HOUSING AGREEMENT

This Housing Agreement is entered into on Aug 20, 2026, between **SAMPLE HOUSING AGREEMENT ("Resident")** and **SSC Bellingham Apartments LLC** ("**Owner**") and is binding only when signed by Owner's agent.

Start Date: September 13, 2027

Unit Type: 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH

End Date: August 30, 2028

Initial assigned Unit/Bedroom #: TBD

NUMBER OF BEDROOMS:1

Housing Installment Rate **1,095.00**

Payment Schedule:

12 payments of $1,095.00 each, due on the dates shown in paragraph 2.

Total Rent: **$13,140.00**
Administrative Fee: **$0.00** **Security Deposit:** **None**

This Housing Agreement grants a limited license to Resident to access and make personal residential use of one assigned bedroom space (unless multiple bedrooms are expressly listed above, as further described in paragraph 27) in an apartment, cottage or townhome (in either case referred to as an "apartment), together with its standard installed furnishings and fixtures, plus shared use of accompanying unit common areas, fixtures and appliances, where applicable, in the assigned apartment, at the assigned apartment, at the property known as "**Lark Bellingham**" at 800 Viking Circle, Bellingham, WA 98229 (the "**Property**") between the Start Date and End Date listed above. Resident is initially assigned to the bedroom space and apartment identified above (see floor plans available in the management office or at https://larkbellingham.com/ for designation of bedroom spaces); if the space is not immediately identified or assigned, or if it is identified as "TBD," "to be assigned" or "TBA," this Housing Agreement is binding and Owner will assign an apartment and bedroom matching the identified unit type prior to move-in. Only the named Resident may occupy the assigned space. Resident will occupy only the assigned bedroom space and no other bedroom within the apartment. Resident will not allow another person to use a bedroom space or apartment in place of or in addition to Resident, whether for compensation or otherwise, and will not offer to do so through advertising or listings, including, without limitation, through websites such as Airbnb or Vrbo. This Agreement is for one bedroom located within a multiple-bedroom apartment, in which multiple occupants share one common area, fixtures and appliances, and may share bathrooms as applicable. Owner will attempt to assign any other bedroom space(s) to person(s) requested by Resident but may contract with others of Owner's choosing for the other space(s) within the apartment, without notice to Resident. If this Housing Agreement is executed by more than one person identified as "Resident," then all obligations are the joint and several obligations of all such persons and "Resident" will refer to all such persons both individually and collectively. **This Housing Agreement includes the terms on the following pages and continues through the numbered paragraphs following the signatures below, including the arbitration provisions contained in paragraph 29.** In addition to the rent shown above which is a mandatory charge, the following is a list of all optional/potential fees and charges that may be assessed: pet rent (2% of the base rental rate); late fees (2% of the unpaid amount of rent); reassignment fee ($350, upon requested reassignment); cancellation/re-marketing fee ($650); delegation fee ($200); utility charges (as incurred); damage charges (as incurred); waiver of the requirement to provide resident liability insurance ($19.95 per rental installment, or $15 per installment if the term of this Agreement expires before August 31, 2026); unauthorized guest fee ($60 per night); smoking fee ($250 in addition to damage and cleaning charges, as incurred); holdover fee ($300 plus rent at triple the per diem rental rate); credit building fee ($8.95 per installment); NSF/returned payment fee ($25); improper trash disposal ($50 per bag); lockout service ($100); lost or non-returned front door key, gate keycard or mailbox key ($75, or $175 if a lock change is required); lost or non-returned bedroom key ($40); barbeque grill/gas container administrative fee (min. $50); noise violation ($50); unauthorized animal ($75); failure to clean animal waste ($50 for the first instance, $75 for each subsequent instance); improper parking ($25).

Note: *Resident has provided or will provide to Owner a signed Guaranty by a Guarantor acceptable to Owner. This obligation is an element of Resident's performance and not a condition precedent. Failure by Resident to provide a Guaranty will not release Resident from financial responsibility but will entitle Owner, at its option, to delay move-in or terminate for non-performance, following written notice.*

I have carefully read, fully understand and voluntarily sign this Housing Agreement. Once fully signed, this is a binding contract and is intended to be enforceable under its terms. I have had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice. I acknowledge that upon execution by Owner (through its authorized agent), this Agreement will be effective and binding upon me and all permitted successors.

ACCEPTANCE OF OWNER:

SEE BELOW FOR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE
Signature of Resident

SSC Bellingham Apartments LLC

By: SEE BELOW FOR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE
Authorized Agent date

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This Housing Agreement ("Agreement") includes the following terms:

1. **Term**. Resident will have access to the Property and the assigned bedroom space and apartment as of 1:00 pm on the Start Date, and this access will end as of 12:00 Noon on the End Date (the "**Term**"), unless early arrival or late departure is approved by Owner in writing, at additional cost to the Resident.

2. **Payment. The Total Rent stated below is a fixed price for the entire Term and is payable in equal installments for convenience; there is no proration or adjustment for any partial month.** Resident accepts financial responsibility for the full Term of the Housing Agreement, regardless of whether the assigned bedroom space is occupied for the full Term or at all. Resident agrees to make full and prompt payment to Owner according to the payment schedule specified below, without demand of Owner, together with all additional charges or fees applicable under this Housing Agreement. Payment may be made by personal check, money order or cashier's check, or in Owner's discretion by credit card, check card, electronic check, or by direct bank transfer, provided that Owner reserves the right to charge processing fees as appropriate for such payment methods and further reserves the right to require that all payments be made either by credit card or by electronic transfer. Cash will not be accepted. If any payment is returned unpaid, Owner may require Resident to make future payments by certified funds. Payment (including by mail) is deemed made only when actually received by Owner or its agent, subject to clearance of funds. Resident's payment obligation is a promise by Resident which is independent from all of Owner's and its agent's promises, duties and obligations. To cover Owner's added costs for late payment, each payment will be increased by 2% of the unpaid amount if not received by the close of business within five calendar days (including the due date). (For example, for a payment due on September 1, late fees will be assessed on September 6.) At Owner's option and without notice to Resident, any amounts owed by Resident, including but not limited to late charges, returned check fees, utility charges, damage or replacement costs, and any amount owed by Resident to Owner under a separate agreement, will be considered Rent under the terms of this Housing Agreement. In the event any payment is past due, Owner may take legal action for possession and payment and Resident will be responsible for all legal fees and costs in connection with such action. To cover Owner's added costs for processing of payments that are dishonored or returned due to insufficient funds, each such payment will be increased by $25 as a returned payment charge and will not be considered paid until valid payment has been received. Payment should be mailed or delivered to **Lark Bellingham,** 800 Viking Circle, Bellingham, WA 98229. Acceptance by Owner of any payment will not constitute a waiver of Owner's right to terminate this Agreement and/or claim any damages. Unpaid charges past due more than 30 days will also bear additional interest at 12% per annum, as allowed by law, from such date through the date of payment in full.

Payment will be due without proration as follows:

1st day of September 2027	$1,095.00	1st day of March 2028	$1,095.00
1st day of October 2027	$1,095.00	1st day of April 2028	$1,095.00
1st day of November 2027	$1,095.00	1st day of May 2028	$1,095.00
1st day of December 2027	$1,095.00	1st day of June 2028	$1,095.00
1st day of January 2028	$1,095.00	1st day of July 2028	$1,095.00
1st day of February 2028	$1,095.00	1st day of August 2028	$1,095.00

3. **Owner; Owner; Agent.** The owner of the Property is SSC Bellingham Apartments LLC. Owner has appointed The Scion Group LLC ("Manager") as its property management agent, authorized to act on behalf of Owner. Written correspondence to any of the above should be directed to: 800 Viking Circle, Bellingham, WA 98229.

4. **Assignments.** Apartment and bedroom space assignments are made, and may be changed, only by Owner or its agent. **Change requested by Resident:** Resident may request to change assignments to a different apartment. Such change requests by the Resident are only effective upon written approval by Owner in its discretion, subject to the following preconditions: (a) Resident must be in good standing under the Housing Agreement; (b) Resident must prepay a $350 reassignment fee (refunded if the request is declined); (c) Resident and Owner must sign a written confirmation of the change in assignment, including Resident's agreement to pay the prevailing rate for the new assignment, pro-rated to the date scheduled for relocation; and (d) relocation must be completed within 48 hours or charges will apply on both spaces. **Change by Owner:** Owner reserves the right to relocate Resident to another equivalent bedroom space or apartment at the Property for any reason (*e.g.*, roommate conflict, urgent maintenance, etc.) upon at least three days' notice. In such case, if the new Owner-assigned floorplan type carries a lower rate, Resident's charges will be pro-rated and reduced accordingly; if the new Owner-assigned floorplan type carries a higher rate, Resident will continue to pay the rate under this Agreement and will not be charged the higher rate. Failure to relocate within the time provided by Owner will be considered a material breach and may also result in charges applying for both spaces.

5. **Termination; Subletting/Delegation.** Once this Agreement is signed by Owner and Resident, Resident can terminate occupancy by providing written notice to Owner and by fully vacating the premises, provided that Resident will remain fully responsible for the Total Rent that would have accrued under this Agreement, through the end of the full original Term. Except as expressly provided by law, no exception can be made for financial hardship, academic changes, family matters, medical issues, roommate conflict or any other reason. Any charges associated with damage to a bedroom space, apartment or the Property or Resident's failure to vacate completely upon termination, will be payable in addition to the foregoing amount. After such termination, Owner will use its commercially reasonable efforts to contract with other individuals for the use of all available bedroom spaces, including the bedroom space vacated by Resident; if and when all such available bedroom spaces at the Property are fully assigned and occupied and no bedroom spaces remain vacant, Resident will receive a credit equal to the remaining charges that would have accrued under this Housing Agreement, prorated from such

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date through the end of the original term hereof, less a $650 cancellation/re-marketing fee for which Resident will be responsible in addition to all other charges provided herein. Resident understands that due to the seasonal nature of student housing, successful mitigation is unlikely; therefore, Resident will be responsible for remaining scheduled rent, subject to potential credit for mitigation as described above; and to the extent permitted by law, Owner may apply any prepaid amounts or account credit balance toward Resident's current and/or next scheduled obligation(s). Resident may not assign or transfer Resident's interest in this Agreement, or any part hereof, nor sublet Resident's right to use the Property, apartment or bedroom space, or any part thereof, nor provide keys to any other person. However, in Owner's sole discretion, Resident may delegate his or her right to use the Property to another person pursuant to Owner's approved delegation form, signed by all parties, if Resident is in good standing under the Agreement and pays to Owner a delegation fee of $200.

6. **Move-in; Inspection; Delay.** Before Resident may access or occupy the premises, any required installments or other payments then due (including any Administrative Fee, which is earned and payable upon mutual execution of this Agreement) must be paid in full with cleared funds and guaranty or prepayment requirements satisfied. The application fee (if any) is non-refundable and is not applicable toward any other payments required of Resident under this Agreement. Prior to Resident's taking possession of the assigned bedroom space (and any re-assigned bedroom space), Resident will conduct an inspection of the assigned bedroom space and apartment and will note on the Check-In/Check-Out Inspection Report ("Inspection Report") any defects, damage or other conditions observed, if not already identified by Owner on such report; upon completion and approval by Owner, the Inspection Report will become part of this Agreement. At the time of move-out, Resident is encouraged to inspect the bedroom space and apartment with Owner's representative by making an appointment during business hours at least 48 hours in advance. Within three business days following Resident's move-out (or, as applicable, following the move-out of all residents of an apartment) at the termination of this Agreement, or within a reasonable time if Resident moves out without notifying Owner, Owner will note the then-present condition of the assigned bedroom space and apartment, including all appliances and fixtures, and any damages incurred and/or extraordinary cleaning deemed necessary by Owner or extraordinary wear as determined by Owner. Resident will promptly pay all costs of restoring the bedroom space and apartment to the same condition upon move-in, less normal wear. Resident acknowledges that except as provided in the Inspection Report, each bedroom space and apartment are being delivered in "as-is" condition, and Resident's acceptance of the assigned bedroom space and apartment at the beginning of the Term constitutes Resident's acknowledgment that the bedroom space and apartment and all fixtures are in good repair and condition. Owner will not be responsible for any damages or consequences suffered by Resident as a result of Owner's inability to timely deliver possession of the apartment or assigned bedroom space to Resident on the anticipated Start Date; in such event, the rent payable will be abated until Owner tenders possession and such delay will not extend or decrease the term or change the End Date. Resident acknowledges that any model apartment at the Property shown to Resident in person, online or through other means is intended to be representative of the general quality and type of construction and materials within apartments. Specific items of décor and furnishings and the actual colors, styles, materials, upholstery and other treatments in the apartment assigned to Resident may vary from those in the model apartment. The actual apartment assigned to Resident may also vary in approximate size, square footage and layout. Resident's apartment will not include custom lighting, lamps, decorations, linens, unattached appliances or other personal property as may be shown in the model apartment.

7. **Utilities; Amenities.** The following utilities are included in the Total Rent set forth in this Agreement: Internet access and trash disposal. Resident will pay as additional Rent (a) a pro-rata share (based on the number of contracted residents legally in possession of the apartment for the applicable period) for the apartment's usage of electricity and, (b) Resident's allocated share of the Property's aggregate water/sewer charges., and (c) Resident's pro-rata share of any other public utility charges (including sanitation, fire service, stormwater drainage or roadway maintenance) billed with respect to Resident's apartment, each applied pro-rata to any partial billing cycle. Resident's share of water/sewer charges will be calculated using a ratio utility billing system, calculated from the full amount of the Property's periodic bills received for water/sewer charges as follows: first, reducing the total bill(s) to account for common area water/sewer usage at the Property, then second, where applicable, subtracting a per- apartment base charge as reasonably determined and adjusted from time to time, then third, dividing the remainder by the total number of contracted bed spaces at the Property during the applicable period to determine the per-resident variable charge; any applicable base charge per apartment will be divided among the contracted residents legally in possession of the apartment for the applicable period and added to the per-resident variable charge resulting from the above calculation, and the sum charged to Resident. Utility statements will be sent electronically by Owner's billing provider to the e-mail address provided by Resident; Resident may opt out of electronic statements by separately notifying Owner in writing of Resident's preference to receive a paper statement each month by mail. Upon Resident's request, Owner will provide copies of applicable utility bills. To the extent permitted by law, Resident may be billed for the estimated amount of charges for any utility bills anticipated to be received during the final 90 days of the term or after the end of the term of this Agreement, calculated based on historical utility charges for the apartment and pursuant to applicable regulations. As part of each utility bill, Resident may be charged and agrees to pay promptly to Owner any other miscellaneous charges billed by the utility provider and payable by the customer of record, (including, without limitation, taxes specifically applicable to such utility charges), plus late payment fees and/or NSF fees, as may be applicable, in the amounts stated in paragraph 2 of this Agreement, as liquidated estimates of costs incurred in connection with the administration and collection of late payment. Owner may elect to use one or more third-party service providers for providing, billing and/or servicing utility accounts; Resident acknowledges that such third-party providers are not utility providers. Owner makes no representations and hereby disclaims any and all warranties, express or implied, with respect to any utilities provided, including but not limited to those warranties concerning merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose or use, whether made allegedly by Owner or its representatives or agents, whether in writing or otherwise, except as otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement, or in written documentation signed by the parties hereunder after the date hereof. Owner does not warrant or guarantee the protection of Resident's privacy during operation of utilities, that such utilities will satisfy Resident's requirements, or that the operation of utilities will be uninterrupted or error free. Resident acknowledges and agrees that neither Owner nor its affiliates, agents, employees or representatives will be responsible to

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Resident for any non-economic, consequential, incidental, indirect or special damages, including incidental, economic or punitive damages, arising from breach of warranty, breach of contract, negligence or any other legal ground of action, or by reason of the use, discontinuation or modification of any utilities or the termination of any utilities, whether arising from Resident's use of (or inability to use) utilities, or otherwise, even if Owner has been advised of the possibility of such damage. In the event that any utility service proves defective, or is discontinued or terminated, Owner's and Manager's entire combined liability and Resident's exclusive remedy will be limited to a reimbursement of the approximate cost of that utility, prorated by the day for each day the utility service proved defective, or was discontinued or terminated, for more than 24 hours. Resident agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Owner and its employees, affiliates and agents, from any and all losses, claims, damages, expenses, other liabilities and causes of action of every nature, including attorney fees, which arise, directly or indirectly, in connection with: (i) violation by Resident of any laws, ordinances, regulations or rules regarding the utilities; or (ii) illegal or inappropriate use of the utilities. Any damage or loss to any utility devices during Resident's occupancy will be charged to Resident (and the other resident in the apartment, as applicable) at the replacement cost. Management will establish schedules and policies for the use of recreation facilities, amenities and other common spaces. Owner may add, remove, close (temporarily or permanently), upgrade or modify any of the recreation facilities, amenities or common spaces in Owner's discretion, without notice or compensation; provided that if this Agreement expressly includes a separate Amenity Fee, Resident's sole remedy will be limited to a pro-rata credit of such Amenity Fee for the period a covered amenity is closed or fully unavailable.

8. **Required Liability Insurance; Personal Property**. During the full term of the Housing Agreement, Resident agrees to obtain and maintain at Resident's expense a policy of personal liability insurance (i.e., renter's liability insurance) from a licensed insurance carrier in the United States, with coverage of at least $250,000 per occurrence at actual replacement cost, covering Owner's losses of any kind (both inside and outside the rented premises) arising from fire, explosion, smoke or water and caused by Resident's negligence and/or by an animal. The liability insurance requirement and the existence or limits of any such insurance will not reduce or supersede Resident's obligations under this Housing Agreement, except to the extent Resident opts in to, Owner charges and Resident pays for a waiver of this insurance requirement as provided below. Resident is not obligated to purchase insurance from any specific provider and may arrange their own personal liability insurance policy from any insurer of Resident's choosing meeting the requirements of this paragraph, in which case Resident agrees to provide written proof of the required personal liability insurance coverage, including causing Owner and Manager to be listed as named interested parties on such insurance coverage, by mailing the proof of insurance to P.O. Box 18999, Atlanta, GA 31126 1399. Owner will provide instructions prior to move-in for submitting proof of insurance or purchasing a compliant insurance policy; Resident's failure to comply with these insurance requirements will be a breach by Resident with Owner reserving its remedies but will not give Resident any right of termination. If Resident chooses not to or fails provide sufficient proof of compliant personal liability insurance to Owner by the Start Date, or if Resident's insurance is cancelled during the term of this Housing Agreement, then Owner may waive Resident's obligation to provide such insurance for the same limited risks (up to $250,000 per occurrence from fire, explosion, smoke or water damage caused accidentally by Resident's negligence and/or by an animal) at Owner's expense; in such case, Resident agrees to pay as consideration for this waiver up to $19.95 per installment as additional Rent during the remaining term of this Agreement, of which Owner would retain up to $5.00 per installment as an administrative fee and use the remaining portion to procure similar insurance for itself. This waiver is not insurance, does not release Resident from liability for other damage or causes and does not cover Resident's personal property. Owner strongly recommends that Resident maintain insurance covering Resident's personal property or belongings, which Resident may elect to purchase. Neither Owner nor any of its employees, representatives or agents assumes any liability, directly or indirectly, for loss or damage to the personal property of Resident or others by fire, theft or any other cause. Any personal property remaining in the bedroom space and/or apartment at the end of the Term or after earlier termination of this Agreement will be considered abandoned by Resident and may be disposed of by Owner at the risk and expense of Resident, with Owner maintaining a landlord's lien for unpaid rent as provided by law. Owner will not be liable or responsible for storage or disposition of the Resident's personal property. If there are multiple individuals comprising Resident, then all references to and obligations of Resident in this paragraph 8 will apply to each such individual, separately.

9. **Responsibility for Damage. Resident is solely responsible for any damage, defacement or loss arising within the assigned bedroom space. All assigned residents of an apartment are jointly and severally responsible for any damage, defacement or loss to common areas, other parts of the Property, fixtures or appliances, except where it is finally established that Resident or one or more other residents of the apartment were solely at fault for the entire loss, in which case such person(s) will be solely responsible.** Resident is fully responsible for the conduct of Resident's guests, visitors, licensees and invitees ("Guests"), including without limitation harm to individuals or damage or defacement of any part of the Property or its fixtures or property of third parties (including other residents) by such Guests.

10. **Prohibitions.** Firearms , weapons, explosives and illegal drugs of any kind are strictly prohibited anywhere on or about the Property, including within individual apartments and bedroom spaces and in community and parking areas (except government-issued service weapons carried by duly deputized law enforcement personnel). Discharging a firearm or displaying or possessing any weapon in a way that may threaten or alarm others, is prohibited anywhere at the Property. No gas or charcoal grill, nor any other open flame cooking or heating device, may be stored or used on any balcony, deck and/or patio at the Property or within 25 feet of any building, except permanently installed community grills provided by Owner. Resident will, and will cause Guests to: (a) comply with all federal, state, county and city laws, ordinances and/or regulations, including without limitation those relating to controlled substances and alcoholic beverages; (b) not act in any way that endangers the Property or the safety of any person, or that is intended to facilitate criminal activity; (c) not engage in disruptive conduct or allow any noise loud enough to be heard outside the apartment or in neighboring apartments assuming doors and windows were closed; (d) not place or keep any trash outside of the apartment, including on any balcony, deck or patio; (e) not damage, take or possess any property belonging to others without express consent; (f) not tamper or interfere with smoke detectors, sprinklers or fire alarms; (g) not injure the reputation of the Property or its residents, (h) not act or fail to act in any way that

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would cause an increase in the rate of insurance at the Property; (i) not engage in any activity which interferes with or decreases the use and enjoyment of the Property by other residents; and (j) otherwise obey the Community Policies and other rules applicable to the Property. Any single violation of any of the foregoing will be considered a material breach of this Agreement and will be good cause for immediate termination of the Agreement with all applicable charges continuing to come due.

11. **Cleanliness and Safety; Entry.** Resident agrees to maintain the assigned bedroom space, the apartment and the common areas of the Property in a clean, safe and sanitary condition, to exercise all due care in the use of same, to cooperate with Owner's efforts to provide a clean and welcoming environment for incoming residents of Resident's apartment if Resident occupies a multi-bedroom apartment or a double-occupancy bedspace, and to cooperate fully with the Property pest control program as requested. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Resident agrees: (a) to place all garbage, food waste, recyclables, and other refuse in proper containers and to remove them regularly; (b) not to allow any accumulation of trash or waste that could attract pests; (c) to keep floors, countertops, sinks, toilets, showers, appliances and other surfaces free of dirt, grime, mold, sticky substances, excessive dust and persistent or offensive odors; (d) to keep the kitchen and bathroom(s) free of excessive build-up of soiling, moisture or mildew; and (e) not to allow the accumulation of personal items that block hallways, doorways, windows or free access or ventilation. Resident will be responsible for the cost of treatment for bedbugs and similar pests to the extent Owner's pest control vendor reasonably determines that an infestation has originated within Resident's assigned space and during Resident's occupancy. Resident will place all trash in provided receptacles and will be responsible for the cost of cleaning the interior or exterior of the apartment if not kept in sanitary condition. When outdoor temperatures are below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, Resident will keep the apartment's heat turned on to prevent frozen or burst pipes, including during vacations. When outdoor temperatures exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit, Resident will keep the apartment's air conditioning turned on and set to a reasonable temperature to prevent mold or mildew growth, including during vacations. Owner and its agents, employees and contractors may enter any apartment and bedroom space to perform routine maintenance, inspections, showings and other ordinary functions, provided that Owner will provide advance notice to residents of an apartment before such entry. Owner reserves the right to enter an apartment and any bedroom space without prior notice (including a passkey and/or disarming the alarm or other means of entry if locks have been changed) for emergency maintenance or repair purposes, or when there is reasonable cause to believe that a situation exists that could cause danger to life, safety, health or property. Owner may confiscate any item deemed to cause a danger and is under no obligation to pay compensation for or to return such items.

12. **Residential Use; Mobility Devices; Pets.** The bedroom space and apartment may be used solely for private residential purposes and for no other purposes. Resident may not carry on any business or other enterprise from the bedroom space or apartment, nor use any Owner-provided Internet connections for business purposes. Resident may place no signs, placards or other advertisement of any character in the bedroom space or apartment, nor display anything in an apartment or bedroom space that is visible from outside the Property or the apartment. Resident may not place any mobility device in or adjacent to any indoor area at the Property, and may not connect any such device or vehicle to a Property electrical outlet except a designed electric vehicle charging station which may be made available in Owner's discretion. Pets are permitted in or about the Property only in specified apartments as Owner may in its discretion allow residents to maintain, in each case only following Owner's signature on a Pet Addendum for a dog or cat, which requires payment of a registration fee and pet rent as provided in the Pet Addendum. Owner may limit the number of animals in any apartment. All other pets are prohibited anywhere at the Property, except fish in small tanks to the extent approved by Owner in its sole discretion. Violation of the pet policy will subject Resident to deep-cleaning and daily administration fees in Owner's discretion and may be considered as a termination of this Housing Agreement by Resident.

13. **Guests; Occupancy Limits.** No more than one person may occupy a bedroom space, except for minor children for whom the Resident is the parent or legal guardian with Owner's consent and with consent of apartment-mates as applicable. If Resident desires to have an Overnight Guest (any person staying in the Resident's assigned bedroom space or apartment for more than three total nights in any 30-day period), then Resident must register the Overnight Guest(s) with Owner. Resident may not have Overnight Guest(s) for more than three consecutive nights, nor for more than six total nights in any 30-day period. In the event any unregistered or unauthorized Overnight Guest(s) are identified to be in or using an apartment or bedroom space, Owner may assess against the Resident a fee of $60 per night, in addition to the right of Owner to declare Resident in material breach of this Agreement and pursue other available remedies. Although Resident may have Guests from time to time, Owner reserves the right to restrict the number of persons permitted in or about an apartment at any time in Owner's discretion, to protect safety and the quiet enjoyment of other residents. Guests may park only in designated guest parking areas, if any, and no Guest's vehicle may remain at the Property for more than three days.

14. **Parking.** Owner grants to Resident a non-exclusive, undivided limited permit to use any one marked, non-reserved parking spot at any given time in the Property's parking lot (subject to handicap and reserved parking restrictions and strictly subject to availability), for the sole purpose of parking one personal, non-commercial vehicle, and for ordinary access to and from such parking structure over marked driveways. If a reserved parking space option is selected (with corresponding rate) on page 1 above, then Owner grants to Resident an exclusive, undivided limited permit to use a reserved parking spot. The parked vehicle must be properly registered and licensed and may not create a safety hazard. Vehicles improperly parked or appearing abandoned may be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. This paragraph creates a limited use license and not a bailment. Resident assumes all risk and responsibility for damage to the vehicle and any personal property contained in it, and the vehicles or other personal property of others, in connection with any use of parking areas and irrevocably waives, on behalf of Resident and the vehicle owner, any right of subrogation against Owner, Manager and their employees with respect to any loss or damage to vehicles or contents. Owner is not responsible for any damage to vehicles or property contained in vehicles. Owner reserves the right to revoke or restrict parking rights in the event Resident violates this paragraph or the Housing Agreement.

15. **Smoking.** Smoking or vaping, or burning candles or incense, inside any apartment, hallway, elevator, breezeway, stairwell, balcony, patio or other indoor or adjacent area by Resident or his or her guest(s) is prohibited. In the event that Resident or any guest smokes,

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burns candles, burns incense or engages in any other activity which could result in particles and/or smoke which tend to cause staining or odor on walls, carpeting or other portions of the premises, a persistent odor in the apartment that necessitates ductwork cleaning or the removal of carpeting and padding despite an apparent clean appearance, all such damage and repair cost will be considered extraordinary damage beyond normal wear and tear and is the responsibility of the Resident. Therefore, Resident agrees that any smoking in an apartment will subject the residents to a deep-cleaning fee as identified in the Community Policies, plus any additional costs of cleaning or repair in connection with smoking or other smoke-related damage, in addition to Owner's other remedies for breach of this Agreement.

16. Maintenance, Alteration and Repair

(a) Resident is responsible for and agrees to take good care of the premises, fixtures and all common areas. Resident may not remove any of Owner's property and will not perform any repairs, upgrades, painting, wallpapering, electric changes or other alterations of the premises without prior written consent from Owner. Resident will be responsible for damage from waste stoppages caused by foreign or improper objects or improper use in lines serving bathrooms, damage to fixtures, appliances, doors, windows, screens, damage from water faucets left on or from doors left open, and repairs or replacements to alarm devices necessitated by misuse or damage by Resident and/or guests. Extraordinary appliances or furnishings such as satellite dishes, hot tubs, pool tables, water beds or high utility-consuming devices may not be installed or placed on the premises or anywhere at the Property without Owner's prior written consent, in its sole discretion.

(b) In the case of a malfunction of any utilities or damage by fire, water or similar cause, or any water leak, suspected mold or microbial growth, electrical problem, broken glass, broken lock or any other condition that Resident reasonably believes poses a hazard to health and safety, Resident must promptly notify Owner in writing. Owner will act with reasonable time and diligence in making repairs and reconnections; Resident may not withhold or reduce payment of rent or other charges during such time. Maintenance and repair requested by Resident will generally be performed between 8am and 8pm, unless the work is considered an emergency, in which case work may take place at any time. Owner may temporarily disconnect equipment or utilities to avoid property damage and/or to perform repairs requiring such interruption, in Owner's sole discretion. Owner will not be liable for any inconvenience, discomfort, disruption or interference with Resident use of the premises because of ongoing repairs, alterations or improvements to the Property or any apartment.

(c) Following move-in, Resident is responsible for providing and changing all light bulbs and batteries (for smoke detectors and remote controls) in the assigned apartment. A written maintenance report requesting assistance in changing these items may be submitted for maintenance staff assistance, with extra charges payable by Resident as applicable per Owner's published rates. From time to time, maintenance staff may enter the assigned apartment with or without notice to inspect and change furnace filters and to provide pest control.

17. Management; Community Policies. Owner may retain employees and management agents from time to time to manage the Property, and Owner's agent may retain other employees or contractors. Resident, on behalf of himself or herself and his or her Guests, agrees to comply fully with all directions from Owner and its employees and agents, and the rules and regulations (including all amendments and additions thereto, except those that substantially modify the Resident's bargain and to which Resident timely objects) as contained in this Agreement and the Community Policies of the Property. **The Community Policies are available at https://larkbellingham.com/policies.pdf or on request from the management office and are considered part of this Agreement.**

18. Breach by Resident. Upon any breach by Resident of this Housing Agreement or a prior agreement between Resident and Owner or its affiliates, including community policies, Owner may without separate demand or notice except as provided by law, and in addition to other lawful remedies, do any one or more of the following: (i) collect any charge under this Housing Agreement or community policies, including reimbursement for costs of collection; (ii) terminate this Housing Agreement and/or Resident's right to occupy the premises, and/or institute an action for eviction; (iii) sue to collect all past due charges and/or unpaid rent and other charges which become due through the End Date or until the bedroom space and all other bedroom spaces at the Property have been filled, with recovery by Owner of any discrepancy in rent rate and any expense incurred in obtaining the new resident contract; (iv) report any information to credit reporting agencies. Without limitation, Owner may terminate this Agreement for non-payment of rent or other charges, or upon any conduct by Resident that is prohibited by or in breach of this Agreement, or if, in the reasonable judgment of Owner, continued residency will or may be detrimental to the educational process or the health, safety and/or welfare of the other residents of the Property or any of the Property's personnel. Upon any termination as described in this paragraph, Resident: (a) must fully vacate the bedroom space and apartment (including removing all personal belongings) within the time provided in the written notice given by Owner, and will have no further use of or access to the Property, the assigned apartment or bedroom space; and (b) will be fully responsible for all rent and other charges as if the Agreement had been terminated by Resident as described in paragraph 5. Owner's termination for breach will not limit its claim for damages resulting from Resident's breach. Owner's acceptance of rent or other payment following notice to vacate or during the pendency of a legal action will not waive or diminish Owner's rights under this Agreement or law unless separately and expressly agreed by Owner.

19. Assumption of Risks; Liability. Resident ASSUMES ALL RISKS associated with use of the Property, and to the full extent permitted by law, agrees to hold harmless, release, defend and indemnify Owner and its affiliates, members, partners, officers, agents, management company and its and their respective employees ("Released Parties") from all loss, liability and/or claims for injury, illness or death to persons or damage or theft to property arising in whole or in part from: (i) the negligent acts, omissions or intentional wrongdoing of Resident or his/her Guests; or (ii) the use, occupancy, presence at or other interaction with the Property or any part or contents thereof by Resident or his or her Guests, including without limitation those injuries and damages caused by a Released Party's alleged or actual negligence or by breach of any express or implied warranty, all except solely to the extent of Owner's liability expressly arising under applicable law and to the extent such liability may not be waived or released under law. The Released Parties will not be liable for

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injury, damage or loss caused by criminal conduct of other persons, including theft, assault, vandalism or other acts of third parties. Resident agrees to indemnify each Released Party for any injuries to Resident or any Guest or other person or property that arises in connection with occupancy or use by Resident or any Guest of Resident. Resident further agrees to reimburse, indemnify and hold harmless Released Parties from any and all claims, lawsuits, actions, costs, damages (including liquidated damages as specified) or losses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and expenses as allowed by law, that a Released Party incurs or may incur as a result of any breach of this Agreement by Resident. The forgoing will be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. **Safety Precautions.** Resident acknowledges that neither Owner nor any of its agents, employees or representatives has made any representations or warranties, either written or oral, concerning the safety of the Property, the bedroom space or any apartment, or the effectiveness or operability of any security devices or safety, health or security measures at the Property, the bedroom space or any apartment. Resident acknowledges that Owner neither warrants nor guarantees the safety or security of residents or their Guests against any criminal or wrongful acts of third parties. Resident and his or her Guests are responsible for protecting their own respective person and property and hereby release Owner and its agents, employees and representatives for any and all damage to person and property. Owner's safety measures are neither a warranty of safety nor a guaranty against crime or of a reduced risk of crime. Resident acknowledges that security devices or measures may be changed or removed by Owner without notice or compensation, and/or may fail or be thwarted by criminals or by electrical or mechanical malfunctions. Therefore, Resident acknowledges that he or she should not rely on such devices or measures and should take steps to protect himself or herself and his or her existing property notwithstanding these devices. Resident agrees to immediately notify Owner's representative of any malfunctions involving locks and life-safety building components. Should Resident become seriously injured or imperiled at the Property, Resident authorizes Owner and its agents to call 911 Emergency at Resident's expense, without legal obligation to do so.

21. **Abandonment.** If the assigned bedroom space or an apartment is abandoned or Resident's right to use them has been terminated, Owner may, without notice, secure the bedroom space and/or apartment with new locks, store or dispose of any personal property left in the bedroom space or apartment by Resident or Resident's Guests, and re-assign the bedroom space and/or apartment to others for use. Any such abandoned property or personal possessions will be stored and disposed of by Owner as provided by law. Owner, in its sole reasonable discretion in accordance with applicable law, will determine when a bedroom and/or apartment is abandoned, which may take into consideration any one of the following: the removal of personal property from the bedroom space other than in the usual course of continuing use, the failure to pay housing charges or other charges, discontinuance of any utility service, and failure to respond to any notices, phone calls, or correspondence from Owner or its representatives.

22. **Vacating at End of Term; Renewal. This Agreement does not automatically renew, and Owner is not obligated to renew it.** Owner reserves the right to contract with others for the premises at any time, for occupancy commencing after the End Date. The parties mutually agree that Resident's tenancy and right of occupancy will end automatically on the End Date and that this provision constitutes notice of termination on the End Date. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, Resident will immediately vacate and relinquish the bedroom space and entire apartment, and all of Owner's fixtures, in a clean and sanitary condition, including removing all trash. Resident will pay all utility and service bills to the bedroom space and apartment (except those provided by Owner as specified above) and cancel all utility accounts in the name of Resident. Resident will return to Owner all keys issued to Resident by Owner. If all keys issued to Resident are not returned promptly to Owner, Resident will pay all costs associated with re-keying or reprogramming locks for the bedroom space and/or apartment, along with the cost of key replacement. If Resident fails to vacate the bedroom space and apartment by the end of the Term or upon earlier termination of the Agreement, Resident will pay an administrative fee in the amount of $300.00 plus agreed holdover charges equal to three (3) times the daily pro-rated housing charges during the Term (but not more than the amount provided by law), plus associated expenses, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law. In no event after termination or expiration of this Agreement will it be deemed to be renewed or extended.

23. **Renewal of Residency**. If this Housing Agreement is a renewal of Resident's residency at the Property to follow the expiration of another valid agreement with an End Date that is no more than one day earlier than the Start Date of this Housing Agreement, then: (a) the Start Date of this Housing Agreement will be deemed to take place simultaneously with the expiration of the prior agreement, so that this Housing Agreement begins immediately upon the expiration of the term of the prior agreement; (b) if Resident is assigned by Owner to a different apartment or bedroom for the new term under this Housing Agreement, Resident agrees to relocate promptly to the newly assigned space and to relinquish occupancy of the prior space on the date specified by Owner; and (c) without limiting the generality of Resident's obligations under paragraph 11, Resident will be responsible (jointly and severally with any other renewing residents of Resident's apartment then in legal possession) for any costs incurred by Owner should Owner be required due to Resident's incomplete cleaning, damage or other use to repeat any make-ready work, move-in preparations or improvements with respect to any apartment-mate move-in occurring within 14 days after Owner's initial completion of such work, preparations or improvements.

24. **Casualty Loss.** If in Owner's reasonable judgment the premises or the Property is materially damaged by fire or other casualty, Owner may terminate this Agreement within a reasonable time after such determination, by written notice to Resident, in which case Owner will refund prorated, pre-paid rent and all deposits less lawful deductions unless Resident and/or Resident's guest(s) caused the casualty, in which case all funds on account will be applied to all applicable charges related to the damages and Resident will be responsible for the balance of all charges for repairs. If following a fire or other casualty Owner has not elected to terminate this Agreement, Owner will rebuild the damaged areas within a reasonable time, and during such reconstruction, Resident will be provided a reasonable rent reduction for the unusable portion of the premises unless Resident and/or Resident's guest(s) caused the casualty.

25. **Guarantor Information, Notice.** Owner reserves the right to notify any Guarantor of any action taken or notice given with regard to Resident under this Agreement. If Resident or Guarantor has supplied information by means of an application for residency, guaranty of payment or other documentation, Resident and Guarantor, as the case may be, represent that such information is true and correct and

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given voluntarily and knowingly. Owner and its management agent reserve the right to release any such information and/or Resident's account history to law enforcement, government officials, lenders and prospective purchasers of the Property.

26. **Use of Likeness**. As part of the consideration for this Housing Agreement, Resident authorizes Owner and its affiliates to make photographs and video recordings of Resident in community and resident amenity areas, and irrevocably grants Owner and its affiliates a royalty-free license to use Resident's image and likeness for all lawful purposes, including promotional purposes in advertising, video, web, social media and other formats.

27. **Multiple Bedroom Spaces.** If this Housing Agreement expressly identifies more than one bedroom space in a multi-bedroom apartment as assigned to Resident on page 1, then: (a) references to a "space" or "spaces" will be deemed to refer to all of the spaces assigned to Resident, or to the entire apartment if all of the bedrooms in an apartment are assigned to Resident; and (b) if Resident is assigned fewer than all of the bedroom spaces in an apartment, use of common areas will continue to be shared with other residents of the apartment and any calculation of Resident's share of any charges assessed pro rata to all residents of an apartment will be made by dividing the number of bedroom spaces assigned to Resident by the total number of occupied bedroom spaces within the apartment.

28. **Credit Building/Reporting; Fee; Opt-Out**. If Resident elects to participate, Owner will arrange Resident's participation with a third-party credit reporting and financial tool (currently provided by Simplified Business Group, LLC d/b/a Rent Dynamics) to report Resident's positive rent and/or utility payments to one or more consumer reporting agencies (e.g., Equifax, TransUnion and/or Experian) for Resident's benefit, with the goal of assisting in building a positive credit history, and Resident's election to participate in the program will constitute consent to such credit reporting. If Resident elects to participate, Resident will pay Owner a non-refundable fee of $8.95 per each rent installment (per adult resident) coming due under the Agreement when this service is provided, as an element of Rent. Participation is optional and is not a condition of this Agreement. Resident may opt out of participation and further fees at any time prior to or during the term of the Agreement using any of the following methods: e-mailing support@rentplus.com, or calling 855-388-5314, or at https://my.rentplus.com/cancel-link following move-in, or by sending a written opt-out request c/o The Scion Group, 401 N. Michigan Avenue, Ste. 400, Chicago IL 60611. Resident's opt-out will become effective 10 days following receipt. Opting in or out of participation in this positive credit-reporting program does not affect the rights of Owner and its collection agent to engage in consumer credit reporting regarding any unpaid account balance. Terms of the credit reporting service apply; current terms are available at https://www.rentplus.com/terms-of-use/ and may be revised from time to time (including a change in the provider of such service) following 30 days written notice to participating Residents; if a participating Resident does not opt out of participation within that time, such Resident will be deemed to have agreed to the new or updated terms.

29. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION; MANDATORY ARBITRATION.**

(a) Claims Subject to Arbitration. Except as expressly provided below, the parties agree that to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any dispute arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement or a similar prior agreement, the Property or the relationship between Resident and Owner or Manager (including matters occurring prior to the date of this Agreement and disputes also involving third parties) (collectively, "Claims") will, at the election of either party, be resolved by arbitration, including any dispute about arbitrability, such as scope and enforceability.

(b) Arbitration Process. Any arbitration will be conducted pursuant to the applicable rules (the "Arbitration Rules") of the American Arbitration Association, as modified herein, to the extent such modifications are not prohibited by the Arbitration Rules. The arbitration will be conducted in Seattle, Washington. The parties will select a single arbitrator, but in the event that the parties are unable to agree, the arbitrator will be appointed pursuant to the Arbitration Rules. The arbitrator will be a practicing attorney with significant expertise in litigating and/or presiding over cases involving the substantive legal areas involved in the dispute. The arbitrator will conduct the arbitration on an individual basis only and will not combine multiple or representative claims. The parties to the arbitration will not request, and the arbitrator will not order, that any discovery be taken or provided, including depositions, interrogatories or document requests, except to the extent the amount in controversy exceeds $50,000. The parties will use best efforts to conclude arbitration within three months of the date the arbitrator is appointed. The arbitrator's findings, reasoning, decision, and award will be stated in writing and based upon applicable law. Judgment on the arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. In the event that the arbitration results in an award which imposes an injunction or contains a monetary award in excess of $100,000, the award will be reviewable on appeal initiated by filing notice of appeal with the AAA office within 30 days of the award, governed by the AAA Optional Appellate Arbitration Rules and conducted by a panel of three new arbitrators, ruling by majority, under the procedure for appointment from the national roster of arbitrators. Unless the applicable Arbitration Rules require otherwise, arbitration fees and costs will be shared equally by the claimant(s) and respondent(s), respectively, in any arbitration proceeding. Should the AAA be unavailable, unable or unwilling to accept and administer the arbitration of any claim under these arbitration provisions as written, the parties will agree on a substitute arbitration organization, such as JAMS, that will enforce the arbitration provisions as written. *Because this Agreement memorializes a transaction in interstate commerce, the Federal Arbitration Act governs the interpretation and enforcement of these arbitration provisions. More information about arbitration, including the Arbitration Rules, is available at www.adr.org or by calling 1-800-778-7879.*

(c) Matters Excluded from Arbitration. The following matters will not be subject to arbitration but will instead be adjudicated in the courts of Whatcom County, Washington or such other court in which jurisdiction and venue are proper: (a) an action for possession or for injunctive remedies provided under applicable landlord-tenant laws or to enforce intellectual property rights; (b) a suit by Owner or its assignee for collection of amounts owed by Resident under this Agreement; and (c) any claim or dispute for which applicable law (as determined by a binding court decision) or the applicable arbitration rules do not permit arbitration and require adjudication in a specific civil court. Matters within the jurisdiction of an applicable small claims court may also be brought in that court in lieu of arbitration. The parties agree that if any claim brought in court

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arises out of an underlying dispute that is subject to arbitration, at either party's request the judicial action will be stayed pending completion of the arbitration.

(d) Right to Opt Out of Arbitration. RESIDENT MAY OPT OUT OF THE FOREGOING ARBITRATION PROVISIONS BY SENDING EXPRESS WRITTEN NOTICE (VIA CERTIFIED US MAIL OR RECOGNIZED COURIER SERVICE) ELECTING TO OPT OUT OF ARBITRATION PROVISIONS, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RESIDENT'S EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT, to: The Scion Group, Attn: Legal Department, 401 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 400, Chicago IL 60611. If Resident timely opts out, paragraphs 29(a), (b), (c) and (f) will not apply.

(e) Applicable Law; Attorney Fees. All claims and disputes, including those adjudicated in arbitration or in court, will be governed by the internal laws of Washington with respect to contracts made or events occurring therein. The substantially prevailing party in any dispute between the parties (including in arbitration) may recover their reasonable costs and fees incurred in connection with such matter, including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

(f) Intentionally Omitted.

(g) Waiver of Jury Trial **TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE PARTIES KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL FOR CLAIMS NOT SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION, WHICH WILL BE ADJUDICATED BY A JUDGE ONLY.**

(h) Severability and Survival. To the extent any provision of this paragraph 29 is found to be unenforceable, it will be severed so the parties' intent to arbitrate will survive and arbitration will proceed without such provision. All of the terms and provisions of this paragraph 29 will survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

30. Miscellaneous. Failure of Owner to insist upon strict compliance with the terms of this Agreement will not constitute a waiver of Owner's rights to act on any violation. Owner's rights are cumulative and the exercise of any remedy by Owner will not exclude or waive the right to exercise any other right or remedy. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement. Owner and its agents and affiliates make no representations or warranty as to the character or standing of any other residents of the Property. The lien of Owner's lender(s), if any, on the Property may be superior to Resident's rights as a resident and this Agreement may be made subject to the rights of such lender(s). Resident may have special statutory rights to terminate this Agreement early in certain situations involving military deployment or transfer, family violence, sexual assault or sexual abuse. This Agreement and any attached and signed addenda constitute the entire agreement between the parties and no oral statements will be binding. If any provision of this Agreement requires the permission or consent of Owner, such written permission or consent may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of Owner or its designated agent or representative or may contain such conditions as Owner deems appropriate and will be effective only if Resident complies with such conditions. Moreover, any written permission or consent given by Owner to Resident may be modified, revoked or withdrawn by Owner at any time, at Owner's sole discretion, upon written notice to Resident. Any amendment to this Agreement, other than a change to the Community Policies, must be in writing and signed by Resident and Owner or its authorized agent. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable or inapplicable, then the remaining provisions will not be voided and will remain in full force and effect.

31. Specific Provisions and Notices.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, this Housing Agreement renews automatically at the end of the fixed term, on a month-to-month basis thereafter, unless prior written notice of termination is provided by Owner or Resident as provided under RCW 59.18. The following notices are required by Washington law: Fire Safety and Protection Pursuant to RCW 59.18.060(12), Owner notifies Resident that all dwelling units within the Property are equipped with electrically hard-wired and interconnected smoke detectors with battery backups. Resident is responsible to maintain the smoke detectors in proper operating condition, including replacing batteries as necessary during the Term, and avoiding any disabling, tampering with or interfering with the operation of smoke detectors; failure to comply with these responsibilities may result in termination of the Housing Agreement and/or criminal prosecution. Owner further notifies Resident that: (a) the Property has a fire sprinkler system and fire alarm system; (b) the Property has a non-smoking policy in all indoor areas and in hallways, breezeways, stairwells, elevators and common areas; and (c) the Property has an emergency notification plan, emergency relocation plan and emergency evacuation plan which is provided to occupants at the time of move-in and copies of which are available to current and future residents upon request.

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Mold

What are molds?

Molds are tiny microscopic organisms that digest organic matter and reproduce by releasing spores. Molds are a type of fungi and there are over 100,000 species. In nature, mold helps decompose or break-down leaves, wood and other plant debris. Molds become a problem when they go where they are not wanted and digest materials such as our homes.

What makes molds grow in my home?

Mold enters your home as tiny spores. The spores need moisture to begin growing, digesting and destroying. Molds can grow on almost any surface, such as wood, ceiling tiles, wallpaper, paints, carpet, sheet rock, and insulation. The mold grows best when there is lots of moisture from a leaky roof, high humidity, or flood. There is no way to get rid of all molds and mold spores from your home. But you can control mold growth by keeping your home dry.

Can I be exposed to mold?

When molds are disturbed, they release spores into the air. You can be exposed by breathing air containing these mold spores. You can also be exposed through touching moldy items, eating moldy food or accidental hand to mouth contact.

Do molds affect my health?

Most molds do not harm healthy people. But people who have allergies or asthma may be more sensitive to molds. Sensitive people may experience skin rash, running nose, eye irritation, cough, nasal congestion, aggravation of asthma or difficulty breathing. People with an immune suppression or underlying lung disease, may be at increased risk for infections from molds. A small number of molds produce toxins called mycotoxins. When people are exposed to high levels of mold mycotoxins they may suffer toxic effects, including fatigue, nausea, headaches, and irritation to the lungs and eyes. If you or your family members have health problems that you suspect are caused by exposure to mold, you should consult with your physician.

When is mold a problem?

You know you have mold when you smell the "musty" odor or see small black or white specks along your damp bathroom or basement walls. Some mold is hidden growing behind wall coverings or ceiling tiles. Even dry, dead mold can cause health problems, so always take precautions when you suspect mold. Mold is often found in areas where water has damaged building materials and furniture from flooding or plumbing leaks. Mold can also be found growing along walls where warm moist air condenses on cooler wall surfaces, such as inside cold exterior walls, behind dressers, headboards, and in closets where articles are stored against walls. Mold often grows in rooms with both high water usage and humidity, such as kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms, and basements. If you notice mold or know of water damaged areas in your home, it is time to take action to control its growth.

When should I sample for mold?

You don't need to sample for mold because in most cases you can see or smell mold. Even a clean, dry house will have some mold spores, but not enough to cause health problems. If you smell mold it may be hidden behind wallpaper, in the walls or ceiling, or under the carpet. If you suspect you have hidden mold be very careful when you investigate, protect yourself from exposure in the same manner as you would for a clean-up. See the chart below.

Can I control mold growth in my home?

Yes you can. Dry out the house and fix any moisture problems in your home:

- Stop water leaks, repair leaky roofs and plumbing. Keep water away from concrete slabs and basement walls.
- Open windows and doors to increase air flow in your home, especially along the inside of exterior walls. Use a fan if there are no windows available.
- Make sure that warm air flows into all areas of the home. Move large objects a few inches away from the inside of exterior walls to increase air circulation.
- Install and use exhaust fans in bathrooms, kitchens, and laundry rooms.
- Ventilate and insulate attic and crawl spaces. Use heavy plastic to cover earth floors in crawl spaces.
- Clean and dry water damaged carpets, clothing, bedding, and upholstered furniture within 24 to 48 hours, or consider removing and replacing damaged furnishings.
- Vacuum and clean your home regularly to remove mold spores.
- Check around your windows for signs of condensation and water droplets. Wipe them up right away so mold can’t start to grow.

What can I use to clean up mold?

Clean up mold and take care of the problem by following the advice above to keep your home dry and keep mold out. Act fast! Mold damages your home as it grows. Clean it up as soon as possible.

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Size the Moldy Area
Decide if you have a large or small area of mold. A small area is less than about ten square feet, or a patch three feet by three feet square. To clean a small area, follow the advice below. You may use a cotton face mask for protection.
If you have a lot of mold damage (more than ten square feet) consider hiring a cleaning professional. If the moldy area has been contaminated by sewage or is in hidden places, hire a professional. To find a professional, check under "Fire and Water Damage Restoration" in your Yellow Pages. If you decide to clean up on your own, follow the guidance below.

Use Protection
Wear goggles, gloves, and breathing protection while working in the area. For large consolidated areas of mold growth, you should wear an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved particle mask.

Seal the Area
Seal off area from the rest of your home. Cover heat registers or ventilation ducts/grills. Open a window before you start to clean up.

Remove Items
Remove all your furnishings to a mold-free area. Clean the surrounding moldy area then follow cleaning directions below for the items you removed and the new space.

Bag Moldy Trash
Bag all moldy materials and tie off the top of the bag. Bring them outdoors and place in your garbage container right away.

Scrub Surfaces
- First wash with a mild detergent solution, such as laundry detergent and warm water. Allow to dry.
- (Optional step) Then wipe with a solution of 1/4 cup bleach to one gallon of water. Wait 20 minutes and repeat. Wait another 20 minutes.
- Last apply a borate-based detergent solution and don't rinse. This will help prevent mold from growing again. A borate-based laundry or dish washer detergent has "borate" listed on the ingredients label.

Clean and Wash
Give the entire area a good cleaning, vacuum floors, and wash any exposed bedding or clothing.

Monitor
Check regularly to make sure mold has not returned to the clean-up area.

What cleans moldy furniture and other items?
- For wood, metal, plastic, glass, ceramics, and other objects that don't absorb water but are washable - wipe them with a solution of lukewarm water and laundry detergent.
- For clothes, bedding, and other materials that absorb water and are washable - wash them in the laundry.
- For beds, sofas, and other furniture that absorb water but are not washable - these items may need to be discarded. Or, try to save them by vacuuming well and allowing to air out. If there is no odor it may be okay. Mold can come back, so watch for any mold growth or mold related health problems. Discard the item if you suspect mold is growing inside or outside the item.

Should I paint over mold?
No. Don't paint or caulk over mold. The mold will grow under the paint and the paint will peel.

I'm a renter or landlord, what help can you provide for a mold problem?
Mold problems in buildings are a result of water and moisture problems. Excess moisture comes from leaks or condensation. Tenants and landlords both have responsibilities for addressing water and moisture problems that can cause mold. Generally, fixing leaks is the landlord's responsibility and reducing condensation is the renter's responsibility. See our mold resources for renters and landlords (www.doh.wa.gov/rentermold).

Who are my local contacts for more information about mold?
In Washington, you can contact your local county health department (www.doh.wa.gov/localhealth) for more information about mold. If you live outside of Washington State, try contacting your county or state health department.

More Information
- Mold and Indoor Air Quality Information Line: 360-236-3090
- Mold, CDC (www.cdc.gov/mold)
- Mold, EPA (www.epa.gov/mold)

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To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email civil.rights@doh.wa.gov.

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TENANT RIGHTS & RESOURCES

In the City of Bellingham

The following information was compiled to assist tenants in understanding their rights and responsibilities, and the resources available to them.

Moving In

Washington State Law (RCW 59.18.260) requires that, if a tenant is paying a damage deposit, they must receive a detailed move-in checklist or written statement that documents the condition of the unit. Before moving in, walk through the unit and note any existing issues or damage on the checklist. Both the tenant and the landlord must sign the checklist, and the landlord must give the tenant a copy.

Your Rights & Responsibilities as a Tenant

Most of the laws that cover the renter-landlord relationship are described under the Washington Landlord Tenant Act here: app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=59.18

Easy-to-understand information about housing laws in Washington State can be found at washingtonlawhelp.org/topics/housing

The City of Bellingham has additional protections for tenants. Find more information at cob.org/housing-laws-rental-protections-and-requirements

Legal Resources for Renters

- ✧ LAW Advocates provides legal support for low-income Whatcom County residents. For more information and to register see their website at lawadvocates.org
- ✧ The CLEAR Hotline, is a toll-free legal hotline for people with low incomes 1-888-201-1014

Rental Relocation Assistance

Landlords within the City of Bellingham are required to provide 120 days' notice to tenants if they are increasing rent by 8% or more and to inform tenants that they are entitled to relocation assistance. More information is available at bellingham.municipal.codes/BMC/6.14

Dispute Resolution Support

The Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center provides mediation or conflict resolution support for disputes with a property manager, landlord, neighbor, or roommate. Visit whatcomdrc.org/housingstability or call 360-676-0122 ext. 115.

Domestic Violence Help

If you are experiencing abuse of any kind in your home, or if you aren't sure, you can reach the DVSAS hotline any time of day or night: 1-877-715-1563. There are special protections for survivors of domestic violence which can help you leave an unsafe housing situation.

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Housing Discrimination

Federal Fair Housing Law protects people from discrimination based on their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, disability, or family status when obtaining or retaining housing. State and City law have added protections against discrimination. Contact the Fair Housing Center of Washington: fhcwashington.org/ or (253) 274-9523.

City of Bellingham Rental Registration Program

Bellingham has a Rental Registration & Safety Inspection program. Your rental must be registered and have periodic inspections. To learn about the program and see if your unit is registered, visit: cob.org/services/permits/rentals/registering-a-rental-unit

Substandard Housing Concerns

A Bellingham resident who has health and safety concerns regarding the condition of their rental can call the Permit Center at 360-778-8300 or submit a Code Enforcement Request: cob.org/services/permits/rentals/code-enforcement-assistance.

Mold and Mildew

Tenants and landlords both have responsibilities for preventing mold. Generally, fixing leaks is the landlord's responsibility and reducing condensation is the renter's responsibility. For information on preventing mold visit: nwcleanairwa.gov/resources/indoor-air-quality/.

Rent and Utility Assistance

Opportunity Council Community Resource Center

1111 Cornwall Ave., Bellingham, WA, 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday
Phone: (360) 734-5121 | oppco.org/basic-needs/housing/help-with-rent/
The Community Resource Center is the first stop when you need help with housing, bills, food, or other basic needs.

Opportunity Council Energy Assistance Program

Phone: (360) 255-2192 | oppco.org/utilities/#help-with-utility-costs Opportunity Council may be able to help with the cost of electricity, natural gas, propane or heating oil, wood pellets or fire logs.

PSE - Bill Discount Rate

pse.com/en/account-and-billing/assistance-programs/
Ongoing help on your monthly energy bill. Depending on your household income and household size, you can save 5% to 45% a month on your bill.

Opportunity Council Weatherization and Home Repair

Phone: (360) 734-5121 ext. 1020 | oppco.org/home-repair/
Improvements to home energy efficiency, durability, indoor air quality and health and safety concerns. Available for both homeowners and renters with landlord permission.

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