

Commercial Lease

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- 🔊 Basic, yet comprehensive sample commercial lease agreement...
- 🔊 This Agreement can easily be turned around in the event that you are the lessee.
- 🔊 The first part of this Memorandum should be completed and distributed to the other party along with a copy of the Commercial Lease.

Date **[Month, Day, Year]**

To:  **[Name of Lessee]**

From: **[Owner/Founder]**
[Company]

Subject: **Commercial Lease**

Attached is a "Commercial Lease" Agreement enabling you to lease the office/warehouse/manufacturing facilities at [location].

I believe it embodies everything we discussed.

Please read the agreement carefully.

We recommend that you also have it reviewed by your own qualified legal counsel.

Time is of the essence.

Please sign and return it to me ASAP.

Thank you very much!


From JIAN

NOTICE:

We wish we could provide an agreement that was tailored *exactly* to your business. While this is not always possible, we feel that we've come very close and that this document provides you with the head-start that you need to get your deal moving. Nevertheless, we must make this disclaimer:

- 🚫 **Do Not Use This Agreement 'As-Is.'**
- 🚫 **This Agreement Is Not Legal Advice.**
- 🚫 **Read it Thoroughly and Make All Appropriate Changes to Fit Your Requirements.**
- 🚫 **You Should Have this Agreement Reviewed and Approved by a Qualified Attorney at Law Before Using It.**
- 🚫 **JIAN Accepts No Liability for the Effectiveness of This Document For Your Purposes.**

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🔊 This is a standard introductory paragraph that lists the parties to the Agreement and the date the Agreement is being entered into. You need to enter the date of the Agreement, the names of the parties, the specific type of organization and their addresses.

Effective Date of this Agreement: **[Date]**

This Agreement is by and between **[Lessor’s full legal name]**

((Lessor’s abbreviated name)),

a  **[State], [Corporation / Partnership / Sole Proprietorship]**

located at **[Address],**

AND **[Company Legal Name], [Company]],**

a **[State], [Corporation / Partnership / Sole Proprietorship],**

located at **[Address]**

[City], [State] [Zip Code]

Summary

The Lessor wishes to Lease the Premises (defined below) to the Lessee; and the Lessee wishes to Lease those Premises from the Lessor.

In consideration for the mutual promises, covenants, and Agreements made below, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. Definitions

For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms will have the indicated definitions:

▪ **“Agreement”** This Agreement is by and between the Lessor and the Lessee.

🔊 In the next definition, you will describe the Premises being Leased. For the first insert, enter the type of space, for the second and third inserts, enter the city and state the premises are located in, and for the fourth insert, enter the physical location or address of the Premises. For example 1975 Lessor Real West, Suite 301. In the fifth insert, enter the total square footage, and for the final insert, if there is a common area that is included in the square footage figure, remove the brackets entirely.

▪ **“Premises”** The [offices / store / other] situated in the city of [City], state of [State], described as [Address], and having an area of approximately [enter square footage] rentable square feet [including a pro rata share of the common area]. See Exhibit A for a map of the Premises.

2. Relationship of the Parties

- ☞ If either the Lessor or the Lessor fails to deliver certain services as anticipated by this Agreement, the Lessee's only recourse is rescission.

The Lessee acknowledges that, where appropriate, it will look to and require the Lessor to provide services, as appropriate under this Agreement. The Lessor assumes no liability for any willful misconduct, gross negligence or negligence of the Lessee and the Lessor covenants only to deliver such services as are provided in this Agreement. The Lessee's sole remedy for the Lessor's failure to deliver such services is rescission. The Lessee further agrees to observe and follow all rules and regulations promulgated by the Lessor.

3. Term & Rent

- ☞ We have entered the rent as payable on a monthly basis since that's the way most Leases are set up; however, you can change it accordingly. "Without demand" means that the Lessee must pay the rent each month, and that the Lessor does not have to invoice or otherwise request payment; no deduction or rights of off-set mean that the Lessee must pay the full rent. He cannot deduct for repairs or other expenses that may be the responsibility of the Lessor.
- ☞ With respect to the first two inserts, enter the start and termination dates. For the third insert, enter the monthly rent, for example, One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

The Lessor leases the above Premises,

- Commencing on **[Month, Day, Year]**
- Terminating on **[Month, Day, Year]**

Both parties agree that this is in no way a month to month Lease. The Lessee shall pay to the Lessor as rent for the Premises, without demand, deduction, or rights of off-set, the following sums: equal monthly installments of **[\$x]**, each installment payable in advance on the first day of each month for that month's rental, during the term of this Lease. All rental payments should be made out to the Lessor and sent to it at the address stated above.

3. Late Charges

- ☞ In the event that the rent is received more than five days after it is due (you can change this, but it's pretty standard), the Lessee will have to pay a late charge equal to the amount entered in the brackets. Note, that 5%, that would read five percent (5%), is fairly standard.

The Lessee hereby acknowledges that late payment by the Lessee to the Lessor of rent or other sums due under this Agreement will cause the Lessor to incur costs not contemplated by this Lease, the exact amount of which will be extremely difficult to ascertain. Such costs include, but are not limited to, processing and accounting charges, and late charges that may be imposed upon the Lessor by the Lessor. Accordingly, if any installment of rent or of a sum due from the Lessee shall not be received by the Lessor or the Lessor's designees by 12:00 noon on the fifth (5th) day of each month of the term, then the Lessee shall pay to the Lessor a late charge equal to [x]% of such overdue amount. The parties hereby agree that such late charges represent a fair and reasonable estimate of the cost that the Lessor will incur by reason of the late payment by the Lessee. Acceptance of such late charges by the Lessor shall in no event constitute a waiver of the Lessee's default with respect to such overdue amount, nor prevent the Lessor from exercising any of the other rights and remedies granted under this Agreement.

4. Use

- ☞ In Section 4.1, state the permitted use(s) of the Premises, for example, general office purposes.

4.1 **Uses Permitted.** The Lessee shall use and occupy the Premises for **[Enter use]**. The Premises shall


be for no other purpose. The Lessor represents that the Premises may lawfully be used for such purpose.

4.2 Uses Prohibited

4.2.1 The Lessee shall not do or permit anything to be done in or about the Premises nor bring or keep anything therein that will increase the existing rate or affect any fire or other insurance upon the building or any of its contents, or cause a cancellation of any insurance policy covering said building or any part of it or any of its contents, nor shall the Lessee sell or permit to be kept used or sold in or about said Premises any articles or substances, inflammable or otherwise, that may be prohibited by a standard form policy of fire insurance.


4.2.2 The Lessee shall not do or permit anything to be done in or about the Premises that will in any way obstruct or interfere with the rights of other Lessee's of the building or injure or annoy them or use or allow the Premises to be used for any unlawful or objectionable purpose.


4.2.3 The Lessee shall not use the Premises or permit anything to be done in or about the Premises that will in any way conflict with any law now in force or that may hereafter be enacted. The Lessee shall at its cost promptly comply with all laws now in force or that may be in force hereafter and with the requirements of any board of fire underwriters or other similar body relating to the Lessee's improvements or acts.

 In the event that the Lessee contemplates any improvements, the Lessor may require him to post a bond of one and one half times the estimated cost of the improvements. This is a precaution; in the event that the Lessee doesn't pay for the cost of the improvements, the Lessor can, thus avoiding any possible liens against the Premises.

4.3 **Liens.** The Lessee shall keep the Premises and the property in which the Premises are situated free from any liens arising out of any work performed, materials furnished or obligations incurred by the Lessee. The Lessor may require the Lessee to provide the Lessor, at the Lessee's cost, a lien and completion bond in an amount equal to one and one-half (1 1/2) times the estimated cost of any improvements, additions, or alterations by the Lessee, to insure the Lessor against liability for the mechanic's and material men's liens and to insure completion for the work.

5. Repairs & Maintenance

 When the Lessee takes possession of the Premises, he is accepting them as being in good order. If there are any problems, the Lessee should (either) not move in or should get something in writing from the Lessor regarding those problems prior to moving in. Furthermore, the Lessor states that it has agreed to no repairs or improvements other than what is specifically stated in this Agreement. Note that the Lessee is required to keep the Premises in good condition and repair. Furthermore, the Lessee is waiving any right it might have to abate (deduct) any repairs it pays for from the rent; the Lessee should put all requests for repairs in writing to the Lessor. In other words, while the Lessee is required to keep the Premises in good condition and repair, in most cases that means that the Lessee should put all requests for needed repairs in writing to the Lessor, as the Lessor is responsible for actually making those repairs to the Premises.

 If the Lessor has agreed to any improvements (alterations, remodeling, repairs, or painting), a copy of that approval and a list of the improvements should be included as an exhibit to this Lease.

By taking possession of the Premises, the Lessee shall be deemed to have accepted the Premises as being in good sanitary order, condition and repair. The Lessee shall at the Lessee's cost, keep the Premises and every part of it in good condition and repair except for damages beyond the control of the Lessee and ordinary wear and tear. The Lessee shall upon the expiration or sooner termination of this Lease surrender the Premises to the Lessor in good condition, ordinary wear and tear and damage from causes beyond the reasonable control of the Lessee excepted. Unless specifically provided in an addendum to this Lease, the Lessor shall have no obligation to alter, remodel, improve, repair, decorate or paint the Premises or any


part of it and the parties hereto affirm that the Lessor has made no representations to the Lessee respecting the condition of the Premises and the building except as specifically set forth in this Agreement.

Despite the above provisions, the Lessor shall repair and maintain or cause to be repaired and maintained the structural portions of the building, including the standard plumbing, air conditioning, heating and electrical systems furnished by the Lessor, unless such maintenance and repairs are caused in part or in whole by the act, neglect, fault or omission of any duty by the Lessee, its agents, employees or invitees, in which case the Lessee shall pay to the Lessor the reasonable cost of such maintenance and repairs.

The Lessee shall give the Lessor written notice of any required repairs or maintenance. The Lessor shall not be liable for any failure to repair or to perform any maintenance unless such failure shall persist for an unreasonable time after written notice. Any repairs or maintenance to supplemental cooling equipment required for the Lessee's special needs are the responsibility of the Lessee. Except as specifically stated in this Agreement, there shall be no abatement of rent and no liability of the Lessor by reason of any injury to or interference with the Lessee's business arising from making of any repairs, alterations or improvements to any portion of the building or the Premises or to fixtures, appurtenances and equipment. The Lessee waives the right to make repairs at the Lessor's expense under any law, statute or ordinance now or hereafter in effect.



6. Alterations

 The Lessee must have permission to make any changes to the Premises as well as approval of the actual party or parties making those changes; furthermore, any changes become part of the Premises and property of the Lessor or the Lessor unless the Lessor requires the Lessee to remove those alterations upon expiration / termination of the Lease.


The Lessee shall not, without first obtaining the written consent of the Lessor, make any alterations, additions, or improvements, in, to or about the Premises. Any such alterations, additions or improvements, including, but not limited to, wall covering, paneling and built-in cabinet work, but excepting movable furniture and trade fixtures, shall become a part of the realty, shall belong to the Lessor and / or the Lessor and shall be surrendered with the Premises at expiration or termination of the Lease. If the Lessor consents to any such alterations, additions or improvements by the Lessee, they shall be made by the Lessee at the Lessee's cost, and any contractor or person selected by the Lessee to perform the work shall first be approved of, in writing, by the Lessor.

Upon expiration, or sooner termination of the term, the Lessee shall, upon written demand by the Lessor, promptly remove any alterations, additions or improvements made by the Lessee and designated by the Lessor to be removed. Such removal and repair of any damage to the Premises caused by such removal shall be at the Lessee's cost.

7. Ordinances & Statutes

The Lessee shall comply with all statutes, ordinances and requirements of all municipal, state and federal authorities now in force, or that may hereafter be in force, pertaining to the Premises, occasioned by or affecting the use by the Lessee.

8. Assignment & Subletting

 The Lessee cannot itself sublet or assign the Lease without the Lessor's permission. While the Lessor will be reasonable, if for any reason the Lessor refuses to consent, then the Lessee may not assign or sublet the premises.

The Lessee shall not assign this Lease or sublet any portion of the Premises without prior written consent of the Lessor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld unless it is based upon refusal by the Lessor to

give consent, in the Lessor's sole judgment. Any such assignment or subletting without consent shall be void and, at the option of the Lessor, may terminate this Lease.

9. Service & Utilities

☞ Section 9 is fairly standard. The Lessor is required to maintain the common areas and to provide electricity in those areas during normal business hours as well as other maintenance services. If the Lessee keeps unusual hours, it should be included here so that it is clear that HVAC (heating, ventilation's and air conditioning) systems will be available.

9.1 **Lessor's Obligations.** The Lessor agrees to furnish to the Premises during reasonable hours of generally recognized business days to be determined by the Lessor, and subject to the Rules and Regulations of the building, electricity for normal lighting and fractional horsepower office machines, heat and air conditioning required in the Lessor's judgment for the comfortable use and occupancy of the Premises, janitorial, window washing and elevator service. The Lessor shall also maintain and keep lighted the common stairs, gallerias, entries and toilet rooms in the building. The Lessor shall not be liable for and the Lessee shall not be entitled to any reduction of rental by reason of the Lessor's failure to furnish any of the foregoing when such failure is caused by accident, breakage, repairs, strikes, lockouts or other labor disturbances or labor disputes of any character, or by any other cause, similar or dissimilar, beyond the reasonable control of the Lessor.

9.2 **Lessee's Obligation.** The Lessee shall pay for, prior to delinquency, all telephone and all other materials and services, not expressly required to be paid by the Lessor, that may be furnished to or used in, on or about the Premises during the term of this Lease. The Lessee will not, without the prior written consent of the Lessor and subject to any conditions the Lessor may impose, use any apparatus or device in the Premises that will in any way increase the amount of electricity or water usually furnished for use of the Premises as a general office space. If the Lessee shall require water or electric current in excess of that usually furnished or supplied for use of the Premises as general office space, the Lessee shall first procure the consent of the Lessor. Wherever heat generating machines or equipment are used in the Premises that affect the temperature otherwise maintained by the air conditioning system, the Lessor reserves the right to install supplementary air conditioning units in the Premises and the cost, including the cost of installation, operation and maintenance, shall be paid by the Lessee to the Lessor upon demand by the Lessor. The Lessor shall not be liable for the Lessor's failure to furnish any of the foregoing when such failure is caused by any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Lessor. The Lessor shall not be liable under any circumstances for loss of or injury to property, however occurring, in connection with failure to furnish any of the foregoing.

10. Entry & Inspection

☞ Section 10 allows the Lessor and the Lessor to enter the Premises at any time, for any reason, including inspection. Furthermore, they may enter at any time to do repairs, even if it interferes with the Lessee's business.


The Lessor and the Lessor reserve the right to enter the Premises at any time to inspect the Premises, to provide any service for which the Lessor is obligated, to submit the Premises to prospective purchasers or Lessee's, to post notices of non-responsibility, and to alter, improve, maintain or repair the Premises or any portion of the building of which the Premises are a part of that the Lessor deems necessary or desirable, all without abatement of rent. The Lessor may erect scaffolding and other necessary structures where reasonably required by the character of the work to be performed, but shall not block entrance to the Premises and not interfere with the Lessee's business, except as reasonably required for the particular activity by the Lessor.

The Lessor shall not be liable in any manner for any inconvenience, disturbance, loss of business, nuisance, interference with quiet enjoyment, or other damage arising out of the Lessor's entry on the

Premises as provided in this section, except damage, if any, resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of the Lessor or its authorized representative. The Lessor shall retain a key to unlock all doors into, within, and about the Premises, excluding the Lessee's vaults, safes and files. In an emergency, the Lessor shall have the right to use any means that the Lessor deems reasonably necessary to obtain entry to the Premises, without liability to the Lessee, except for any failure to exercise due care for the Lessee's property. Any such entry to the Premises by the Lessor shall not be construed or deemed to be forcible or unlawful entry into or a detained of the Premises or an eviction of the Lessee from the Premises or any portion thereof.

☞ This section states that if for some reason the Premises are not ready for the Lessee to move into on the date agreed upon, the Lessee won't have to pay rent until it is ready. At its option, the Lessee may terminate the Lease if possession is not delivered within the allotted period of time (entered in the brackets) normally thirty (30) days.

11. **Possession.** If the Lessor is unable to deliver possession of the Premises at the commencement, the Lessor shall not be liable for any damage caused, nor shall this Lease be void or voidable, but the Lessee shall not be liable for any rent until possession is delivered. The Lessee may terminate this Lease if possession is not delivered within [Enter number] days of the commencement of the term of this Agreement.

☞ Basically, Section 12 says  that in the event that the Lessor or the Lessor are sued because of an activity taking place on the Premises, that the Lessee will defend that action and pay any damages. Furthermore, the Lessor is not responsible for any loss or theft occurring at the Premises.

12. **Indemnification of Lessor.** The Lessee shall hold the Lessor and the Lessor harmless from any claims arising from the Lessee's use of the Premises or from any activity permitted by the Lessee in or about the Premises, and any claims arising from any breach or default in the Lessee's performance of any obligation under the terms of this Lease. If any action or proceeding is brought by reason of any such claim in which the Lessor or the Lessor is named as a party, the Lessee shall defend the Lessor and the Lessor therein at the Lessee's expense by counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Lessor and the Lessor.

The Lessor and its agents shall not be liable for any damage to property entrusted to the employees of the building, nor for loss or damage to any property by theft or damage, nor from any injury to or damage to persons or property resulting from any cause whatsoever, unless caused by or due to the negligence or willful misconduct of the Lessor, its agents or employees. The Lessor shall not be liable for any latent defect in the Premises or in the building of which they are a part. The Lessee shall give prompt notice to the Lessor in case of fire or accidents in the Premises or in the building or of alleged defects in the building, fixtures or equipment.

13. Insurance

☞ Section 13 addresses the range of insurance coverage's that the Lessee is required to maintain.

☞ The Lessee is responsible for damage to anything belonging to it; furthermore, the Lessor is not responsible for lost profits or other damages resulting from a loss.

13.1 **Coverage.** The Lessee shall assume the risk of damage to any fixtures, goods, inventory, merchandise, equipment, furniture and Leasehold improvements, and the Lessor shall not be liable for injury to the Lessee's business or any loss of income relative to such damage. The Lessee shall, at all times during the term of this Lease, and at its own cost, procure and continue in force the following insurance coverage:


☞ The Lessee is required to maintain liability insurance naming itself, the Lessor and the Lessor.

13.1.1 Comprehensive public liability insurance, insuring the Lessor and the Lessee and the Lessor against any liability arising out of the ownership, use, occupancy or maintenance of the Premises and all

areas appurtenant thereto.

- ☞ If the Lessee fails to obtain a policy from a B+ or better rated insurance company naming the Lessor and the Lessor as additional insureds, the Lessor may obtain such a policy at the Lessee's expense. The minimum liability coverage required is noted.

13.2 Insurance Policies. The limits of said insurance policies shall not, however, limit the liability of the Lessee under this Agreement. The Lessee may carry said insurance under a blanket policy, providing, however, said insurance by the Lessee shall name the Lessor and the Lessor as additional insureds. If the Lessee shall fail to procure and maintain said insurance, the Lessor may, but shall not be required to, procure and maintain same, but at the expense of the Lessee. Insurance required under this Agreement shall be in companies that rate B+ or better in "Best's Insurance Guide."

The Lessee shall deliver to the Lessor prior to occupancy of the Premises copies of the policies of insurance required, or certificates evidencing the existence and amounts of such insurance with loss payable clauses, satisfactory to the Lessor and naming the Lessor as an additional named insured. No policy shall be cancelable or subject to reduction of coverage except after thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Lessor. The minimum acceptable amount of comprehensive liability insurance is \$1,000,000 against claims in any occurrence, and property damage insurance in an amount of not less than \$100,000 per occurrence, or combined le limit of \$1,000,000 comprehensive liability and property damage insurance.

- ☞ In the event that the Lessor or the Lessee suffers some loss and collects from its insurance company, the following section allows them to waive subrogation, or the right to later try to collect from the other. Usually insurance companies do this after paying a claim.

13.3 Waiver of Subrogation. As long as their respective insurers so permit, the Lessor and the Lessee each hereby waive any and all rights of recovery against the other for any loss or damage occasioned to such waiving party or its property of others under its control to the extent that such loss or damage is insured against under any fire or extended coverage insurance policy that either may have in force at the time of such loss or damage. Each party shall obtain any special endorsement, if required by their insurer, to evidence compliance with this waiver.

- ☞ Where a public authority (i.e. the government) takes more than a quarter of the Premises under the power of eminent domain, either party has the right to terminate the Lease.

14. Eminent Domain. If more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Premises is taken or appropriated by any public or quasi-public authority under the powers of eminent domain, either party shall have the right at its option to terminate this Lease. If less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Premises is taken (or neither party elects to terminate as above, provided if more than twenty-five percent (25%) is taken), the Lease shall continue, but the rental thereafter to be paid shall be equitably reduced. If any part of the building of which the Premises are a part is so taken or appropriated, whether or not any part of the Premises is involved, the Lessor shall be entitled to the entire award and compensation for the taking that is paid or made by the public or quasi-public agency, and the Lessee shall have no claim against said award.

- ☞ The next section discusses the rights and liabilities in the event that the Premises are destroyed. (A total destruction terminates the Lease altogether.) Basically, if the Lessor cannot make the necessary repairs within sixty days, and the Lessee either cannot make them or does not elect to do so, then either party can terminate this Lease.

15. Destruction of Premises. In the event of a partial destruction of the Premises during the term of this Agreement, from any cause, the Lessor shall forthwith repair the same, provided that such repairs can be made within sixty (60) days under existing governmental rules and regulations, but such partial destruction shall not terminate this Lease, except that the Lessee shall be entitled to a proportionate reduction of rent while such repairs are being made, based upon the extent to which the making of such

repairs shall interfere with the business of the Lessee on the Premises. If such repairs cannot be made within sixty (60) days, the Lessor, at his option, may make the same within a reasonable time, this Lease continuing in effect with the rent proportionately abated as aforesaid, and in the event that the Lessor shall not elect to make such repairs that cannot be made within sixty (60) days, this Lease may be terminated at the option of either party. In the event that the building in which the demised Premises may be situated is destroyed to an extent of not less than one-third of the replacement costs thereof, the Lessor may elect to terminate this Lease whether the demised Premises be injured or not. A total destruction of the building in which the Premises may be situated shall terminate this Lease.

16. Lessor's Remedies Upon Default

☞ If the Lessee defaults, for example by not paying its rent, the Lessor is required to give it the period (entered in the first and second brackets) to remedy or cure that default (usually three days). In the event that the Lessee does not cure or remedy the default within that period of time, then the Lessor can terminate this Lease by giving the Lessee notice (enter the amount of time in the third set of brackets). Usually 30 days. In the event that the Lease is terminated, the Lessee must vacate the Premises, but it is still liable for the payment of rent.

16.1 If the Lessee defaults in the payment of rent, or any additional rent, or defaults in the performance of any of the other covenants [] conditions of this Agreement, the Lessor may give the Lessee notice of such default and if the Lessee [] does not cure any such default within three [enter number] (3) business days, after the giving of such notice (or if such other default is of such a nature that it cannot be completely cured within such period, if the Lessee does not commence such curing within such three (3) business days and thereafter proceed with reasonable diligence and in good faith to cure such default), then the Lessor may terminate this Lease not less than [enter number] thirty (30) calendar days' notice to the Lessee. On the date specified in such notice the term of this Lease shall terminate, and the Lessee shall then quit and surrender the Premises to the Lessor, but the Lessee shall remain liable as hereinafter provided. If this Lease shall have been so terminated by the Lessor, the Lessor may at any time thereafter resume possession of the Premises by any lawful means and remove the Lessee or other occupants and their effects. No failure to enforce any term shall be deemed a waiver.

☞ Section 16.2 deals with bankruptcy of the Lessee.

16.2 The making by the Lessee of any general assignment or general arrangement for the benefit of creditors; the filing by or against the Lessee of a petition to have the Lessee adjudged a bankrupt or of a petition for reorganization or arrangement under any law relating to bankruptcy (unless, in the case of a petition filed against the Lessee, same is dismissed within sixty (60) days; the appointment of a trustee or receiver to take possession of substantially all the Lessee's assets located at the Premises or of the Lessee's interest in this Lease, where possession is not restored to the Lessee within thirty (30) days; or the attachment, execution or other judicial seizure of substantially all of the Lessee's assets located at the Premises or of the Lessee's interest in this Lease, where such seizure is not discharged within thirty (30) days.

17. Security Deposit

☞ This next section describes the security deposit. If the Lessor applies all or part of the deposit to a default, the Lessee is required to replenish the deposit so that the Lessor has the full deposit on hand.

☞ Enter in the first insert the total security deposit. The second insert shows that the first installment is due when this Agreement is signed and the third insert is the balance that is due as of the third and fourth periods (entered in the brackets).

The Lessee shall deposit with the Lessor the sum of \$[x] as security for the performance of the Lessee's obligations under this Lease, including without limitation the surrender of possession of the Premises to

the Lessor as provided in this Agreement. The Lessee will pay \$[x] to the Lessor at the time of signing this Agreement and will pay an additional sum of \$[x] to the Lessor no later than [Month, Day, Year]. If the Lessor applies any part of the deposit to cure any default of the Lessee, the Lessee shall on demand deposit with the Lessor the amount so applied so that the Lessor shall have the full deposit on hand at all times during the term of this Lease.

18. Taxes

- ☞ The Lessee is required to pay any taxes that may be required regarding any improvements, furniture, or personal fixtures located on the property.
- ☞ In Section 18, enter the state where the Premises are located.

The Lessee shall pay before delinquency, all taxes levied or assessed and become payable during the term of this Agreement upon all the Lessee's Leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture, fixtures and personal property located in the Premises, except that which has been paid for by the Lessor or the Lessor and is the standard of that building. Should the [State] Constitution be changed in a way that results in a higher or lower tax on the Premises than the annual increases now a matter of law, any such increase shall be passed through to the Lessee on a prorated basis. The Lessee shall pay to the Lessor its share of such taxes, if any, within thirty days after delivery to the Lessee by the Lessor of a statement in writing setting forth the amount of such taxes.

19. Common Area Expenses

- ☞ The Lessee is required to pay its share of common area expenses.
- ☞ If there are no common areas subject to any expenses, delete the following section.

The Lessee agrees to pay his pro-rata share of maintenance, taxes and insurance for the common area.

20. Attorney Fees

- ☞ If there is a lawsuit or proceeding involving this Agreement, the losing party agrees to pay the winning party his or her costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees.

In case suit should be brought for recovery of the Premises, or for any sum due under this Agreement, or because of any act that may arise out of the possession of the Premises, by either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to all costs incurred in connection with such action, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

21. Waiver

- ☞ If the Lessor doesn't enforce a right, such as a deadline, that doesn't mean that the promise or condition is automatically waived.

No failure of the Lessor to enforce any term of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver.

22. Notices

- ☞ Any notices should be mailed pursuant to Section 22.

Any notice that either party may or is required to give, shall be given by mailing the same, postage prepaid, to the Lessee at the Premises, or the Lessor at the address shown above, or at such other places as may be designated by the parties from time to time.

23. Heirs, Assigns & Successors

This Lease is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the heirs, assigns and successors in interest to the parties.

24. Subordination

This Lease is and shall be subordinated to all existing and future liens and encumbrances against the property.

25. Rules & Regulations

- ☞ Make sure to include at the end of this Agreement, a list of Rules and Regulations that apply to the premises, if any, as Exhibit B.

The Lessee shall faithfully observe and comply with the rules and regulations attached as Exhibit B to this Lease, as well as such rules and regulations that the Lessor or the Lessor shall from time to time promulgate. The Lessor reserves the right from time to time to make all reasonable modifications to those rules that shall be binding to the Lessee upon delivery of a copy of them to the Lessee. The Lessor shall not be responsible to the Lessee for the non-performance of any of said rules by any other Lessee.

26. Statement to Lender

- ☞ The following is merely a formality for the benefit of the Lessor's lender(s) who may require certain statements from the Lessee regarding this Lease.

The Lessee shall at any time from time to time, upon not less than ten (10) days prior written notice from the Lessor, execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the Lessor a statement in writing, (1) certifying that this Lease is unmodified and in full force and effect (or, if modified, stating the nature of such modifications and certifying that this Lease as so modified, is in full force and effect), and the date to which the rental and other charges are paid in advance, if any, and (2) acknowledging that there are not, to the Lessee's knowledge, any uncured defaults on the part of the Lessor under this Agreement, or specifying such defaults if any are claimed. Any such statement may be relied upon by any prospective purchaser or encumbrancer of all or any portion of the real property of which the Premises are a part.

27. Parking

- ☞ If there are reserved parking spaces, you should indicate the number and location.
- ☞ Enter the address of the building where the premises are located.

The Lessee shall have the right to use, in common with other tenants or occupants of the building, parking facilities, provided by the Lessor for tenants of , subject to the rules and regulations established by the Lessor.

28. Corporate Authority

- ☞ If the Lessee is other than a corporation, delete the following section. It is merely a representation that the signatories to this Agreement have authority to act on behalf of the corporation.

Each individual executing this Lease on behalf of the Lessee's corporation represents and warrants that he is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Lease on behalf of said corporation, in accordance with a duly adopted resolution of the Board of Directors of said corporation or in accordance with the by-laws of said corporation, and that this Lease is binding upon said corporation in accordance with its terms.

29. Lender Requirements

- ☞ The following section is merely a formality required by some banks.

Upon request of the Lessor, the Lessee will, in writing, subordinate its rights under this Agreement to the lien of any mortgage, or deed of trust to any bank, insurance company or other lending institution, now or hereafter in force against the land and building of which the Premises are a part, and to all advances made or hereafter to be made upon the security thereof. If any proceedings are brought for foreclosure or, in the

event of the exercise of the power of sale under any mortgage or deed of trust made by the Lessor covering the Premises, the Lessee shall recognize such purchaser as the Lessor under this Lease.

30. Name

The Lessee shall not use the name of the development on which the Premises are situated for any purpose other than as an address of the business to be conducted by the Lessee in the Premises, unless written authorization is obtained from Lessor.

31. Severability

☞ If any part of this Agreement is unenforceable or invalid, the balance of the Agreement should be enforced. Basically, ignore any sections that are invalid.

If any provision of this Agreement is found invalid or unenforceable under judicial decree or decision, the remainder shall remain valid and enforceable according to its terms. Without limiting the previous, it is expressly understood and agreed that each and every provision of this Agreement that provides for a limitation of liability, disclaimer of warranties, or exclusion of damages is intended by the parties to be severable and independent of any other provision and to be enforced as such. Further, it is expressly understood and agreed that if any remedy under this Agreement is determined to have failed of its essential purpose, all other limitations of liability and exclusion of damages set forth in this section shall remain in full force and effect.

32. Governing Law

☞ In this next section, indicate the state whose laws govern the Lease, generally the state where the Premises are located. Insert that state in all three inserts.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of [State] applicable to Agreements made and fully performed in [State] by [State] residents.

33. Toxics

The Lessor and the Lessee acknowledge that they have been advised that numerous federal, state, and / or local laws, ordinances and regulations ("Laws") affect the existence and removal, storage, disposal, leakage of contamination by materials designated as hazardous or toxic ("Toxics"). Many materials, some utilized in everyday business activities and property maintenance, are designated as hazardous or toxic. Some of the Laws require that Toxics be removed or cleaned up without regard to whether the party required to pay for the "clean up" caused the contamination, owned the property at the time of the contamination occurred or even knew about the contamination. Some items, such as asbestos or PCB's, that were legal when installed, are now classified as Toxics, and are subject to removal requirements. Civil lawsuits for damages resulting from Toxics may be filed by third parties in certain circumstances.

34. Signs

The Lessor at no cost to the Lessee shall design and construct signs to reflect the multi-tenant nature of the building. The Lessee will be given a pro rata share of any major exterior sign.

35. Furniture & Other Personal Property

☞ If the Lessor will be leasing furniture and other personal property to the Lessee, this section should be included, otherwise delete it.

☞ In the first insert, state the monthly payment for the furniture and property, this is over and above the Lease payments. You should also complete Exhibit C, which is a listing of the items. Make sure they are acceptable before signing the Lease, or at Least make a notation of their condition.

In further consideration, the Lessor will provide for the use of the Lessee during the term of this Agreement the furniture and other personal property listed in Exhibit C for the sum of \$[x] per month over and above the dollar amount for the Premises described above. The Lessee acknowledges that it has inspected the Premises and that all of the items listed in Exhibit C are present, and are in good and serviceable condition on the Premises on the effective date of this Agreement. During the term of this Lease, these items shall remain the property of the Lessor and the Lessee shall not mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber any of these items.

Furthermore, the Lessee will maintain full replacement insurance in the manner noted above for these items and will name the Lessor as an additional insured. All deductibles and excess will be paid by the Lessee.

☞ If the Lessee will own the furniture at the end of the Lease, remove the brackets in the final sentence. (You may not want to keep it so it may be easier to let the lessee have it.)

[If the Lessee fulfills the payment requirements of this Lease, upon its expiration, the Lessee will come into possession of each and every item of furniture previously owned by the Lessor at the Premises (Exhibit C); the Lessee will receive title to this furniture at no cost if the above conditions are met.]

36. Entire Agreement

☞ The following section states that this Agreement is intended to be the only Agreement between these parties regarding this particular matter, and that no other documents or communications, whether oral or written, are binding. Therefore, it is very important to make sure that everything the parties have agreed to and want to include is accounted for in the body of this Agreement.

The parties acknowledge that this Agreement expresses their entire understanding and Agreement, and that there have been no warranties, representations, covenants or understandings made by either party to the other except such as are expressly set forth in this section. The parties further acknowledge that this Agreement supersedes, terminates and otherwise renders null and void any and all prior Agreements or contracts, whether written or oral, entered into between the Lessee and the Lessor with respect to the matters expressly set forth in this Agreement.

Understood, Agreed & Approved

We have carefully reviewed this contract and agree to and accept all of its terms and conditions. We are executing this Agreement as of the Effective Date above.

Lessee

Lessor

By

By

Name

Name

Title

Title



Exhibit A

Map of Premises



Exhibit B

Rules & Regulations



Exhibit C

List of Furniture & Other Personal Property

