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This agreement, made this _____ day of hereinafter referred to as the LANDLORD, and William T. Jones and Mary R. Jones, hereinafter referred to as the TENANT, concerning the lease of the following described property: 123 Willow Street, Anytown, FL 33333 is agreed to by and shall bind the TENANT, its heirs, estate, or legally appointed representatives. TENANT as

herein used shall include all persons to whom this property is leased. LANDLORD as herein used shall include the owner(s) of the premises, its heirs, assigns or representatives and/or any agent(s) designated by the owner(s).

TERM OF LEASE: January 15, 2001 to December 31, 2001. If for any reason LANDLORD cannot deliver possession of the premises to TENANT by the beginning date, the lease may be voided at LANDLORD'S option without LANDLORD being liable for any expenses caused by such delay or termination.

OCCUPANTS: Only the following individuals shall occupy the premises unless written consent of the LANDLORD is obtained: **William T. Jones, Mary R. Jones, William Jones Jr., Kimberley Jones.** A reasonable number of guests may occupy the premises without prior written consent if stay is limited to 72 hours.

PRORATED RENT: TENANT agrees to pay the sum of \$350.00 as prorated rent for the period January 15, 2001 to January 31, 2001.

ADVANCE RENT: TENANT agrees to pay the sum of \$700.00 as advance rent representing payment for the last month of lease term or any renewal.

RENT: TENANT agrees to pay the monthly rent amount of \$700.00 plus any applicable sales tax as rent on the 1ST day of each month in advance without demand at **HOME Rentals of Manatee 4520 E. SR 64, Bradenton, FL 34208, Phone number (941) 782-0203.** Rent must be received by LANDLORD or its designated agent on or before the due date. A late fee of \$70.00 plus shall be due as additional rent if TENANT fails to make rent payments on or before the 5th day of each month. Cash payments are not accepted. If TENANT'S check is dishonored, all future payments must be made by money order or cashier's check; dishonored checks will be subject to the greater of 5% of the check amount or a \$30.00 charge as additional rent. If LANDLORD has actual knowledge that there are insufficient funds to cover a check, rent will be considered unpaid, LANDLORD may serve TENANT with a Three Day Notice and will not be required to deposit the check. Third party checks are not permitted. Time is of the essence. The imposition of late fees and/or dishonored check charges is not a substitution or waiver of available Florida law remedies. If rent is not received by the 1ST day of each month, LANDLORD may serve a Three Day Notice on the next day or any day thereafter as allowed by law. All signatories to this lease are jointly and severally responsible for the faithful performance of this lease. All payments made shall first be applied to any outstanding balances of any kind including late charges and/or any other charges due under this lease. All notices by TENANT to LANDLORD shall be sent to LANDLORD'S address above by certified mail.

PETS: TENANT shall not keep any animal or pet in or around the rental premises without LANDLORD'S prior written approval and a PET ADDENDUM signed by all parties. PET ADDENDUM IS ATTACHED

SECURITY DEPOSIT: TENANT agrees to pay LANDLORD the sum of \$650.00, as security for faithful performance by TENANT of all terms, covenants and conditions of this lease. This deposit may be applied by the LANDLORD for any monies owed by TENANT under the lease or Florida law, physical damages to the premises, costs, and attorney's fees associated with TENANT'S failure to fulfill the terms of the lease. TENANT cannot dictate that this deposit be used for any rent due. If TENANT breaches the lease by abandoning, surrendering or being evicted from the rental premises prior to the lease expiration date (or the expiration of any extension), the deposit will be forfeited as special liquidated damages to cover the costs of reletting the rental premises, TENANT will still be responsible for unpaid rent, physical damages, future rent due, attorney's fees, costs and any other amounts due under the terms of the tenancy or Florida law.

The security deposit (and advance rent, if applicable) will be held in the following manner: Deposited in a separate non interest bearing account with First National Bank, 123 Monroe Street, Anytown, FL. Florida statutory law, 83.49(3) provides:

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(3)(a) Upon the vacating of the premises for termination of the lease, if the landlord does not intend to impose a claim on the security deposit, the LANDLORD shall have 15 days to return the security deposit together with interest if otherwise required, or the landlord shall have 30 days to give the TENANT written notice by certified mail to the TENANT last known mailing address of his intention to impose a claim on the deposit, and the reason for imposing the claim. The notice shall contain a statement in substantially the following form: This is a notice of my intention to impose a claim for damages in the amount of ____ upon your security deposit, due to _____. It is sent to you as required by s. 83.49(3), Florida Statutes. You are hereby notified that you must object in writing to this deduction from your security deposit within 15 days from the time you receive this notice or I will be authorized to deduct my claim from your security deposit. Your objection must be sent to (landlord's address). If the LANDLORD fails to give the required notice within the 30-day period, he forfeits his right to impose a claim upon the security deposit.

- (b) Unless the TENANT objects to the imposition of the landlord's claim or the amount thereof within 15 days after receipt of the landlord's notice of intention to impose a claim, the LANDLORD may then deduct the amount of his claim and shall remit the balance of the deposit to the TENANT within 30 days after the date of the notice of intention to impose a claim for damages.
- (c) If either party institutes an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to adjudicate his right to the security deposit, the prevailing party is entitled to receive his court costs plus a reasonable fee for his attorney. The court shall advance the cause on the calendar.
- (d) Compliance with this subsection by an individual or business entity authorized to conduct business in this state, including Florida-licensed real estate brokers and salespersons, shall constitute compliance with all other relevant Florida Statutes pertaining to security deposits held pursuant to a rental agreement or other landlord-tenant relationship. Enforcement personnel shall look solely to this subsection to determine compliance. This subsection prevails over any conflicting provisions in chapter 475 and in other sections of the Florida Statutes. Security deposit refunds if any shall be made by mail only, as provided by law, made out in names of all TENANTS in one check, and, may not be picked up in person from LANDLORD.

ASSIGNMENTS: TENANT shall not assign this lease or sublet the premises or any part thereof. Any unauthorized transfer of interest by the TENANT shall be a breach of this agreement.

APPLICATION: If TENANT has filled out a rental application, any misrepresentation made by the TENANT in same will be a breach of this agreement and LANDLORD may terminate the tenancy.

FIXTURES AND ALTERATIONS: TENANT must obtain prior written consent from LANDLORD before painting, installing fixtures, making alterations, additions or improvements and if permission granted, same shall become LANDLORD'S property and shall remain on the premises at the termination of the tenancy.

USE OF PREMISES: TENANT shall maintain the premises in a clean and sanitary condition and not disturb surrounding residents or the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of the premises or surrounding premises. TENANT shall install window shades or draperies (no foil, sheets, paper, etc. allowed) within 15 days of taking occupancy if not already provided. Premises are to be used and occupied by the TENANT for only residential, non business, private housing purposes only. TENANT shall not operate any type of day care or child sitting service on the premises. TENANT shall secure insurance immediately for any water filled devices with a loss payable clause to LANDLORD. No trampolines, athletic equipment, recreational equipment, or any items or activities which can cause interference with the insurance coverage on the premises will be permitted.

RISK OF LOSS: All TENANTS' personal property shall be at the risk of the TENANT or owner thereof and LANDLORD shall not be liable for any damage to said personal property of the TENANT arising from criminal acts, fire, storm, flood, rain or wind damage, acts of negligence of any person whomsoever, or from the bursting or leaking of water pipes. TENANT is strongly urged to secure insurance for personal property.

DEFAULT: (1) Failure of TENANT to pay rent or any additional rent when due, or (2) TENANT'S violation of any other term, condition or covenant of this lease (and if applicable, attached rules and regulations), condominium by-laws or neighborhood deed

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restrictions or (3) failure of TENANT to comply with any Federal, State and/or County laws, rules and ordinances, or (4) TENANT'S failure to move into the premises or tenants abandonment of the premises, shall constitute a default by TENANT. Upon default, in addition to complete forfeiture of the security deposit, rent due for the remaining term of this lease is accelerated, TENANT shall owe this rent and LANDLORD may begin eviction procedures, after proper notice is given under Florida law. If the TENANT abandons or surrenders possession of the premises during the lease term or any renewals, or is evicted by the LANDLORD, LANDLORD may retake possession of the premises and make a good faith effort to re-rent it for the TENANT account. Retaking of possession shall not constitute a rescission of this lease nor a surrender of the leasehold estate.

ATTORNEY'S FEES: If LANDLORD employs an attorney due to TENANT'S violation of the terms and conditions of this lease, TENANT shall be responsible for all costs and reasonable attorney's fees as incurred by the LANDLORD whether or not suit is filed. TENANT waives the right to demand a jury trial concerning any litigation between LANDLORD and TENANT.

UTILITIES: LANDLORD is responsible for providing the following utilities only: NONE . The TENANT agrees to pay all charges and deposits for all other utilities and TENANT agrees to have all accounts for utilities immediately placed in TENANT name with accounts kept current throughout occupancy. Garbage and/or trash removal is considered a utility under this lease. If the utilities which TENANT is responsible for are still in LANDLORD'S name at the time TENANT takes occupancy, TENANT agrees that LANDLORD shall order such utilities to be terminated.

VEHICLES: Vehicle(s) must be currently licensed, owned by TENANT, registered, operational and properly parked. TENANT agrees to abide by all parking rules established now or in the future by LANDLORD or condo/homeowner association's rules, if applicable. No trailers, campers, vehicles on blocks, motorcycles, boats or commercial vehicles are allowed on or about the premises without Landlord's prior written approval. TENANT is not to repair or disassemble vehicles on the premises. Vehicles not meeting the above requirements and additional rules of LANDLORD are unauthorized vehicles subject to being towed at TENANT expense. Parking on the grass is prohibited. TENANT agrees to indemnify LANDLORD for any expenses incurred due to the towing of any vehicle belonging to the guest or invitee of TENANT.

MAINTENANCE/INSPECTION: TENANT agrees that they have fully inspected the premises and accepts the condition of the premises in "as is" condition with no warranties or promises express or implied. TENANT shall maintain the premises in good, clean and tenantable condition throughout the tenancy, keep all plumbing fixtures in good repair, use all electrical, plumbing, heating, cooling, appliances and other equipment in a reasonable manner, removing all garbage in a clean and sanitary manner. In the event TENANT or TENANT'S guests or invitees cause any damage to the premises, LANDLORD may at its option repair same and TENANT shall pay for the expenses of same on demand or LANDLORD may require TENANT repair same, all charges incurred as additional rent. TENANT shall be fully responsible for, and agrees to maintain and repair at TENANT'S expense, the following: A/C FILTERS, EXTERMINATION, LAWN/SHRUBBERY, LOCKS/KEYS, SCREENING, SMOKE ALARM(S). In the event a major repair to the premises must be made which will necessitate the TENANT'S vacating the premises, LANDLORD may at its option terminate this agreement and TENANT agrees to vacate the premises holding LANDLORD harmless for any damages suffered if any. TENANT shall notify LANDLORD immediately of any maintenance needed, maintenance performed or repair in writing.

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TENANT agrees that they shall immediately test the smoke detector and shall maintain same.

VACATING: At the expiration of this agreement or any extension, TENANT shall peaceably surrender the premises and turn in all keys and any other property owned by LANDLORD leaving the premises in good, clean condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. TENANT agrees to have the carpeting cleaned professionally upon move out or will incur a minimum carpet cleaning charge to be deducted from the security deposit in the amount of \$50.00. In the event all keys are not returned upon moveout, there will be a minimum charge to be deducted from the security deposit in the amount of \$25.00 in addition to any cleaning charges or any other charges due under the terms of this lease, TENANT agrees to a mandatory minimum unit cleaning charge to be deducted from the security deposit in the amount of \$50.00.

RENEWAL: If LANDLORD consents to TENANT remaining in the premises after the natural expiration of this lease, and no new lease is signed, the tenancy will be extended as a month-to-month tenancy and may be terminated by TENANT giving written notice not less than 15 days prior to the end of any monthly payment period OR LANDLORD giving written notice not less than 15 days prior to the end of any monthly payment period. Termination of the tenancy shall occur on the last day of the month. Notice from TENANT to LANDLORD must be made by certified mail. All other conditions of this lease shall remain in effect. Failure to give 15 days notice by TENANT prior to the end of any month to month period will result in additional liability of TENANT for the following full monthly rental period. If TENANT fails to vacate after the initial term, or any successive consensual periods after termination, TENANT shall additionally be held liable for holdover (double) rent.

RIGHT OF ENTRY: LANDLORD, upon reasonable notice by telephone, hand-delivery or posting to TENANT, has the right of entry to the premises for showing, repairs, appraisals, inspections, or any other reason. LANDLORD has immediate right of entry in cases of emergency, or to protect or preserve the premises. TENANT shall not alter or add-locks without prior written consent. If consent is given, TENANT must provide LANDLORD with a key to all locks. LANDLORD may place "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs on the premises at any time.

CONDEMNATION and ACTS OF GOD: If for any reason the premises are condemned by any governmental authority, or damaged through fire, act of God, nature or accident, this lease shall terminate at LANDLORD'S option as of the date of such condemnation, damage or destruction and TENANT hereby Waives all claims against LANDLORD for any damages suffered by such.

WAIVERS: The rights of the LANDLORD under this lease shall be cumulative, and failure on the part of the LANDLORD to exercise promptly any rights given hereunder shall not operate to forfeit any other rights allowed by this lease or by law.

INDEMNIFICATION: TENANT agrees to reimburse LANDLORD upon demand in the amount of the loss, property damage, or cost of repairs or service (including plumbing trouble) caused by the negligence or improper use by TENANT, his agents, family or guests. TENANT at all times, will indemnify and hold harmless LANDLORD from all losses, damages, liabilities and expenses which can be claimed against LANDLORD for any injuries or damages to the person or property of any persons, caused by the acts, omissions, neglect or fault of TENANT, his agents, family or guests, or arising from TENANT'S failure to comply with any applicable laws, statutes, ordinances or regulations. In the event of a dispute concerning the tenancy created by this agreement, TENANT agrees that if the premises are being managed by an agent for the record owner TENANT agrees to hold agent, its heirs, employees and assigns harmless and shall look solely to the record owner of the premises in the event of a legal dispute concerning the tenancy or the security deposit.

INTEGRATION: This lease and exhibits and attachments, if any, set forth the entire agreement between LANDLORD and TENANT concerning the premises, and there are no covenants, promises, agreements, conditions, or understandings, oral or written between them other than those herein set forth. If any provision in this agreement is illegal, invalid or unenforceable, that provision shall be void but all other terms and conditions of the agreement shall be in effect.

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MODIFICATIONS: No subsequent alteration, amendment, change or addition to this lease shall be binding upon LANDLORD unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

RADON GAS and HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: State law requires the following notice to be given: "Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that, when it has accumulated in a building in sufficient quantities, may present health risks to persons who are exposed to it over time. Levels of radon that exceed federal and state guidelines have been found in buildings in Florida. Additional information regarding radon and radon testing may be obtained from-your county public health unit." In the event there are any chemicals, cleaning supplies, paint, or harmful or hazardous substances on the premises, Tenant(s) agree that they will promptly and safely dispose of same or use such items, if safe, at their own risk, holding the property owner and agent, its associates and employees harmless for any injuries, losses, expenses, or damages sustained.

ABANDONED PROPERTY: BY SIGNING THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT, THE TENANT AGREES THAT UPON SURRENDER OR ABANDONMENT, AS DEFINED BY THE FLORIDA STATUTES, THE LANDLORD SHALL NOT BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR STORAGE OR DISPOSITION OF THE TENANT'S PERSONAL PROPERTY

ADDITIONAL STIPULATIONS:

TENANT

William T. Jones

TENANT

Mary R. Jones

OWNER

OWNER

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