



# LEASE AGREEMENT



This Lease Agreement is a written contract between the owner and the tenant(s), assuring the tenant(s) quiet, peaceful enjoyment and exclusive possession of a specific dwelling unit and use of common facilities in return for payment of rent and reasonable protection of the property.

**IDENTIFICATION OF PREMISES.** This Lease Agreement is for the living unit identified as:

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Complex Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complex Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PARTIES TO LEASE AGREEMENT.** The parties to this Agreement are identified as:

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Management / Owner's Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Tenant \_\_\_\_\_

Others who will reside in the unit \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PERIOD COVERED.** This Lease Agreement is for the term of one year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. It may be renewed at any time within its term by execution of a renewal clause which becomes a part of this lease. For this lease, or any renewal, to be effective it must be accompanied by a current, properly completed and signed, Form RD 3560-8 or HUD Form 50059, effective the same date as the lease or renewal.

**DISCRIMINATION.** This apartment complex has been financed by USDA Rural Development and is subject to the non-discrimination provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disability Act and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. All discrimination complaints are to be directed to USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, DC, 20250. Complaints of Fair Housing violations may be sent directly to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

The owner / owner's agent are forbidden by law from making a judgment as to whether individuals with a handicap or disability are capable of independent living. By the execution of this lease, the tenant is assuming the risk and responsibility of living within and upon the complex premises, with no further accommodations for a handicap or disability requested.

**ELIGIBILITY AND RENTAL RATES.** Tenant eligibility and tenant's contribution will be based on the household's adjusted annual income as determined through income verifications, family asset determinations, current income limits and the provisions of Form RD 3560-8, Tenant Certification, a copy of which is attached to this lease. The household's adjusted annual income must be determined at least once every twelve months.

**ILLEGAL DRUGS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.** It is understood that the use, attempted use, or possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of an illegal controlled substance (as defined by Local, State, or Federal law) while in or on any part of this apartment complex or cooperative is an illegal act. It is further understood that such action is a material lease violation. Such violations (hereafter called a "drug violation") may be evidenced upon the admission to or conviction of a drug violation. It is further understood that domestic violence will not be tolerated on Rural Housing properties, and that such action is a material lease violation. All perpetrators will be evicted, while the victim and other household occupants may remain in the unit in accordance with eligibility requirements.

The owner / owner's agent may require any tenant or other adult member of the tenant household occupying the unit (or other adult or non-adult person outside the tenant household who is using the unit) who commits a drug violation or domestic violence to vacate the leased unit permanently, within timeframes set by the owner / owner's agent, and not thereafter enter upon the owner / owner's agent's premises or the tenant unit without the owner / owner's agent's prior consent as a condition for continued occupancy by members of the tenant household. The owner / owner's agent may deny consent for entry unless the person agrees to not commit a drug violation or domestic violence in the future and is either actively participating in a counseling or recovery program, complying with court orders related to a drug violation or domestic violence, or has completed a counseling or recovery program.

The owner / owner's agent may require any tenant to show evidence that any non-adult member of the tenant household occupying the unit who committed a drug violation or domestic violence, agrees to not commit a drug violation or domestic violence in the future, and to show evidence that the person is either actively seeking or receiving assistance through a counseling or recovery program, complying with court orders related to a drug violation or domestic violence, or completed a counseling or recovery program within the timeframes specified by the owner / owner's agent, as a condition for continued occupancy in the unit. Should a further drug violation or domestic violence be committed by any non-adult person occupying the unit, the owner / owner's agent may require the person to be severed from the tenancy as a condition for continued occupancy by the tenant.

If a person vacating the unit, as a result of the above policies, is one of the tenants, the person shall be severed from the tenancy and the lease shall continue among any other remaining tenants and the owner / owner's agent. The owner / owner's agent may also, at the option of the owner / owner's agent, permit another adult member of the household to be a tenant.

Should any of the above provisions governing a drug violation be found to violate any of the laws of the land, the remaining enforceable provisions shall remain in effect. The provisions set out above do not supplant any rights of tenants afforded by law.

**The following statements by the tenant(s) are required in order to comply with Rural Development requirements:**

I understand that I will no longer be eligible for occupancy in this complex if my income exceeds the maximum allowable adjusted income as defined periodically by USDA Rural Development for the State.

I agree I must notify the owner / owner's agent when there is a change in my citizenship status, gross income or adjustment to income, or when there is a change in the number of persons living in the household. This notification must take place no later than 30 days after the change takes place. I understand my rent or benefits may be affected as a result of this information. I also understand that failure to report such changes may result in my losing benefits to which I may be entitled or may result in the owner / owner's agent taking corrective action if benefits were mistakenly received. I understand the corrective action the owner / owner's agent may take includes the initiation of a demand for repayment of any benefits or rental subsidies improperly received, initiation of a notice to cancel any rental assistance or Section 8 assistance being received for the balance of my certification period, initiation of a notice to increase my monthly rent to \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month (note rate rent), or initiation of a notice of termination. I understand that one or more of these remedies may be initiated at the option of the owner / owner's agent and that Rural Development may also initiate action to ensure appropriate corrective action is taken.

I understand that I must promptly notify the owner / agent of any extended absences and that if I do not personally reside in the unit for a period exceeding 60 consecutive days, for reasons other than health or emergency, my net monthly tenant contribution shall be raised to \$ per month (note rate rent) for the period of my absence exceeding 60 consecutive days. I also understand that should any rental assistance be suspended or reassigned to other eligible tenants, I am not assured that it will still be available to me upon my return. I also understand that if my absence continues, that as owner / owner's agent, you may take the appropriate steps to terminate my tenancy.

I understand that should I receive occupancy benefits to which I am not entitled due to my/our failure to provide information or due to incorrect information provided by me or on my behalf by others, or for any other household member, I may be required to make restitution and I agree to repay any amount of benefits to which I was not entitled.

I understand that income certification is a requirement of occupancy and I agree to promptly provide any certifications and income verifications required by the owner to permit determination of eligibility and, when applicable, the monthly tenant contribution to be charged.

I understand that my tenancy is subject to compliance with terms of all applicable assistance programs covering the unit and the project. I am aware that the submission of false information may result in the initiation of legal action by the Government.

Should any Federal subsidies paid to the owner on behalf of tenants be suspended or canceled, due to a monetary or non-monetary default by the owner, the monetary payment made by the tenant to the owner (or, when applicable, the monetary payment received by the tenant from the owner) shall not change over that which would have been required had the subsidy remained in place. The terms of the lease will remain in effect until the resolution of such action.

If this unit becomes overcrowded/ underutilized or should the tenant no longer meet the eligibility requirements of the complex during the term of the lease agreement, the tenant(s) will be required to vacate the unit at the end of the lease term unless eligibility can be established following specified steps, such as moving to an appropriate size unit, or an exception is granted by the owner / owner's agent.

This tenancy will continue to exist after the tenant household has personally ceased to occupy the unit, with the intent to vacate, until such time as the personal possessions have been removed, either voluntarily by the tenant, or by legal means according to state law.

In addition, the applicable clause below is to be completed by owner / owner's agent, initialed by the applicant and the remaining two "X-ed" out.

1. Plan I no interest credit or rental assistance.

I understand and agree that my gross monthly contribution as determined on the latest Form RD 3560-8, which must be attached to this lease, for occupancy charge and utilities will be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

If I pay any or all utilities directly (not including telephone or cable TV), a utility allowance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will be deducted from my gross monthly rent except that I will pay not less than the basic rent nor more than the note rate rent stated below. My net monthly rent will be \$\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that should I receive rental subsidy benefits (interest credit) to which I am not entitled, I may be required to make restitution and I agree to pay any amount of benefit to which I was not entitled. I also understand and agree that my monthly rent under this lease may be raised or lowered based on changes in the household income, failure to submit information necessary to certify income, changes in the number and age of persons living in the household, and on the escalation clause in this lease. My rent will not, however, be less than \$\_\_\_\_\_ (basic rent) nor more than \$\_\_\_\_\_ (note rate rent) during the term of this contract, except that based on the escalation clause in this lease, these rental rates may be changed by a Rural Development approved rent change.

2. For use with Plan II Interest Credit only.

I understand and agree that my gross monthly contribution as determined on the latest Form RD 3560-8, which must be attached to this lease agreement, for occupancy charge and utilities will be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

If I pay any or all utilities directly (not including telephone or cable TV), a utility allowance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will be deducted from my gross monthly rent except that I will pay not less than the basic rent nor more than the note rate rent stated below. My net monthly rent will be \$\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that should I receive rental subsidy benefits (interest credit) to which I am not entitled, I may be required to make restitution and I agree to pay any amount of benefit to which I was not entitled. I also understand and agree that my monthly tenant rent under this lease may be raised or lowered based on changes in the household income, failure to submit information necessary to certify income, changes in the number and age of persons living in the household, and on the escalation clause in this lease. My rent will not, however be less than \$\_\_\_\_\_ (basic rent) nor more than \$\_\_\_\_\_ (note rate rent) during the term of this lease agreement. These rental rates may be changed by a Rural Development approved rent change.

3. For use with Plan II interest credit and rental assistance.

I understand and agree that as long as I receive rental assistance, my gross monthly contribution (as determined on the latest Form RD 3560-8, which must be attached to this lease) for rent and allowance for utilities will be \$\_\_\_\_\_. If I pay any or all utilities directly (not including telephone or cable TV), a utility allowance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will be deducted from my gross monthly contribution and my resulting net monthly contribution will be \$\_\_\_\_\_. If my net monthly contribution would be less than zero, the owner / agent will pay me.

I understand and agree that my monthly contribution under this lease may be raised or lowered, based on changes in household income, failure to submit information necessary to certify income, changes in the number and age of persons living in the household and on the escalation clause in this lease. Should I no longer receive rental assistance as a result of the changes, or the rental assistance agreement executed by the owner and Rural Development expires, I understand and agree that my monthly contribution may be adjusted to no less than \$\_\_\_\_\_ (basic rent) nor more than \$\_\_\_\_\_ (note rate) during the remaining term of this lease except that based on the escalation clause in this lease, these rental rates may be changed by a Rural Development approved rent change.

I understand that every effort will be made to provide rental assistance so long as I remain eligible and the rental assistance agreement between the owner and USDA Rural Development remains in effect. However, should this assistance be terminated I may arrange to terminate this lease, giving proper notice as set forth elsewhere in this lease.

PREPAYMENT NOTICE

The federal loan on this complex (was) (will be) (may be) prepaid on \_\_\_\_\_. As a condition of the Government's approval of a request to accept early payment on notes owed, the tenant household is protected, to the extent herein disclosed, against involuntary displacement (except for good cause) and against having the tenant household contribution level (rent) materially increased until or until the tenant household decides to move depending on the restrictive use provision accepted by the owner. Specifically, the tenant household contribution level (rent) must be consistent with those necessary to maintain the complex for low- and moderate-income tenants. Those tenant households whose tenant household contribution level (rent) did not exceed 30 percent of their monthly adjusted income at the time the prepayment was accepted, may have their tenant household contribution level (rent) raised to the lesser of 30 percent of their monthly adjusted income or 1 percent of their gross monthly income per year. Those tenant households whose tenant household contribution level (rent) exceeded 30 percent of their monthly adjusted income at the time the prepayment was accepted, may have their tenant household contribution level (rent) raised to the lesser of the latest U.S. Consumer Price Index or 10 percent per year.

WAIVER FOR INELIGIBLE TENANT (tenants will initial as appropriate)

Occupancy of Underutilized or Overcrowded unit

I/we acknowledge that I/we am/are occupying a unit that is overcrowded/ underutilized and that I/we will be required to vacate the unit at the end of the lease term unless eligibility can be established following specified steps, such as moving to an appropriate size unit, or an exception is granted by the owner / owner's agent.

Occupancy of Handicapped Unit by Person(s) Not Handicapped / Disabled.

I/we acknowledge that I/we am/are occupying a designated handicapped accessible unit. I/we acknowledge that priority for such units is given to tenants needing special physical design features. I/we acknowledge that I/we am/are permitted to occupy the unit until owner / owner's agent issues a notice that a priority applicant is on the waiting list and that I/we must move to another suitable sized vacant unit in the property. Upon receiving this notice, I/we agree to move at my own/ shared/ as agreed/ complex expense within thirty (30) calendar days to the suitable sized vacant unit within the property, if one is available. If a suitably sized unit is not available in the project within 30 days, I/we may remain in the unit with accessible features until the first available unit in the project becomes available and then must move within 30 days. I/we further understand my rental rate will change, when appropriate, to the rental rate of the unit I move to and this lease will be modified accordingly.

PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENTS. After a \_\_\_\_-day grace period following the date on which tenant contribution or other financial obligation of the tenant(s) is/are due, if no acceptable reason is provided, an additional charge will be assessed of \$10.00 or an amount up to 5 percent of the tenant's gross tenant contribution (GTC) (found at line 30 of Form RD 3560-8), whichever is higher, payable with the payment due.

OBLIGATIONS OF TENANT. The tenant(s) agree(s):

1. To pay the tenant contribution in the manner directed by the owner / owner's agent on or before the first day of the month without requiring a statement to pay when billed.
2. Utilities (are) (are not) included in the net tenant contribution. When the utilities are the responsibility of the tenants the tenant must pay all utility charges when due or to arrange for payment of such charges in such a manner as to not affect the delivery of utility services to the premises.
3. Not to assign this lease; nor to sublet or transfer possession of the premises, nor to give accommodation to boarders, lodgers or others; nor to use or permit the use of the dwelling for any other purpose than a private dwelling solely for the tenant, Co-tenant and others as shown in this lease.

The tenant is permitted to have guest(s) visit the household, however, the owner / owner's agent reserves the right to request a recorded declaration of domicile or proof of domicile if it is suspected that the guest is an unauthorized household occupant. Such suspicion may arise whenever an adult person(s) is making reoccurring visits or one continuous visit of 14 days and/or nights in a 45-day period without prior notification of the owner / owner's agent. Should the tenant or person in question not provide the requested information needed to confirm other domicile, or should the facts be sufficient to evidence domicile in the complex, then the owner / owner's agent may enforce any lease covenants shown to be broken and/or require re-certification. **GUESTS MAY NOT INCLUDE BARRED PERSONS OR PREVIOUS TENANTS WHOSE LEASE WAS TERMINATED BY THE OWNER / OWNER'S AGENT.**

4. To quit and surrender the premises at the termination of this lease in good order and repair, reasonable wear and tear excepted and to pay for any property damage.
5. To follow all rules and regulations and other conditions of occupancy as posted and/or attached to this lease and as amended from time to time by the owner / owner's agent and approved by Rural Development. Guests of tenants are also expected to behave in a manner which is not disruptive to the complex or other tenants.
6. To keep the premises in a clean and sanitary condition, to maintain the yard, walks, porches, halls and other common areas used by the tenant(s) in a neat and orderly manner as prescribed by the owner / owner's agent, not to make any repairs or alterations without the written consent of the owner / owner's agent, not to display any signs whatsoever, not to use tacks, nails, screws or other fasteners in any part of the premises except in a manner prescribed by the owner / owner's agent, not to place any decals on walls, cabinets, ranges, plumbing fixtures, or equipment owned by the owner / owner's agent, and to notify the owner / owner's agent promptly of the need for any repairs to the premises.
7. To dispose of garbage, rubbish and all waste materials in a proper manner as prescribed by the owner / owner's agent.
8. To permit the owner / owner's agent or its representatives to enter the premises, during all reasonable hours, to examine the same, or to make such repairs, additions to, or alterations as may be deemed necessary, or to show the premises for releasing; and to permit the owner / owner's agent or its representative to enter the premises at any time for the purpose of determining whether said premises are being used in violation of any of the terms of the Agreement. Where possible, the tenants will be provided with at least 24 hour notice of

the entry, however in any case where entry is made without a member of the tenant's household being present, written notice of the entry will be left in the unit.

9. Not to keep, feed, or allow any animal pets on the leased premises, unless authorized by the owner / owner's agent in accordance with the terms of a separate agreement attached to this lease, not to store any household goods or other property outside the dwelling; not to keep gasoline, naphtha, solvents and any other flammables in the dwelling unit; not to clean or hang any clothes, rugs etc. from windows; not to install outside antennas without prior approval of the owner / owner's agent; not to permit any unreasonably loud noises which would cause annoyance or discomfort to other residents; not to cause suffer or permit damage to the premises; not to keep any non-operating car or other vehicles on the premises; and not to park cars or other vehicles other than in designated parking areas.

**OBLIGATIONS OF MANAGEMENT.** The management, as the owner / owner's agent, agrees:

1. To maintain the buildings and any unassigned community areas in a decent, safe and sanitary condition in accordance with Rural Development regulations and any applicable local housing codes or ordinances. Failure of the owner / owner's agent to do so should be brought to the attention of the owner and/or Rural Development.
2. To furnish without additional charge, in addition to utility services for water, sewer, electric, gas, and garbage pick up, range, refrigerator, window shades, curtain rods, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Add or delete as appropriate).
3. To provide the tenant(s) with a written statement of the condition of the dwelling unit both when the unit is initially occupied and-when vacated, based on a joint inspection made by the owner / owner's agent and tenant(s).
4. To accept tenant contributions without regard to any other charges owed by the tenant(s) to the owner / owner's agent and to seek a separate legal remedy for the collection of any other charges which may be owed to owner / owner's agent by the tenant(s).
5. Not to seize and hold property of the tenant(s) for rent or other financial obligations of the tenant(s) except in cases of abandonment when tenant(s) property will be disposed of in accordance with State law.

**NOTIFICATION.** Any notice required by law or otherwise will be sufficient if delivered to the tenant(s) personally or sent by mail to the premises or affixed to the door of the premises. Notice to the owner / owner's agent must be in writing and delivered to the owner / owner's agent office.

**TERMINATION BY TENANT.** The tenant(s) may terminate this lease at any time by giving owner / owner's agent at least 30 days prior notice in writing, in accordance with owner / owner's agent's written policy. If the tenant intends to vacate the unit at the end of this lease agreement, the notice is still required to avoid additional rent charges.

Said notice shall state a definite moving date. Failure to give such notice shall result in a tenant contribution charge to the tenant(s) not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ days prorated tenant contribution charge from the day the vacancy becomes known to the owner / owner's agent. At the time notice of intention to vacate is given, the tenant(s) shall pay tenant(s) monthly contribution to the moving date. Any unearned tenant contribution paid by the tenant and held by the owner / owner's agent on the date of termination shall be refunded to the tenant after inspection of the premises and all charges for property damage, excess utilities or other amounts due the owner / owner's agent are satisfied.

**TERMINATION BY OWNER / OWNER'S AGENT.** The owner or complex manager may terminate or refuse to renew any occupancy only for material noncompliance with the lease or other good cause such as:

- a. Non-eligibility for tenancy.
- b. Action or conduct of the tenant(s) which disrupts the livability of the complex by being a direct threat to the health or safety of any person, or the right of any tenant to the quiet enjoyment of the premises and related complex facilities, or that results in substantial physical damage causing an adverse financial effect on the complex, or the property of others, EXCEPT when such threat can be removed by applying a reasonable accommodation.
- c. Expiration of the lease agreement period is not sufficient grounds for eviction of a tenant.

Material noncompliance with this lease includes:

- a. One or more substantial violations of the lease, occupancy rules; or
- b. Nonpayment or repeated late payment of rent or any other financial obligation due under the lease agreement including any portion thereof beyond any grace period constitutes a substantial violation; or

- c. Admission to or conviction for use, attempted use, possession, manufacture, selling, or distribution of an illegal controlled substance that:
  - (1) is conducted in or on the premises by the tenant, a member of the household, or someone under the tenant's control.
  - (2) is allowed to happen by a household member or guest because, the tenant has not taken reasonable steps to prevent or control such illegal activity; or the tenant has not taken steps to remove the household member or guest who is conducting the illegal activity.
  - (3) it is not the intent that this provision of material lease violation apply to innocent members of the tenant's household who are not engaged in the illegal activity, nor are responsible for control of another household member or guest. It is the intent that such innocent persons can remain in the dwelling unit if an otherwise eligible household remains or can be formed.
- d. Repeated minor violations of the lease which disrupt the livability and harmony of the complex by adversely affecting the health or safety of any person, or the right of any tenant to the quiet enjoyment of the leased premises and the related complex, or that have an adverse financial effect on the complex.

Other good cause includes:

- a. Repeated minor violations of the lease which disrupt the livability and harmony of the complex by adversely affecting the health or safety of any person, or the right of any tenant to the quiet enjoyment of the leased premises and the related complex, or that have an adverse financial effect on the complex.
- b. The owner / owner's agent or manager must base their decision on current objective data, not on the supposition that the tenant may or could pose a harm or threat to other persons or property.
- c. Conduct cannot be considered as other good cause unless the owner / owner's agent or complex manager has given the tenant prior notice that the conduct will constitute a basis for termination of occupancy.

In order to enforce forfeiture for nonpayment of rent, it shall not be necessary to make a demand on the same day the rent shall become due, but a demand and refusal or failure to pay at any time on the same day, or at any time on any subsequent day, shall be sufficient.

The failure or omission of the owner / owner's agent to terminate this lease for any cause shall not destroy the right of the owner / owner's agent to do so later for similar or other causes.

DISCLAIMER. Neither the owner / owner's agent nor any of its representatives or employees shall be liable for damage or loss from theft or from any other cause whatsoever to the property of the tenant(s), and members of the tenant(s) family, or any of the tenant's visitors or guests.

Any party to this lease retains full right to any other means of redress available to him/her.

SECURITY DEPOSIT. The tenant(s) hereby deposit a sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with the owner / owner's agent, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. The security deposit will not be used for payment of rents or other charges during the life of this lease. Such sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, with interest, if required by law, will be refunded to the tenant(s) upon surrender of his/her dwelling and a satisfactory final inspection provided he/she has paid all amounts due to the owner / owner's agent including charges for property damage. If any sums are charged against the security deposit, the owner / owner's agent will provide the tenant(s) with an itemized accounting of those charges within the time period required by law.

CHANGES IN RENTAL RATES. If the change in tenant contribution is due to a change in income received by household members or the number or age of household members, or adjustments to income, the change will be effective with the next payment following the completion of the revised tenant certification.

If the change in tenant contribution is due to a change in basic and market rents for the entire complex, the new tenant contribution will be effective upon a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice to the tenant(s) and approval of the new rates by Rural Development.

ABSENCE FROM UNIT. The tenant(s) agree(s) to occupy the unit as a permanent residence for the duration of this lease, and that no separate subsidized rental unit will be maintained in a different location.

Absences of more than one (1) week must be reported to the owner / owner's agent for security reasons. In cases of abandonment, personal property will be disposed of in accordance with State law.

**DISPUTES.** The tenant(s) and owner / owner's agent hereby agree that any tenant grievance or appeal from owner / owner's agent's decision shall be resolved in accordance with procedures consistent with Rural Development regulations covering such procedures, a copy of which is attached to this lease.

**LEGAL COSTS / ATTORNEY FEES.** In the event it becomes necessary to initiate legal action under this lease, if the court finds in favor of the owner, the tenant(s) agree(s) to pay all reasonable court costs and legal fees in connection with that action. The tenant(s) shall pay all reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of owner / owner's agent incurred in enforcing any of the obligations of the tenant(s) or his assigns under this Lease, or in any litigation or negotiation in which the owner / owner's agent shall, without their fault, become involved through or on account of this Lease. All payments to be made by the tenant(s) hereunder shall be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws of this or any other state.

**SMOKE DETECTORS.** Tampering with, removing, destroying, disconnecting, or removing the batteries from any installed smoke detector is a Class A misdemeanor under Illinois law. The tenant shall be responsible for the replacement of any required batteries in the smoke detectors in the tenant's dwelling unit. A smoke detector which does not operate after new batteries have been installed should be reported to the owner / owner's agent.

**INSURANCE.** The owner will not carry any insurance on property owned by the tenant(s). It is strongly recommended that the tenant(s) obtain an adequate renter's insurance policy. Regardless of any other provision of this lease and regardless of any policy(s) of insurance insuring the owner for any loss, in the event of any loss or damage to the owner's property, including but not limited to fire loss, caused by the intentional or negligent acts of the tenant or the tenant's family or guests it is the express intent of the parties to this lease that the tenant shall remain fully liable for any such loss or damage.

**DISASTER.** In the event this unit becomes untenable due to fire or other disaster, this lease will be considered canceled effective with the date of the disaster.

**ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE.** In the event of a change in ownership and/or owner / owner's agent of this property, this lease may be assigned to the new ownership and/or owner / owner's agent.

**CHANGES IN LEASE.** This lease, together with attachments and any future amendments, approved by Rural Development, evidences the entire agreement between the owner / owner's agent and the tenant(s) and no changes shall be made except in writing. Also, this lease together with attachments and future amendments, will be completed and executed in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the owner / owner's agent and one copy to be provided the tenant(s).

**THIS IS A BINDING LEGAL DOCUMENT. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Complex)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Management Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address & Ph. number

- Attachment(s) (Check as appropriate)
- Form 3560-8, Tenant Certification or HUD Form 50059 (required)
  - 7 CFR 3560.160, Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure (required)
  - Lead Warning Statement and pamphlet (required on pre-78 family complexes)
  - Rules and Regulations
  - Tenant's Permission to Obtain Utility Use Records
  - Move In/Move Out Inspection Checklist



## Lead Warning Statement

Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing, owners and/or managing agents must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling. Tenants must also receive a federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.

### Owner / Agent's Disclosure (initial)

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) Presence of lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards (check one below):

Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain).

\_\_\_\_\_

Owner / Agent has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Records and reports available to the owner / agent (check one below):

Owner / Agent has provided the tenant with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents below).

\_\_\_\_\_

Owner / Agent has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

### Tenant's Acknowledgment (initial)

\_\_\_\_\_ (c) Tenant has received copies of all information listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_ (d) Tenant has received the pamphlet *Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home*.

### Owner / Owner Agent's Acknowledgment (initial)

\_\_\_\_\_ (e) Agent has informed the tenant of the tenant's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852d and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

### Certification of Accuracy

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information provided by the signatory is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Tenant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner / owner's agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

