3 days before the Closing Date, whichever is earlier. If the Commitment and Exception Documents are not delivered within the time required, Buyer may terminate this contract and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer.

C. SURVEY: The survey must be made by a registered professional land surveyor acceptable to the Title Company and Buyer's lender(s). (Check one box only):

☐ (1) Within _____ days after the Effective Date of this contract, Seller shall furnish to Buyer and Title Company Seller's existing survey of the Property and a Residential Real Property Affidavit or Declaration promulgated by the Texas Department of Insurance (T-47 Affidavit or T-47.1 Declaration). Buyer shall obtain a new survey at Seller's expense no later than 3 days prior to Closing Date if Seller fails to furnish within the time prescribed both the: (i) existing survey; and (ii) affidavit or declaration. If the Title Company or Buyer's lender does not accept the existing survey, or the affidavit or declaration, Buyer shall obtain a new survey at ☐ Seller's ☐ Buyer's expense no later than 3 days prior to Closing Date.

☐ (2) Within _____ days after the Effective Date of this contract, Buyer may obtain a new survey at Buyer's expense. Buyer is deemed to receive the survey on the date of actual receipt or the date specified in this paragraph, whichever is earlier. If Buyer fails to obtain the survey, Buyer may not terminate the contract under Paragraph 2B of the Third Party Financing Addendum because the survey was not obtained.

☐ (3) Within _____ days after the Effective Date of this contract, Seller, at Seller's expense shall furnish a new survey to Buyer.

☐ (4) No survey is required.

D. OBJECTIONS: Buyer may object in writing to (i) defects, exceptions, or encumbrances to title disclosed on the survey other than items 6A(1) through (5) above; or disclosed in the Commitment other than items 6A(1) through (7) above; (ii) any portion of the Property lying in a special flood hazard area (Zone V or A) as shown on the current Federal Emergency Management Agency map; or (iii) any exceptions which prohibit the following use or activity: _____

_____. Buyer must object the earlier of (i) the Closing Date or (ii) _____ days after Buyer receives the Commitment, Exception Documents, and the survey. Buyer's failure to object within the time allowed will constitute a waiver of Buyer's right to object; except that the requirements in Schedule C of the Commitment are not waived by Buyer. Provided Seller is not obligated to incur any expense, Seller shall cure any timely objections of Buyer or any third party lender within 15 days after Seller receives the objections (Cure Period) and the Closing Date will be extended as necessary. If objections are not cured within the Cure Period, Buyer may, by delivering notice to Seller within 5 days after the end of the Cure Period: (i) terminate this contract and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer; or (ii) waive the objections. If Buyer does not terminate within the time required, Buyer shall be deemed to have waived the objections. If the Commitment or survey is revised or any new Exception Document(s) is delivered, Buyer may object to any new matter revealed in the revised Commitment or survey or new Exception Document(s) within the same time stated in this paragraph to make objections beginning when the revised Commitment, survey, or Exception Document(s) is delivered to Buyer.

E. EXCEPTION DOCUMENTS: Prior to the execution of the contract, Seller has provided Buyer with copies of the Exception Documents listed below or on the attached exhibit. Matters reflected in the Exception Documents listed below or on the attached exhibit will be permitted exceptions in the Title Policy and will not be a basis for objection to title:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Recording Reference</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

F. SURFACE LEASES: The following Surface Leases will be permitted exceptions in the Title Policy and will not be a basis for objection to title: _____

G. TITLE NOTICES:

(1) ABSTRACT OR TITLE POLICY: Broker advises Buyer to have an abstract of title covering the Property examined by an attorney of Buyer's selection, or Buyer should be furnished with or obtain a Title Policy. If a Title Policy is furnished, the Commitment should be promptly reviewed by an attorney of Buyer's choice due to the time limitations on Buyer's right to object.

(2) STATUTORY TAX DISTRICTS: If the Property is situated in a utility or other statutorily created district providing water, sewer, drainage, or flood control facilities and services, Chapter 49,

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Texas Water Code, requires Seller to deliver and Buyer to sign the statutory notice relating to the tax rate, bonded indebtedness, or standby fee of the district prior to final execution of this contract.

- (3) TIDE WATERS: If the Property abuts the tidally influenced waters of the state, §33.135, Texas Natural Resources Code, requires a notice regarding coastal area property to be included in the contract.
- (4) ANNEXATION: If the Property is located outside the limits of a municipality, Seller notifies Buyer under §5.011, Texas Property Code, that the Property may now or later be included in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality and may now or later be subject to annexation by the municipality. Each municipality maintains a map that depicts its boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdiction. To determine if the Property is located within a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction or is likely to be located within a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction, contact all municipalities located in the general proximity of the Property for further information.
- (5) PROPERTY LOCATED IN A CERTIFICATED SERVICE AREA OF A UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDER: Notice required by §13.257, Water Code: The real property, described in Paragraph 2, that you are about to purchase may be located in a certificated water or sewer service area, which is authorized by law to provide water or sewer service to the properties in the certificated area. If your property is located in a certificated area there may be special costs or charges that you will be required to pay before you can receive water or sewer service. There may be a period required to construct lines or other facilities necessary to provide water or sewer service to your property. You are advised to determine if the property is in a certificated area and contact the utility service provider to determine the cost that you will be required to pay and the period, if any, that is required to provide water or sewer service to your property. The undersigned Buyer hereby acknowledges receipt of the foregoing notice at or before the execution of a binding contract for the purchase of the real property described in Paragraph 2 or at closing of purchase of the real property.
- (6) PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS: If the Property is in a public improvement district, Seller must give Buyer written notice as required by §5.014, Property Code.
- (7) TEXAS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: The Property ☐ is ☐ is not located in a Texas Agricultural Development District. For additional information contact the Texas Department of Agriculture
- (8) TRANSFER FEES: If the Property is subject to a private transfer fee obligation, §5.205, Property Code, requires Seller to notify Buyer as follows: The private transfer fee obligation may be governed by Chapter 5, Subchapter G of the Texas Property Code.
- (9) PROPANE GAS SYSTEM SERVICE AREA: If the Property is located in a propane gas system service area owned by a distribution system retailer, Seller must give Buyer written notice as required by §141.010, Texas Utilities Code.
- (10) NOTICE OF WATER LEVEL FLUCTUATIONS: If the Property adjoins an impoundment of water, including a reservoir or lake, constructed and maintained under Chapter 11, Water Code, that has a storage capacity of at least 5,000 acre-feet at the impoundment's normal operating level, Seller hereby notifies Buyer: "The water level of the impoundment of water adjoining the Property fluctuates for various reasons, including as a result of: (1) an entity lawfully exercising its right to use the water stored in the impoundment; or (2) drought or flood conditions."
- (11) CERTIFICATE OF MOLD REMEDIATION: If the Property has been remediated for mold, Seller must provide to Buyer each certificate of mold damage remediation issued under §1958.154, Occupations Code, during the 5 years preceding the sale of the Property.

7. PROPERTY CONDITION:

- A. ACCESS, INSPECTIONS AND UTILITIES: Seller shall permit Buyer and Buyer's agents access to the Property at reasonable times. Buyer may have the Property inspected by inspectors selected by Buyer and licensed by TREC or otherwise permitted by law to make inspections. Any hydrostatic testing must be separately authorized by Seller in writing. Seller at Seller's expense shall immediately cause existing utilities to be turned on and shall keep the utilities on during the time this contract is in effect.

NOTICE: Buyer should determine the availability of utilities to the Property suitable to satisfy Buyer's needs.

- B. SELLER'S DISCLOSURE NOTICE PURSUANT TO §5.008, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE (Seller's Disclosure Notice):

(Check one box only)

- ☐ (1) Buyer has received the Seller's Disclosure Notice
- ☐ (2) Buyer has not received the Seller's Disclosure Notice. Within _____ days after the Effective Date of this contract, Seller shall deliver the Seller's Disclosure Notice to Buyer. If Buyer does not receive the Seller's Disclosure Notice, Buyer may terminate this contract at any time prior to the closing and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer. If Seller delivers the Seller's Disclosure Notice, Buyer may terminate this contract for any reason within 7 days after Buyer receives the Seller's Disclosure Notice or prior to the closing, whichever first occurs, and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer.
- ☐ (3) The Texas Property Code does not require this Seller to furnish the Seller's Disclosure Notice.
- C. SELLER'S DISCLOSURE OF LEAD-BASED PAINT AND LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS is required by Federal law for a residential dwelling constructed prior to 1978.
- D. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY CONDITION: "As Is" means the present condition of the Property with any and all defects and without warranty except for the warranties of title and the warranties in this contract. Buyer's agreement to accept the Property As Is under Paragraph 7D(1) or (2)

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does not preclude Buyer from inspecting the Property under Paragraph 7A, from negotiating repairs or treatments in a subsequent amendment, or from terminating this contract during the Option Period, if any.

(Check one box only)

- ☐ (1) Buyer accepts the Property As Is.
- ☐ (2) Buyer accepts the Property As Is provided Seller, at Seller's expense, shall complete the following specific repairs and treatments: _____

(Do not insert general phrases, such as "subject to inspections," that do not identify specific repairs and treatments.)

E. COMPLETION OF REPAIRS AND TREATMENTS: Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Seller shall complete all agreed repairs and treatments prior to the Closing Date and obtain any required permits. The repairs and treatments must be performed by persons who are licensed to provide such repairs or treatments or, if no license is required by law, are commercially engaged in the trade of providing such repairs or treatments. Seller shall: (i) provide Buyer with copies of documentation from the repair person(s) showing the scope of work and payment for the work completed; and (ii) at Seller's expense, arrange for the transfer of any transferable warranties with respect to the repairs to Buyer at closing. If Seller fails to complete any agreed repairs prior to the Closing Date, Buyer may exercise remedies under Paragraph 15 or extend the Closing Date up to 5 days if necessary for Seller to complete repairs.

F. LENDER REQUIRED REPAIRS AND TREATMENTS: Unless otherwise agreed in writing, neither party is obligated to pay for lender required repairs, which includes treatment for wood destroying insects. If the parties do not agree to pay for the lender required repairs or treatments, this contract will terminate and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer. If the cost of lender required repairs and treatments exceeds 5% of the Sales Price, Buyer may terminate this contract and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS: Buyer is advised that the presence of wetlands, toxic substances, including asbestos and wastes or other environmental hazards, or the presence of a threatened or endangered species or its habitat may affect Buyer's intended use of the Property. If Buyer is concerned about these matters, an addendum promulgated by TREC or required by the parties should be used.

H. SELLER'S DISCLOSURE:

- (1) Seller ☐ is ☐ is not aware of any flooding of the Property which has had a material adverse effect on the use of the Property.
- (2) Seller ☐ is ☐ is not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, condemnation, or special assessment affecting the Property.
- (3) Seller ☐ is ☐ is not aware of any environmental hazards that materially and adversely affect the Property.
- (4) Seller ☐ is ☐ is not aware of any dumpsite, landfill, or underground tanks or containers now or previously located on the Property.
- (5) Seller ☐ is ☐ is not aware of any wetlands, as defined by federal or state law or regulation, affecting the Property.
- (6) Seller ☐ is ☐ is not aware of any threatened or endangered species or their habitat affecting the Property.
- (7) Seller ☐ is ☐ is not aware that the Property is located ☐ wholly ☐ partly in a floodplain.
- (8) Seller ☐ is ☐ is not aware that a tree or trees located on the Property has oak wilt.
- If Seller is aware of any of the items above, explain (attach additional sheets if necessary): _____

I. RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CONTRACTS: Buyer may purchase a residential service contract from a provider or administrator licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. If Buyer purchases a residential service contract, Seller shall reimburse Buyer at closing for the cost of the residential service contract in an amount not exceeding \$_____. Buyer should review any residential service contract for the scope of coverage, exclusions and limitations. **The purchase of a residential service contract is optional. Similar coverage may be purchased from various companies authorized to do business in Texas.**

J. GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: The Property is subject to the government programs listed below or on the attached exhibit: _____

Seller shall provide Buyer with copies of all governmental program agreements. Any allocation or proration of payment under governmental programs is made by separate agreement between the parties which will survive closing.

K. SELLER'S DISCLOSURE ABOUT GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER RIGHTS (Seller's Water Disclosure): Access to surface water or groundwater on the Property may be regulated, restricted, or prohibited, including but not limited to the right to drill or operate water wells and the right to withdraw water from surface water sources on or adjoining the Property. The parties shall use the Seller's Water Disclosure published by TREC to identify information related to groundwater and surface water rights. (Check one box only)

- ☐ (1) Buyer has received the Seller's Water Disclosure.
- ☐ (2) Buyer has not received the Seller's Water Disclosure. Within _____ days after the Effective Date of this contract, Seller shall deliver the Seller's Water Disclosure to Buyer. If Buyer does not receive the Seller's Water Disclosure, Buyer may terminate this contract at any time prior to the closing and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer. If Seller delivers the Seller's Water Disclosure, Buyer may terminate this contract for any reason within 7 days after Buyer receives

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the Seller's Water Disclosure or prior to the closing, whichever first occurs, and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer.

- ☐ (3) Seller is not required to deliver the Seller's Water Disclosure to Buyer because all of the following are true:
- (a) Seller is not aware of a water well on the Property (in use or not in use);
 - (b) Seller is not aware of a pond, lake, or water tank on the Property;
 - (c) Seller is not aware of any certificate of adjudication, certified filing, or permit for surface water rights associated with the Property administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
 - (d) Seller is not aware that any groundwater rights to the Property have been severed, sold, or leased in whole or in part; and
 - (e) the Property receives water only from the following municipality (City), municipal utility district (MUD) or other special district, water supply corporation (WSC), or private water supply company (PWC): _____.

8. BROKER OR SALES AGENT DISCLOSURE:

Texas law requires a real estate broker or sales agent who is a party to a transaction or acting on behalf of a spouse, parent, child, business entity in which the broker or sales agent owns more than 10%, or a trust for which the broker or sales agent acts as a trustee or of which the broker or sales agent or the broker or sales agent's spouse, parent or child is a beneficiary, to notify the other party in writing before entering into a contract of sale. Disclose if applicable: _____.

9. CLOSING:

- A. The closing of the sale will be on or before _____, 20____, or within 7 days after objections made under Paragraph 6D have been cured or waived, whichever date is later (Closing Date). If either party fails to close the sale by the Closing Date, the non-defaulting party may exercise the remedies contained in Paragraph 15.
- B. At closing:
- (1) Seller shall execute and deliver a general warranty deed conveying title to the Property to Buyer and showing no additional exceptions to those permitted in Paragraph 6, an assignment of Leases, and furnish tax statements or certificates showing no delinquent taxes on the Property.
 - (2) Buyer shall pay the Sales Price in good funds acceptable to the Escrow Agent.
 - (3) Seller and Buyer shall execute and deliver any notices, statements, certificates, affidavits, releases, loan documents, transfer of any warranties, and other documents reasonably required for the closing of the sale and the issuance of the Title Policy.
 - (4) There will be no liens, assessments, or security interests against the Property which will not be satisfied out of the sales proceeds unless securing the payment of any loans assumed by Buyer and assumed loans will not be in default.
 - (5) Private transfer fees (as defined by Chapter 5, Subchapter G of the Texas Property Code) will be the obligation of Seller unless provided otherwise in this contract. Transfer fees assessed by a property owners' association are governed by the Addendum for Property Subject to Mandatory Membership in a Property Owners Association.

10. POSSESSION:

- A. BUYER'S POSSESSION: Seller shall deliver to Buyer possession of the Property in its present or required condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted: ☐ upon closing and funding ☐ according to a temporary residential lease form promulgated by TREC or other written lease required by the parties. Any possession by Buyer prior to closing or by Seller after closing which is not authorized by a written lease will establish a tenancy at sufferance relationship between the parties. **Consult your insurance agent prior to change of ownership and possession because insurance coverage may be limited or terminated. The absence of a written lease or appropriate insurance coverage may expose the parties to economic loss.**
- B. SMART DEVICES: "Smart Device" means a device that connects to the internet to enable remote use, monitoring, and management of: (i) the Property; (ii) items identified in any Non-Realty Items Addendum; or (iii) items in a Fixture Lease assigned to Buyer. At the time Seller delivers possession of the Property to Buyer, Seller shall:
- (1) deliver to Buyer written information containing all access codes, usernames, passwords, and applications Buyer will need to access, operate, manage, and control the Smart Devices; and
 - (2) terminate and remove all access and connections to the improvements and accessories from any of Seller's personal devices including but not limited to phones and computers.

- 11. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:** (This paragraph is intended to be used only for additional informational items. An informational item is a statement that completes a blank in a contract form, discloses factual information, or provides instructions. Real estate brokers and sales agents are prohibited from practicing law and shall not add to, delete, or modify any provision of this contract unless drafted by a party to this contract or a party's attorney.) _____.

12. SETTLEMENT AND OTHER EXPENSES:

- A. EXPENSES: The following expenses must be paid at or prior to closing:
- (1) Seller shall pay the following expenses (Seller's Expenses):
 - (a) releases of existing liens, including prepayment penalties and recording fees; release of Seller's loan liability; tax statements or certificates; preparation of deed; one-half of escrow fee; and other expenses payable by Seller under this contract;
 - (b) an amount not to exceed \$_____ to be applied to Buyer's Expenses other than brokerage compensation or contributions under Paragraph 12B below.

(2) Buyer shall pay the following expenses (Buyer's Expenses) Appraisal fees; loan application fees; origination charges; credit reports; preparation of loan documents; interest on the notes from date of disbursement to one month prior to dates of first monthly payments; recording fees; copies of easements and restrictions; loan title policy with endorsements required by lender; loan-related inspection fees; photos; amortization schedules; one-half of escrow fee; all prepaid items, including required premiums for flood and hazard insurance, reserve deposits for insurance, ad valorem taxes and special governmental assessments; final compliance inspection; courier fee; repair inspection; underwriting fee; wire transfer fee; expenses incident to any loan; Private Mortgage Insurance Premium (PMI), VA Loan Funding Fee, or FHA Mortgage Insurance Premium (MIP) as required by the lender; and other expenses payable by Buyer under this contract.

B. **BROKERAGE COMPENSATION:** Brokerage compensation is not set by law and is fully negotiable. Each party shall pay their respective brokers pursuant to the terms of the parties' obligations to compensate their brokers contained in separate written agreements. **The contributions under 12B(1) and 12B(2) below shall be applied to and shall not change the parties' obligations to pay compensation pursuant to those agreements.** The following contributions must be paid at closing:

- ☐ (1) Seller will pay (check one box only): ☐ \$_____ or ☐ _____% of the Sales Price to be applied toward the brokerage compensation owed by Buyer to Buyer's broker.
- ☐ (2) Buyer will pay (check one box only): ☐ \$_____ or ☐ _____% of the Sales Price to be applied toward the brokerage compensation owed by Seller to Seller's broker.

C. **EXPENSE LIMITATION:** If a governmental loan program prohibits Buyer from paying charges or fees, then the amount of any concession in 12A(1)(b) shall be first applied to pay such prohibited expenses and then to other Buyer's Expenses but not brokerage compensation or contribution.

13. PRORATIONS AND ROLLBACK TAXES:

- A. **PRORATIONS:** Taxes for the current year, interest, rents, and regular periodic maintenance fees, assessments, and dues (including prepaid items) will be prorated through the Closing Date. The tax proration may be calculated taking into consideration any change in exemptions that will affect the current year's taxes. If taxes for the current year vary from the amount prorated at closing, the parties shall adjust the prorations when tax statements for the current year are available. If taxes are not paid at or prior to closing, Buyer shall pay taxes for the current year. Rentals which are unknown at time of closing will be prorated between Buyer and Seller when they become known.
- B. **ROLLBACK TAXES:** If this sale or Buyer's use of the Property after closing results in the assessment of additional taxes, penalties or interest (Assessments) for periods prior to closing, the Assessments will be the obligation of Buyer. If Assessments are imposed because of Seller's use or change in use of the Property prior to closing, the Assessments will be the obligation of Seller. Obligations imposed by this paragraph will survive closing.

14. CASUALTY LOSS: If any part of the Property is damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty after the Effective Date of this contract, Seller shall restore the Property to its previous condition as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event by the Closing Date. If Seller fails to do so due to factors beyond Seller's control, Buyer may (a) terminate this contract and the earnest money will be refunded to Buyer, (b) extend the time for performance up to 15 days and the Closing Date will be extended as necessary or (c) accept the Property in its damaged condition with an assignment of insurance proceeds, if permitted by Seller's insurance carrier, and receive credit from Seller at closing in the amount of the deductible under the insurance policy. Seller's obligations under this paragraph are independent of any other obligations of Seller under this contract.

15. DEFAULT: If Buyer fails to comply with this contract, Buyer will be in default, and Seller may (a) enforce specific performance, seek such other relief as may be provided by law, or both, or (b) terminate this contract and receive the earnest money as liquidated damages, thereby releasing both parties from this contract. If Seller fails to comply with this contract for any other reason, Seller will be in default and Buyer may (a) enforce specific performance, seek such other relief as may be provided by law, or both, or (b) terminate this contract and receive the earnest money, thereby releasing both parties from this contract.

16. MEDIATION: It is the policy of the State of Texas to encourage resolution of disputes through alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation. Any dispute between Seller and Buyer related to this contract which is not resolved through informal discussion will be submitted to a mutually acceptable mediation service or provider. The parties to the mediation shall bear the mediation costs equally. This paragraph does not preclude a party from seeking equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

17. ATTORNEY'S FEES: A Buyer, Seller, Seller's broker, Buyer's broker, or Escrow Agent who prevails in any legal proceeding related to this contract is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of such proceeding.

18. ESCROW:

- A. **ESCROW:** The Escrow Agent is not (i) a party to this contract and does not have liability for the performance or nonperformance of any party to this contract, (ii) liable for interest on the earnest money and (iii) liable for the loss of any earnest money caused by the failure of any financial institution in which the earnest money has been deposited unless the financial institution is acting as Escrow Agent. Escrow Agent may require any disbursement made in connection with this contract to be conditioned on Escrow Agent's collection of good funds acceptable to Escrow Agent.

- B. **EXPENSES:** At closing, the earnest money must be applied first to any cash down payment, then to Buyer's Expenses and any excess refunded to Buyer. If no closing occurs, Escrow Agent may: (i) require a written release of liability of the Escrow Agent from all parties before releasing any earnest money; and (ii) require payment of unpaid expenses incurred on behalf of a party. Escrow Agent may deduct authorized expenses from the earnest money payable to a party. "Authorized expenses" means expenses incurred by Escrow Agent on behalf of the party entitled to the earnest money that were authorized by this contract or that party.
- C. **DEMAND:** Upon termination of this contract, either party or the Escrow Agent may send a release of earnest money to each party and the parties shall execute counterparts of the release and deliver same to the Escrow Agent. If either party fails to execute the release, either party may make a written demand to the Escrow Agent for the earnest money. If only one party makes written demand for the earnest money, Escrow Agent shall promptly provide a copy of the demand to the other party. If Escrow Agent does not receive written objection to the demand from the other party within 15 days, Escrow Agent may disburse the earnest money to the party making demand reduced by the amount of unpaid expenses incurred on behalf of the party receiving the earnest money and Escrow Agent may pay the same to the creditors. If Escrow Agent complies with the provisions of this paragraph, each party hereby releases Escrow Agent from all adverse claims related to the disbursement of the earnest money.
- D. **DAMAGES:** Any party who wrongfully fails or refuses to sign a release acceptable to the Escrow Agent within 7 days of receipt of the request will be liable to the other party for (i) damages; (ii) the earnest money; (iii) reasonable attorney's fees; and (iv) all costs of suit.
- E. **NOTICES:** Escrow Agent's notices will be effective when sent in compliance with Paragraph 21. Notice of objection to the demand will be deemed effective upon receipt by Escrow Agent.

19. REPRESENTATIONS: All covenants, representations and warranties in this contract survive closing. If any representation of Seller in this contract is untrue on the Closing Date, Seller will be in default. Unless expressly prohibited by written agreement, Seller may continue to show the Property and receive, negotiate and accept back up offers.

20. GOVERNMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A. If Seller is a "foreign person," as defined by Internal Revenue Code and its regulations, or if Seller fails to deliver an affidavit or a certificate of non-foreign status to Buyer that Seller is not a "foreign person," then Buyer shall withhold from the sales proceeds an amount sufficient to comply with applicable tax law and deliver the same to the Internal Revenue Service together with appropriate tax forms. Internal Revenue Service regulations require filing written reports if currency in excess of specified amounts is received in the transaction.
- B. Seller and Buyer shall promptly execute and deliver any statements, documents, and information requested by Escrow Agent required by governmental reporting requirements (for example, reporting to the U.S. Treasury or its bureaus).
- C. The Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) of 1978 requires that a foreign person who acquires, disposes of, or holds an interest in United States agricultural land must disclose such transactions and holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. Foreign persons must file an FSA-153 in the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Service Center where the land is physically located within 90 days of the date of the transaction. Failure to report is subject to civil penalty up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed. Consult an attorney or tax professional.

21. NOTICES: All notices from one party or their agent to the other must be in writing. Notices are effective when mailed to, hand-delivered at, sent by overnight courier to, or transmitted by electronic transmission to the other party or their agent.

To Buyer(s) at:

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

To Buyer's agent at:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

To Seller(s) at:

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

To Seller's agent at:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

22. AGREEMENT OF PARTIES: This contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and cannot be changed except by their written agreement. Addenda and notices which are a part of this contract are (check all applicable boxes):

Financial

- ☐ Third Party Financing Addendum
- ☐ Addendum for Sale of Other Property by Buyer
- ☐ Addendum Concerning Right to Terminate Due to Lender’s Appraisal
- ☐ Seller Financing Addendum
- ☐ Addendum for Section 1031 Exchange
- ☐ Short Sale Addendum
- ☐ Loan Assumption Addendum
- ☐ Addendum for Release of Liability on Assumed Loan and/or Restoration of Seller’s VA Entitlement

Leases

- ☐ Addendum Regarding Residential Leases
- ☐ Addendum Regarding Fixture Leases
- ☐ Buyer’s Temporary Residential Lease
- ☐ Seller’s Temporary Residential Lease

Additional Tests and Reports

- ☐ Addendum for Authorizing Hydrostatic Testing
- ☐ Environmental Assessment, Threatened or Endangered Species, and Wetlands Addendum

Statutory Disclosures and Notices

- ☐ Addendum for Seller’s Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards as Required by Federal Law
- ☐ Addendum for Property in a Propane Gas System Service Area
- ☐ Addendum for Property Located Seaward of the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway
- ☐ Addendum for Coastal Area Property
- ☐ The following utility, water, drainage, public improvement, and other district notices (list all that have been given or are attached): _____

NOTICE: Seller’s failure to provide applicable Statutory Disclosures and Notices may provide Buyer with remedies or rights to terminate this contract.

Other

- ☐ Addendum for Property Subject to Mandatory Membership in a Property Owners Association
- ☐ Non-Realty Items Addendum
- ☐ Addendum for “Back-Up” Contract
- ☐ Addendum for Reservation of Oil, Gas, and Other Minerals
- ☐ Other: _____

23. CONSULT AN ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING: TREC rules prohibit real estate brokers and sales agents from giving legal advice. READ THIS CONTRACT CAREFULLY.

Buyer's Attorney is: _____	Seller's Attorney is: _____
Phone: () _____	Phone: () _____
Fax: () _____	Fax: () _____
E-mail: _____	E-mail: _____

**EXECUTED the _____ day of _____, 20____ (Effective Date).
(BROKER: FILL IN THE DATE OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE.)**

Buyer

Seller

Buyer

Seller



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RATIFICATION OF FEE

Seller's broker has agreed to pay Buyer's broker _____ of the total Sales Price when Seller's broker's fee is received. Escrow Agent is authorized and directed to pay Buyer's broker from Seller's broker's fee at closing.

Buyer's broker:

Seller's broker:

By: _____

By: _____

BROKER CONTACT INFORMATION AND AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF BROKERS' FEES

The brokers to this sale are:

_____ (Broker Firm) **represents Seller only as Seller's agent.**

Address: _____

Broker Firm License No.: _____

Associate's Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Associate's Email: _____

Associate's Phone No.: _____ Associate's License No.: _____

Licensed Supervisor of Associate: _____

Phone No. of Licensed Supervisor: _____ License No.: _____

_____ (Broker Firm) **represents Buyer only as Buyer's agent.**

Address: _____

Broker Firm License No.: _____

Associate's Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Associate's Email: _____

Associate's Phone No.: _____ Associate's License No.: _____

Licensed Supervisor of Associate: _____

Phone No. of Licensed Supervisor: _____ License No.: _____

Intermediary

_____ (Broker Firm) **represents Seller and Buyer as an intermediary.**

Address: _____

Broker Firm License No.: _____

Associate's Name (for Seller): _____

Team Name: _____

Associate's Email: _____

Associate's Phone No.: _____ Associate's License No.: _____

Licensed Supervisor of Associate: _____

Phone No. of Licensed Supervisor: _____ License No.: _____

Associate's Name (for Buyer): _____

Team Name: _____

Associate's Email: _____

Associate's Phone No.: _____ Associate's License No.: _____

Licensed Supervisor of Associate: _____

Phone No. of Licensed Supervisor: _____ License No.: _____

Upon closing of the sale by Seller to Buyer of the Property described in the contract to which this fee agreement is attached: (a) ☐ Seller ☐ Buyer will pay Seller's broker ☐ a cash fee of \$_____ or ☐ _____% of the total Sales Price; and (b) ☐ Seller ☐ Buyer will pay Buyer's broker ☐ a cash fee of \$_____ or ☐ _____% of the total Sales Price. Seller/Buyer authorizes and directs Escrow Agent to pay the brokers from the proceeds at closing.

DO NOT SIGN IF THERE IS A SEPARATE AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF BROKERS' FEES OR IF CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE PAID UNDER PARAGRAPH 12B(1) OR (2). Brokers' fees are negotiable. Brokers' fees or the sharing of fees between brokers are not fixed, controlled, recommended, suggested or maintained by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

Seller

Buyer

Seller

Buyer

OPTION FEE RECEIPT

Receipt of \$ _____ option fee in the form of _____
is acknowledged.

Escrow Agent _____ Date _____

EARNEST MONEY RECEIPT

Receipt of \$ _____ earnest money in the form of _____
is acknowledged.

Escrow Agent _____ Received by _____ Email Address _____ Date/Time _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Fax _____

CONTRACT RECEIPT

Receipt of the contract is acknowledged.

Escrow Agent _____ Received by _____ Email Address _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Fax _____

ADDITIONAL EARNEST MONEY RECEIPT

Receipt of \$ _____ additional earnest money in the form of _____
is acknowledged.

Escrow Agent _____ Received by _____ Email Address _____ Date/Time _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Fax _____