

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Project Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
HUD Project Number

Model Lease For Use Under:

(1) The Section 202 Program of Housing for the Elderly or Handicapped in conjunction with the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program; and (2) the Section 202 Program for Nonelderly Handicapped Families and Individuals in conjunction with Section 162 assistance and Project Assistance Contracts.

This agreement made and entered into this (A) day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, between (B), as LANDLORD, and (C), as TENANT.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the LANDLORD is the Mortgagor under a Mortgage covering the project in which the hereinafter described unit is situated, which secures a loan made by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)(hereinafter "Secretary") pursuant to Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the LANDLORD has entered into a Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract with the Secretary, or the LANDLORD has entered into a Project Assistance Contract (PAC) with the Secretary, (STRIKE INAPPLICABLE CONTRACT), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Regulatory Agreement entered into between the LANDLORD and the Secretary, the LANDLORD has agreed to limit occupancy of the project to elderly or handicapped families and individuals as defined in Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and applicable HUD regulations under criteria for eligibility of TENANTS for admission to Section 8 assisted units and conditions of continued occupancy in accordance with the terms and Provisions of the HAP Contract, or applicable HUD regulations under criteria for eligibility of TENANTS for admission to Section 162 assisted units and conditions of continued occupancy in accordance with the terms and provisions of the PAC, (STRIKE INAPPLICABLE REGULATIONS); and

WHEREAS, the LANDLORD has determined that the TENANT is eligible to pay less than the contract rent for the described unit,

NOW THEREFORE,

1. The LANDLORD leases to the TENANT, and the TENANT leases from the LANDLORD dwelling unit in the project known as (D) for a term of one year commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of (E), 20\_\_\_\_\_, and ending on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of (F), 20\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The total rent (Contract Rent) shall be \$ (G) per month.
3. The total rent specified in Paragraph 2, above, shall include the following utilities:

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(If the total rent includes all utilities, enter "ALL"; where TENANTS pay some or all utilities, enter the following additional paragraph as 3a.)

The total rent stipulated herein does not include the cost of the following utility service(s), for which the Utility Allowance is \$ (I) :



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Charges for such service(s) is/are to be paid directly by the TENANT to the utility company/companies providing such service(s). If the Utility Allowance exceeds the required TENANT's share of the total housing expense per HUD-approved schedule and criteria, the LANDLORD shall pay the TENANT the amount of such excess on behalf of the Government upon receipt of funds from HUD for that purpose. (Note: Utility Allowance is not applicable to non-Section 8 tenants.)

4. Where meal service is a condition of occupancy, the charge for such meals shall be \$     (K)     per month, and a mandatory meals agreement will be made a part of this lease.
5. Of the total rent, \$     (L)     shall be payable by or at the direction of HUD as housing assistance payments, or project assistance payments (STRIKE INAPPLICABLE PAYMENTS) on behalf of the TENANT, and \$     (M)     shall be payable by the TENANT. These amounts shall be subject to change by reason of changes in HUD requirements, changes in the TENANT's family income, family composition, or extent of exceptional medical or other unusual expenses in accordance with HUD-established schedules and criteria; or by reason of adjustment by HUD of any applicable Utility Allowance. Any such change shall be effective as of the date stated in a Notice to the TENANT. (Note: This paragraph is not applicable to non-Section 8 tenants.)
6. The TENANT's share of the rent shall be due and payable on or before the first day of each month at     (N)     to the LANDLORD, or to such other person or persons or at such places as the LANDLORD may from time to time designate in writing.
7. A security deposit equal to one month's total tenant payment or \$50, whichever is greater, shall be required at the time of execution of this Agreement. Accordingly, TENANT hereby makes a deposit of \$     (O)     against any damage except reasonable wear done to the premises by the TENANT, his/her family, guests, or agents; and agrees to pay when billed the full amount of any such damage in order that the deposit will remain intact. Upon termination of this Lease, the deposit is to be refunded to the TENANT or to be applied to any such damage or any rent delinquency. The LANDLORD shall comply with all State and local laws regarding interest payments on security deposits.
8. The LANDLORD shall not discriminate against the TENANT in the provision of services or in any other manner on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, or disability.
9. Unless terminated or modified as provided herein, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive terms of one month each at the aforesaid rental, subject to adjustment as herein provided.
  - (a) The TENANT may terminate this Agreement at the end of the initial term or any successive term by giving 30 days written notice in advance to the LANDLORD. Whenever the LANDLORD has been in material noncompliance with this Agreement, the TENANT may in accordance with State law terminate this Agreement by so advising the LANDLORD in writing.
  - (b) The LANDLORD's right to terminate this Agreement is governed by the regulation at 24 CFR Part 247. The HUD Regulation provides that the LANDLORD may terminate this Agreement only under the following circumstances:
    - (1) The LANDLORD may terminate, effective at the end of the initial term or any successive term, by giving the TENANT notification in the manner prescribed in paragraph (g) below that the term of this Agreement is not renewed and this Agreement is accordingly terminated. This termination must be based upon either material noncompliance with this Agreement, material failure to carry out obligations under any State landlord or tenant act, or other good cause. When the termination of the tenancy is based on other good cause, the termination notice shall so state, at the end of a term and in accordance with the termination provisions of this Agreement, but in no case earlier than 30 days after



receipt by the TENANT of the notice. Where the termination notice is based on material noncompliance with this Agreement or material failure to carry out obligations under a State landlord and tenant act, the time of service shall be in accordance with the previous sentence or State law, whichever is later.

- (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), whenever the TENANT has been in material noncompliance with this Agreement, the LANDLORD may, in accordance with State law and the HUD Regulation, terminate this Agreement by notifying the TENANT in the manner prescribed in paragraph (g) below.
- (c) If the TENANT does not vacate the premises on the effective date of the termination of this Agreement, the LANDLORD may pursue all judicial remedies under State or local law for the eviction of the TENANT, and in accordance with the requirements in the HUD Regulation.
- (d) The term "material noncompliance with this Agreement" shall, in the case of the TENANT, include (1) one or more substantial violations of this Agreement, (2) repeated minor violations of this Agreement which disrupt the livability of the project, adversely affect the health or safety of any person or the right of any tenant to the quiet enjoyment of the leased premises and related project facilities, interfere with the management of the project or have an adverse financial effect on the project, or (3) failure of the TENANT to timely supply all required information on the income and composition, or eligibility factors of the TENANT household (including failure to meet the disclosure and verification requirements for Social Security Numbers, as provided by 24 CFR Part 5, or knowingly providing incomplete or inaccurate information). Nonpayment of rent or any other financial obligation due under this Agreement (including any portion thereof) beyond any grace period permitted under State law shall constitute a substantial violation. The payment of rent or any other financial obligation due under this Agreement after the due date but within any grace period permitted under State law shall constitute a minor violation.
- (e) The conduct of the TENANT cannot be deemed other good cause unless the LANDLORD has given the TENANT prior notice that said conduct shall henceforth constitute a basis for termination of this Agreement. Said notice shall be served on the TENANT in the manner prescribed in paragraph (g) below.
- (f) The LANDLORD's determination to terminate this Agreement shall be in writing and shall (1) state that the Agreement is terminated on a date specified therein, (2) state the reasons for the LANDLORD's action with enough specificity so as to enable the TENANT to prepare a defense, (3) advise the TENANT that if he or she remains in the leased unit on the date specified for termination, the LANDLORD may seek to enforce the termination only by bringing a judicial action at which time the TENANT may present a defense, and (4) be served on the TENANT in the manner prescribed by paragraph (g) below.
- (g) The LANDLORD's termination notice shall be accomplished by (1) sending a letter by first class mail, properly stamped and addressed, to the TENANT at his/her address at the project, with a proper return address, and (2) serving a copy of said notice on any adult person answering the door at the leased dwelling unit, or if no adult responds, by placing the notice under or through the door, if possible, or else by affixing the notice to the door. Service shall not be deemed effective until both notices provided for herein have been accomplished. The date on which the notice shall be deemed to be received by the TENANT shall be the date on which the first class letter provided for in clause (1) herein is mailed, or the date on which the notice provided for in clause (2) is properly given, whichever is later.
- (h) The LANDLORD may, with the prior approval of HUD, modify the terms and conditions of the Agreement, effective at the end of the initial term or a successive term, by serving an appropriate notice on the TENANT, together with the tender of a revised Agreement or an addendum revising the existing Agreement. Any increase in rent shall in all cases be governed by 24 CFR Part 245 and other applicable HUD regulations. This notice and tender shall be served on the TENANT in the manner prescribed in paragraph (g) and must be received by the TENANT (as defined in paragraph (g)) at least 30 days prior to the last date on which the TENANT has the right to terminate the tenancy without being bound by the codified terms and conditions. The TENANT may accept it by executing the tendered revised Agreement or addendum, or may reject it by giving the LANDLORD written notice at least 30 days prior to its effective date that he/she intends to terminate the tenancy. The TENANT's



termination notice shall be accomplished by sending a letter by first class mail, properly stamped and addressed to the LANDLORD at his/her address.

- (i) The Landlord may terminate this Agreement for the following reasons:
1. drug related criminal activity engaged in on or near the premises, by any tenant, household member, or guest, and any such activity engaged in on the premises by any other person under the tenant's control;
  2. determination made by the Landlord that a household member is illegally using a drug;
  3. determination made by the Landlord that a pattern of illegal use of a drug interferes with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents;
  4. criminal activity by a tenant, any member of the tenant's household, a guest or another person under the tenant's control:
    - (a) that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents (including property management staff residing on the premises); or
    - (b) that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of their residences by persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises;
  5. if the tenant is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, for a crime, or attempt to commit a crime, that is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, or that in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor; or
  6. if the tenant is violating a condition of probation or parole under Federal or State law;
  7. determination made by the Landlord that a household member's abuse or pattern of abuse of alcohol threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents;
  8. if the Landlord determines that the tenant, any member of the tenant's household, a guest or another person under the tenant's control has engaged in criminal activity, regardless of whether the tenant, any member of the tenant's household, a guest or another person under the tenant's control has been arrested or convicted for such activity.
10. TENANT agrees that the family income, family composition and other eligibility requirements shall be deemed substantial and material obligations of his/her tenancy with respect to the amount of rental he/she will be obligated to pay and his/her right of occupancy, and that a recertification of income shall be made to the LANDLORD annually from the date of this lease in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements. **(Note: This paragraph is not applicable to non-Section 8 tenants.)**
11. TENANT agrees that the TENANT's share of the monthly rental payment is subject to adjustment by the LANDLORD to reflect income changes which are disclosed on any of TENANT's recertification of income, and TENANT agrees to be bound by such adjustment. LANDLORD agrees to give 30 days written notice of any such adjustment to the TENANT, by an addendum to be made a part of this lease, stating the amount of the adjusted monthly rental which the TENANT will be required to pay. (Note: This paragraph is not applicable to non-Section 8 tenants.)
12. LANDLORD and TENANT agree that if, upon recertification, TENANT'S income is found to be sufficient to pay the Contract Rent plus any Utility Allowance, the TENANT shall then be required to bear the cost of all such housing expense, but he/she will no longer be required to make income certifications under this lease.
13. The TENANT shall not assign this lease, sublet the premises, give accommodation to any roomers or lodgers, or permit the use of the premises for any purpose other than as a private dwelling solely for the TENANT and his/her family. The TENANT agrees to reside in this unit and agrees that this unit shall be the TENANT's and his/her family's only place of residence.
14. TENANT agrees to pay to the LANDLORD any rental which should have been paid but for (a) TENANT's misrepresentation in his/her initial income certification or recertification, or in any other information furnished to the LANDLORD or (b) TENANT's failure to supply income recertification when required or to supply information requested by the LANDLORD.



15. TENANT for himself/herself and his/her heirs, executors and administrators agrees as follows:
- (a) To pay the rent herein stated promptly when due, without any deductions whatsoever, and without any obligation on the part of the LANDLORD to make any demand for the same;
  - (b) To keep the premises in a clean and sanitary condition, and to comply with all obligations imposed upon TENANTS under applicable provisions of building and housing codes materially affecting health and safety with respect to said premises and appurtenances, and to save the LANDLORD harmless from all fines, penalties and costs for violations or noncompliance by TENANT with any of said laws, requirements or regulations, and from all liability arising out of any such violations or noncompliance.
  - (c) Not to use premises for any purpose deemed hazardous by insurance companies carrying insurance thereon;
  - (d) That if any damage to the property shall be caused by his/her acts or neglect, the TENANT shall forthwith repair such damage at his/her own expense, and should the TENANT fail or refuse to make such repairs within a reasonable time after the occurrence of such damage, the LANDLORD may, at his/her option, make such repairs and charge the cost thereof to the TENANT, and the TENANT shall thereupon reimburse the LANDLORD for the total cost of the damages so caused;
  - (e) To permit the LANDLORD, or his/her agents, or any representative of any holder of a mortgage on the property, or when authorized by the LANDLORD, the employees of any contractor, utility company, municipal agency or others, to enter the premises for the purpose of making reasonable inspections and repairs and replacements;
  - (f) Not to install a washing machine, clothes dryer, or air conditioning unit in the apartment without the prior approval of the LANDLORD; and
  - (g) To permit the LANDLORD or his/her agents to bring appropriate legal action in the event of a breach or threatened breach by the TENANT of any of the covenants or provisions of this lease.
16. The TENANT is permitted to keep common household pets in his/her dwelling unit (subject to the provisions in 24 CFR Part 5 and the pet rules promulgated under 24 CFR Part 5). Any pet rules promulgated by the LANDLORD are attached hereto and incorporated hereby. The TENANT agrees to comply with these rules. A violation of these rules may be grounds for removal of the pet or termination of the TENANT's (pet owner's) tenancy (or both), in accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR Part 5 and applicable regulations and State or local law. These regulations include 24 CFR Part 5 (Evictions From Certain Subsidized and HUD-Owned Projects) and provisions governing the termination of tenancy under the Section 8 housing assistance payments and project assistance payments programs.

Note: The Part 5 Pet Rules do not apply to an animal used by a Tenant or visitor that is needed as a reasonable accommodation for the Tenant or visitor's disability. Optional: The LANDLORD may after reasonable notice to the TENANT and during reasonable hours, enter and inspect the premises. Entry and inspection is permitted only if the LANDLORD has received a signed, written complaint alleging (or the LANDLORD has reasonable grounds to believe) that the conduct or condition of a pet in the dwelling unit constitutes, under applicable State or local law, a nuisance or a threat to the health or safety of the occupants of the project or other persons in the community where the project is located.

If there is no State or local authority (or designated agent of such an authority) authorized under applicable State or local law to remove a pet that becomes vicious, displays symptoms of severe illness, or demonstrates other behavior that constitutes an immediate threat to the health or safety of the tenancy as a whole, the LANDLORD may enter the premises (if necessary), remove the pet, and take such action with respect to the pet as may be permissible under State and local law, which may include placing it in a facility that will provide care and shelter for a period not to exceed 30 days. The LANDLORD shall enter the premises and remove the pet or take such other permissible action only if the LANDLORD requests the TENANT (pet owner) to remove the pet from the project immediately, and the TENANT (pet owner) refuses to do so, or if the LANDLORD is unable to contact the TENANT



(pet owner) to make a removal request. The cost of the animal care facility shall be paid as provided in 24 CFR Part 5.

17. The LANDLORD agrees to comply with the requirement of all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, including health, housing and building codes and to deliver and maintain the premises in safe, sanitary and decent condition.
18. The TENANT, by the execution of this Agreement, agrees that the dwelling unit described herein has been inspected by him/her and meets with his/her approval. The TENANT acknowledges hereby that said premises have been satisfactorily completed and that the LANDLORD will not be required to repaint, replaster, or otherwise perform any other work, labor, or service which it has already performed for the TENANT. The TENANT admits that he/she has inspected the unit and found it to be in good and tenable condition, and agrees that at the end of the occupancy hereunder to deliver up and surrender said premises to the LANDLORD in as good condition as when received, reasonable wear and tear excepted.
19. No alteration, addition, or improvements shall be made in or to the premises without the prior consent of the LANDLORD in writing. The LANDLORD agrees to provide reasonable accommodation to an otherwise eligible tenant's disability, including making changes to rules, policies, or procedures, and making and paying for structural alterations to a unit or common areas. The Landlord is not required to provide accommodations that constitute a fundamental alteration to the Landlord's program or which would pose a substantial financial and administrative hardship. See the regulations at 24 CFR Part 8. In addition, if a requested structural modification does pose a substantial financial and administrative hardship, the Landlord must then allow the tenant to make and pay for the modification in accordance with the Fair Housing Act.
20. TENANT agrees not to waste utilities furnished by the LANDLORD; not to use utilities or equipment for any improper or unauthorized purpose; and not to place fixtures, signs, or fences in or about the premises without the prior permission of the LANDLORD in writing. If such permission is obtained, TENANT agrees, upon termination of the lease, to remove any fixtures, signs or fences, at the option of the LANDLORD, without damage to the premises.
21. This Agreement shall be subordinate in respect to any mortgages that are now on or that hereafter may be placed against said premises, and the recording of such mortgage or mortgages shall have preference and precedence and be superior and prior in lien to this Agreement, and the TENANT agrees to execute any such instrument without cost, which may be deemed necessary or desirable to further effect the subordination of this Agreement to any such mortgage or mortgages and a refusal to execute such instruments shall entitle the LANDLORD, or the LANDLORD's assigns and legal representatives to the option of cancelling this Agreement without incurring any expense or damage, and the term hereby granted is expressly limited accordingly.
22. **Tenant Income Verification:** The Tenant must promptly provide the Landlord with any letter or other notice by HUD to a member of the family that provides information concerning the amount or verification of family income in accordance with HUD requirements.
23. **Tenants' rights to organize:** Landlord agrees to allow tenant and tenant organizers to conduct on the property the activities related to the establishment or operation of a tenant organization set out in accordance with HUD requirements.
24. Interim recertifications.
  - (a) The TENANT agrees to advise the Landlord immediately if any of the following changes occur.
    1. Any household member moves out of the unit.
    2. Any adult member of the household who was reported as unemployed on the most recent certification or recertification obtains employment.
    3. The household's income cumulatively increases by \$200 or more a month.



- (b) The Tenant may report any decrease in income or any change in other factors considered in calculating the Tenant's rent. Unless the Landlord has confirmation that the decrease in income or change in other factors will last less than one month, the Landlord will verify the information and make the appropriate rent reduction. However, if the Tenant's income will be partially or fully restored within two months, the Landlord may delay the certification process until the new income is known, but the rent reduction will be retroactive and Landlord may not evict the Tenant for nonpayment of rent due during the period of the reported decrease and the completion of the certification process. The Tenant has thirty days after receiving written notice of any rent due for the above described time period to pay or the Landlord can evict for nonpayment of rent.
- (c) If the Tenant does not advise the Landlord of the interim changes concerning household members or increase in income, the Landlord may increase the Tenant's rent to the HUD-approved market rent. The Landlord may do so only in accordance with the time frames and administrative procedures set forth in HUD's regulations, handbooks and instructions on the administration of multifamily subsidy programs.
- (d) The Tenant may request to meet with the Landlord to discuss how any change in income or other factors affected his/her rent or assistance payment, if any. If the Tenant requests such a meeting, the Landlord agrees to meet with the Tenant and explain how the Tenant's rent or assistance payment, if any, was computed.

25. Removal of Subsidy:

- (a) The Tenant understands that assistance made available on his/her behalf may be terminated if events in either item 1 or 2 below occur. Termination of assistance means that the Landlord may make the assistance available to another Tenant and the Tenant's rent will be recomputed. In addition, if the Tenant's assistance is terminated because of criterion (1) below, the Tenant will be required to pay the HUD-approved market rent for the unit.
  - (1) The Tenant does not provide the Landlord with the information or reports required by paragraph **10 or 24** within 10 calendar days after receipt of the Landlord's notice of intent to terminate the Tenant's assistance payment.
  - (2) The amount the Tenant would be required to pay towards rent and utilities under HUD rules and regulations equals the Family Gross Rent shown on Attachment 1.
- (b) The Landlord agrees to give the Tenant written notice of the proposed termination. The notice will advise the Tenant that, during the ten calendar days following the date of the notice, he/she may request to meet with the Landlord to discuss the proposed termination of assistance. If the Tenant requests a discussion of the proposed termination, the Landlord agrees to meet with the Tenant.
- (c) Termination of assistance shall not affect the Tenant's other rights under this Agreement, including the right to occupy the unit. Assistance may subsequently be reinstated if the Tenant submits the income or other data required by HUD procedures, the Landlord determines the Tenant is eligible for assistance, and assistance is available.

26. Failure of the LANDLORD to insist upon the strict performance of the terms, covenants, agreements and conditions herein contained, or any of them, shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the LANDLORD's right thereafter to enforce any such term, covenant, agreement, or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.

27. In return for the TENANT's continued fulfillment of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the LANDLORD covenants that the TENANT may at all times, while this Agreement remains in effect, have and enjoy for his/her sole use and benefit the above described property.

28. The lease agreement will terminate automatically, if the Section 8 Housing Assistance contract terminates for any reason.

29. **Attachments to the Agreement:** The Tenant certifies that he/she has received a copy of the Agreement and the following attachments to the Agreement and understands that these attachments are part of the Agreement.



- a. Attachment No. 1 – Owner’s Certification of Compliance with HUD’s Tenant Eligibility and Rent Procedures, form HUD-50059
- b. Attachment No. 2 – Unit Inspection Report.
- c. Attachment No. 3 – House Rules (if any).
- d. Attachment No. 4 – Pet Rules.

WITNESS:

(P) \_\_\_\_\_ LANDLORD

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

(P) \_\_\_\_\_ TENANT

Date

Date

Date

*Public reporting burden - HUD is not requesting approval of any burden hours for the model leases since use of leases are a standard business practice in the housing rental industry. This information is required to obtain benefits. The request and required supporting documentation are sent to HUD or the Contract Administrator (CA) for approval. The lease is a contract between the owner of the project and the tenant(s) that explains the terms for residing in the unit. Leases are a standard business practice in the housing rental industry. Owners are required to use the HUD model lease which includes terms normally covered by leases used in the housing rental industry plus terms required by HUD for the program under which the project was built and/or the program providing rental assistance to the tenants.*

*This information is authorized by 24 CFR 5.360, 236.750, 880.606, 883.701, 884.215, 886.127, 886.327, 891.425, 891.625 and 891.765 cover lease requirements and provisions. This information is considered non-sensitive and does not require any special protection.*

