



**AGREEMENT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE
(FOR GENERAL USE AND LOTS/ACREAGE)**

1. **PARTIES:** This legally binding Agreement into on _____, 20____
between, Buyer(s), _____, (hereinafter called "**BUYER**"), and
Seller(s), _____, (hereinafter called "**SELLER**"). The
property shall be deeded in the name(s) of _____

2. **PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:** Subject to terms and conditions herein, Seller agrees to sell and Buyer agrees to buy the following described property with improvements and fixtures thereon:

Lot _____ Block _____ Section _____ Subdivision _____
Address _____
Tax Map # _____ City _____ Zip _____
County of _____, State of South Carolina.

3. **PURCHASE PRICE** shall be _____ dollars, \$ _____

4. **METHOD OF PAYMENT:** Purchase price shall be paid as follows: [] Cash; or [] Subject to Financing. Financing to be obtained by [] Conventional [] Seller [] VA [] FHA [] Other terms: _____

5. **EARNEST MONEY:** This offer is accompanied by an earnest money deposit of \$ _____
Buyer and Seller authorize _____, as Escrow Agent, to hold and disburse earnest money according to the terms of this agreement. Earnest money paid by [] Cash, [] Check, or [] Other. Broker does not guarantee payment of a check or checks accepted as earnest money. All escrow money received shall be deposited as required by South Carolina law and South Carolina Real Estate Commission Rules and Regulations. At the consummation of this sale, the earnest money deposit shall be credited to the Buyer.

THE PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT, UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING DEFAULT, THE BROKER HOLDING THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT WILL NOT DISBURSE IT TO EITHER PARTY UNTIL BOTH PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED AN AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OR UNTIL A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION HAS DIRECTED A DISBURSEMENT.

6. **LOAN PROCESSING AND APPLICATION:** Buyer's obligation is contingent on Buyer obtaining said loan. Buyer shall apply for a _____% loan (loan-to-value ratio) within _____ days from the execution of this Agreement and shall provide Seller with satisfactory loan approval within _____ days. Should the Buyer fail to make loan application or receive approval within said period, and to diligently pursue the application, the Seller shall have the option to terminate this Agreement, with written notice. Buyer also agrees to provide all documents or information requested by the lending company in a prompt and timely manner. Buyer will take any action that is needed or requested by Lender to process the loan application. Buyer further hereby gives permission to Lender to disclose pertinent information concerning the Buyer's credit-worthiness or any other information needed for the loan processing to the listing or cooperating broker(s) or agent(s). If Buyer fails to comply with these above conditions, Buyer shall be in default of this agreement subject to the terms of paragraph 18.
FHA Mortgage Insurance [] will [] will not be added to the mortgage. VA funding fee [] will [] will not be added to the mortgage.

7. **WELL, SEPTIC TANK, SEWER AVAILABILITY:** It shall be the responsibility of the Buyer to obtain approval from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control or other proper South Carolina authority prior to closing in the event a well and/or septic tank is needed to be placed on the property.

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In the event that the Buyer applies for well or septic tank approval and DHEC or other proper authority denies approval or issues a preliminary opinion showing that the property is not suitable for the installation of a well and/or a conventional septic system suitable for the Buyer's intended home or other structure, then in such event, the Buyer may elect to rescind this Agreement and receive a refund of the earnest money deposit. If the property is capable of being connected to a water and/or sewerage line maintained by a private or public utility for a normal tap fee and at a cost to complete tap not to exceed \$_____, then in such event, the Buyer shall contract such authority to obtain confirmation that the subject property is properly tapped for water and sewer system or may be tapped into the water and sewerage system.

Seller represents that the property is connected to public sewer system or to septic tank or to public water or to well system or to other_____

8. **SURVEY:** Upon the acceptance of this offer, the property shall be surveyed by a licensed surveyor at the expense of the BUYER SELLER. The surveyor shall set and flag all property pins, showing encroachments and easements. Property must be _____ x _____ or having at least _____ acres. The survey to be approved in writing by Buyer prior to closing. The purchase price is based upon \$_____ per _____ (acre, sq. ft., or front ft.) and shall be adjusted in accordance with the area set forth in such a survey, if applicable.

9. **CONVEYANCE SHALL BE MADE:** Conveyance shall be made subject to all easements as well as covenants of record (provided they do not make the title unmarketable) and to all governmental statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations. Seller agrees to convey by marketable title and deliver a proper general warranty deed, if applicable, free of encumbrances, except as herein stated. Seller agrees to pay all statutory deed recording fees. The deed shall be delivered at the stipulated place of closing, and transaction closed on or before _____, 20_____, no later than 5:00 p.m. Seller and Buyer authorize their respective attorneys and the settlement agent to furnish to Listing Broker and Selling Broker copies of the final HUD-1 settlement statement for the transaction for their review prior to closing.

10. **POSSESSION:** Possession of said property will be given to Buyer on the day of closing. Seller agrees to deliver property free of debris and in a clean condition. Possession by Buyer before closing or by Seller after closing shall be subject to the terms and conditions of a separate agreement to be executed prior to closing or occupancy.

11. **CONDITION OF PROPERTY:** The Seller shall not remove any timber, dirt, minerals or otherwise affect the condition of the property after the signing of this Agreement. All timber, dirt, minerals, etc., shall remain with the property and be a part of the property and be transferred to the Buyer. The Seller shall not bring any trash, refuse, debris, medical or hazardous waste, or other improper materials upon the property. In the event any condemnation proceeding is brought by any governmental authority, agency, utility, etc., prior to the closing, then the Buyer may elect to rescind the agreement.

12. **EXPIRATION OF OFFER:** The offer from Buyer shall be withdrawn at _____ o'clock __M on _____, 20_____ unless countered or accepted by Seller in written form prior to such time.

13. **SPECIAL STIPULATIONS:** The following stipulations concerning zoning, restrictions, and easements affecting desired use, drainage, hazardous waste, availability of water and sewer, soil test, wetlands study, subordination, lot releases, etc., should be included here. If conflicting with printed matter, the following stipulations shall control: (See addendum if applicable)

14. **ADJUSTMENTS:** Taxes, water, all sewer assessments, sewer charges, fuel oil, rents as when collected, insurance premiums, if applicable, and other assessments, including homeowner's association fees, shall be adjusted as of the date of closing. Tax prorations pursuant to this Agreement are to be based on the tax information available on the date of closing, and are to be prorated on that basis. **BUYER IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING FOR ANY APPLICABLE TAX EXEMPTIONS.** Property taxes and rent, as well as other expenses and income of the property, if applicable, shall be apportioned to the date of closing. Annual expenses or income shall be apportioned using 365 days. Monthly property expenses or income shall be apportioned by the number of days in month of closing. Prorations at closing shall be final.

15. **NON-RESIDENT TAX:** Seller covenants and agrees to comply with the provisions of South Carolina Code Section 12-8-580 (as amended) regarding withholding requirements of sellers who are not residents of South Carolina as defined in the said statute.

16. **ROLLBACK TAXES (IF ANY):** When rollback taxes are subsequently determined and billed to the Buyer, the Seller and Buyer agree that the rollback taxes shall be paid by Buyer or Seller.

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17. **RISK OF LOSS OR DAMAGE:** In case the property herein referred to is destroyed wholly or partially by fire or other casualty prior to delivery of deed, Buyer or Seller shall have the option for ten (10) days thereafter of proceeding hereunder, or of terminating this Agreement.

18. **DEFAULT:** If Buyer or Seller fails to perform any covenant of this Agreement, the other may elect to seek any remedy provided by law or terminate this Agreement with a five day written notice. If terminated, both parties shall execute a written release of the other from this contract and both shall agree to hold the Escrow Agent harmless. If termination is because of default by Buyer, Seller shall have the option of pursuing any remedy provided by law. If termination is because of default by Seller, the Seller shall pay and be limited to the Actual Cost Incurred (refer to Paragraph 19). If either Buyer or Seller refuses to execute release, Escrow Agent will hold the earnest money in trust until said releases are executed or until a court of competent jurisdiction dictates legal disposition.

19. **ACTUAL COST INCURRED** shall include all costs and expenses incurred or obligated for by Buyer or Broker in an effort to consummate this sale. Such costs shall include, but are not limited to, cost of credit report, appraisal, survey, inspections and reports, title examination, and Broker's fee or commission for this sale.

20. **SURVEY, TITLE EXAMINATION, AND INSURANCE:** The Listing and Cooperating Broker(s) and their Agent(s) recommend that Buyer have a survey of the subject property made, have examination as to the title to the property, obtain owner's title insurance, and that Buyer obtain appropriate hazard insurance coverage effective with the time of closing. All hazard insurance to be canceled and new policies furnished by Buyer at closing unless otherwise stipulated in this Agreement. Flood insurance, if required by Lender at Buyer's option, shall be assigned to Buyer with permission of carrier, and premium prorated to date of closing.

21. **APPRAISED VALUE:** The lot or parcel with building and improvements thereon, if any, must appraise, according to the lender's appraisal or other appraisal as agreed, for the selling price or more or the Seller may elect to sell for the appraised value. In such case, the Buyer agrees to proceed with the consummation of this sale at the reduced price. However, if Seller does not agree to sell at appraised value, the Buyer shall have the option of proceeding with the consummation of the Agreement without regard to the amount of the appraised valuation.

22. **SPECIAL STUDIES AREA, WETLANDS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MATTERS:** All reports and certifications called for by the lending agencies and any governmental body, by the Buyer concerning any special study area, wetlands or for any environmental protection matter shall be at the expense of the _____. In the event such studies are wanted or required, the studies must be furnished by the proper parties **within _____ days** of complete execution of the agreement. The Buyer and Seller must have access to all studies **within five (5) days of receipt** of the studies. If Buyer fails to meet these deadlines, Buyer is deemed to have waived any and all rights under this paragraph. If the Buyer is not satisfied with the results, the Seller shall have the option of correcting the problem. If the Seller elects not to correct the problem, the Buyer's obligations under this Agreement terminate.

23. **COASTAL TIDELANDS & WETLANDS ACT:** In the event the property is affected by the provisions of the South Carolina Coastal Tidelands & Wetlands Act (Section 48-39-10, et seq., South Carolina Code of Laws), an Addendum will be attached to this Agreement incorporating the required disclosures at [] Buyer's [] Seller's expense.

24. **DISCLAIMER BY BROKERS AND AGENTS:** The parties acknowledge that the Listing and Cooperating Broker(s) and their Agent(s): (1) Give no guaranty or warranty of any kind, express or implied, as to the physical condition of the property or as to condition of or existence of improvement services or systems, thereto, included but not limited to termite damage, roof, basement, appliances, heating and air conditioning systems, plumbing, sewage, electric systems, and to the structure; (2) Give no warranty, express or implied, as to the merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose as to the property or such improvements thereto and any implied warranty hereby disclaimed; (3) Give no warranty as to title; (4) Give no guaranty on warranty concerning (a) any certification or inspection concerning the condition of the property, (b) any matters which would be reflected by current survey of the property, and (c) the accuracy of the published square footage of the property; (5) Buyer acknowledges that Seller and Seller's Agents have not made any oral or written commitments to Buyer regarding (a) projected income or economic benefit for Buyer from rentals; (b) rental arrangements except that Buyer may rent the unit if Buyer so desires or (c) other economic benefits to the Buyer.

25. **MEDIATION CLAUSE.** Any dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the breach of this Agreement or the services provided in relation to this Agreement, shall be submitted to mediation in accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the Dispute Resolution System of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®. Disputes shall include representations made by the Buyer(s), Seller(s) or any real estate broker or other person or entity in connection with the sale, purchase, financing, condition or other aspect of the property to which this Agreement pertains, including without limitation allegations of concealment, misrepresentation, negligence and/or fraud.

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Any agreement signed by the parties pursuant to the mediation conference shall be binding. This mediation clause shall survive for a period of 120 days after the date of the closing.

The following matters are excluded from mediation hereunder: (a) judicial or non-judicial foreclosure or other action or proceeding to enforce a deed of trust, mortgage, or land contract; (b) an unlawful detainer action; (c) the filing or enforcement of a mechanic's lien; (d) any matter which is within the jurisdiction of a probate court; (e) the filing of a interpleader action to resolve earnest money disputes. The filing of a judicial action to enable the recording of a notice of pending action, for order of attachment, receivership, injunction, or other provisional remedies, shall not constitute a waiver of the right to mediate under this provision, nor shall it constitute a breach of the duty to mediate.

26. ENTIRE BINDING AGREEMENT: This written instrument, including the additional terms and conditions set forth on the reverse, expresses the entire agreement and all promises, covenants, and warranties between the Buyer and Seller. It can be changed only by a subsequently written instrument signed by both parties. Both Buyer and Seller hereby acknowledge that they have not received or relied upon any statements or representations by either Broker or their agents which are not expressly stipulated herein. The benefits and obligations shall inure to and bind the parties hereto and their heirs, assigns, successors, executors, or administrators. Whenever used, singular shall include plural, and use of gender shall include all.

27. SURVIVAL: If any provision herein contained which by its nature and effect is required to be observed, kept or performed after the closing, it shall survive the closing and remain binding upon and for the benefit of the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

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

29. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: The parties agree that whenever a performance time is stipulated in this agreement, all stipulated times shall be considered essential. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** as to the obligations of the parties under this agreement.

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. BOTH BUYER AND SELLER SHALL SEEK FURTHER ASSISTANCE IF THE CONTENTS ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD. BOTH BUYER AND SELLER ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT DO NOT SURVIVE CLOSING UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the parties.

BUYER: _____ Date _____ Time _____

WITNESS: _____ Date _____ Time _____

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SELLER: _____ Date _____ Time _____

WITNESS: _____ Date _____ Time _____

SELLER: _____ Date _____ Time _____

WITNESS: _____ Date _____ Time _____

LISTING AGENT AND COMPANY _____

SELLING AGENT AND COMPANY _____

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