



# Rules and Regulations

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[NOTE: Capitalized terms which are used in these Rules and Regulations, but are not defined the first time they appear, are defined in Article XIII below.]

## PREAMBLE

The purpose of the Service is to provide a multiple listing service to its Participants and Subscribers in order to permit those Participants and Subscribers to serve their clients and customers in the sale, purchase and leasing of real property. The Service acts as a neutral facility for the correlation and presentation of Listing data, information and Images Filed with it by Listing Brokers and for the dissemination of those Listing data, information and Images to its Participants and Subscribers. The integrity of the Service's database is essential to achieving its purpose. The Service, therefore, relies on the prompt and timely Filing of accurate and complete Listing data and information and accurate Images. These Rules and Regulations (together with policies of the Service and the terms of the Participant Agreement/Application to which each Participant is a party) govern the relationship between the Service and each of its Participants. They also govern the relationship between each Participant or Subscriber and each other Participant or Subscriber relating to the subject matter addressed by the Rules and Regulations.

## ARTICLE I - LISTING PROCEDURES

### SECTION 1.0 LISTING PROCEDURES FOR DIFFERENT PROPERTY TYPES:

(a) MANDATORY TYPES OF PROPERTY. Listings of real or personal property of the following types, taken by Participants on a Listing Agreement, must be Filed with the Service by the Deadline For Filing:

- (1) Single family homes for sale or exchange
- (2) Vacant lots and acreage for sale or exchange
- (3) Two-, three-, and four-family residential buildings for sale or exchange
- (4) Residential condominiums for sale or exchange

(b) VOLUNTARY TYPES OF PROPERTY. Listings of real or personal property of the following types, taken by Participants on a Listing Agreement, may be Filed with the Service after all necessary

signatures of the Seller have been obtained on the Listing Agreement:

- (1) Business opportunities for sale or exchange
- (2) Commercial income property for sale or exchange (including residential buildings of five or more units)
- (3) Industrial property for sale, lease or exchange
- (4) Rental properties

Note 1: The type of Listing Agreement shall be clearly distinguished on the Property Data Form with the following codes:

ERTS -	Exclusive Right To Sell
ERSP -	Exclusive Right To Sell With Named Exclusion
EXCL -	Exclusive Agency
ERSV -	Exclusive Right To Sell With Variable Rate of Commission (sometimes known as Exclusive Right to Sell With Variable Rate Compensation)
ERSD -	Exclusive Right to Sell With Dual Rate of Commission
FERTS -	Facilitation/Exclusive Right to Sell
FERSP -	Facilitation/Exclusive Right to Sell with Named Exclusion
FEXCL -	Facilitation/Exclusive
FERSV -	Facilitation/Exclusive Right to Sell with Variable Rate of Commission (sometimes known as Facilitation/Exclusive Right to Sell with Variable Rate Compensation)
FERSD -	Facilitation/Exclusive Right to Sell with Dual Rate of Commission

Note 2: A Listing Broker, by a key, code or symbol as specified by the Service, shall clearly designate on the Property Data Form if the Listing is an Entry-Only Listing. Use of the Entry-Only Listing designation serves only to distinguish the Listing from other Listings with respect to which the Listing Broker will provide services that are additional to those provided in an Entry-Only Listing, regardless of whether the Listing Agreement for that Listing is

an Exclusive Agency, Exclusive Right to Sell, Facilitation/Exclusive, Facilitation/Exclusive Right to Sell or other type of exclusive Listing Agreement.

(c) ACCEPTANCE OF LISTINGS. Except as specifically set forth in the last sentence of this Section 1.0(c), the Service will accept for Filing only those Listings that make it possible for the Listing Broker to offer cooperation, with accompanying compensation, to Cooperating Brokers, as and in the manner provided for in Article V below. The Service may refuse to accept for Filing any proposed Listing which, in the sole and exclusive determination of the Service, may not comply with all fair housing and other laws and regulations that may be applicable to the sale of the proposed Listed Property. Any such determination by the Service shall be final, and neither any Participant nor any Subscriber shall have or assert any claim against the Service, or any of its employees or agents, arising out of such determination. Notwithstanding anything otherwise set forth herein, the Service will accept for Filing Listings of rental properties that make it possible for the Listing Broker to offer cooperation to Cooperating Brokers, even if those Listings do not offer accompanying compensation.

(d) REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. By Filing a Listing, a Listing Broker shall be deemed to have (i) represented and warranted that, as of the Filing date, (A) the Listing Broker holds a current, valid real estate broker's license issued by the appropriate state real estate licensing authority, agency or board, or its functional equivalent, in the state in which the Listed Property is located, (B) the Listing Broker and the Participant with which the Listing Broker is affiliated are in compliance with the terms and conditions of these Rules and Regulations and (C) to the knowledge of the Listing Broker, no other person has Filed, or has the right to File, a Listing with respect to the property identified in the Listing; (ii) re-affirmed, as of the Filing date, the agreements, the representations and warranties and the completeness and accuracy of the information contained in the Participant Agreement/Application required to be submitted to the Service at the time Listing Broker first became a Participant in the Service; and (iii) represented and warranted that the Seller, if the Seller does not hold title to the Listed Property on the Filing date, has demonstrated to the Listing Broker that the Seller has received written authorization from the title holder of the Listed Property to File the Listed Property with the Service. For any Listing of the kind contemplated in the

preceding clause (iii), in which the Seller does not hold title to the Listed Property on the of Filing date, the Listing Broker shall include in the Listing a disclosure that the Seller is not the title holder of the Listed Property and that the Listing is made subject to completion of the sale of the Listed Property to the Seller.

The Service shall be under no obligation to inquire into or to verify any of the representations and warranties made by a Listing Broker pursuant to this Section 1(d). Without limiting the foregoing, it is the obligation of each Participant to assure that the Listing Broker holds a current, valid real estate broker's license issued by the appropriate state real estate licensing authority, agency or board, or its functional equivalent, in the state in which the Listed Property is located.

(e) LISTING REMARKS. In Filing a Listing, no listing or other broker or agent, nor any agency may be named or identified, nor may the web, e-mail or voicemail address, telephone number or other personal or other form of identification or means of contact of any listing or other broker, any agent or agency or any other individual or entity be included, in any section or field of any Property Data Form, except only in those fields headed "Listing Office", "Listing Agent", "Firm Remarks" and "Special Showing Instructions". In Filing a Listing, no Seller may be named or identified, nor may any web, e-mail or voicemail address, telephone number or other personal or other form of identification or means of contact of a Seller be included, in any section or field of any Property Data Form. For purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the term "any section or field" of a Property Data Form includes, in addition to any section or field of the Property Data Form itself, any virtual tours, Images and other types of data and/or information related to the Listed Property that are linked in any way to the Property Data Form.

(f) FILING OF IMAGES. Certain types of Listed Properties require the Filing of Images of the Listed Property. The Board of Directors of the Service from time to time may establish and amend a policy regarding the Filing of Images, which policy, among other things, may set forth different Filing requirements for different types of Listed Properties, may specify exceptions to the Filing requirements and may provide for sanctions for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the policy. The Image Filing policy adopted by the Board of

Directors, as it may be amended from time to time, shall be attached to these Rules and Regulations as Attachment D and shall be deemed to be a part hereof.

**SECTION 1.1 LISTINGS SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SERVICE:** Any Listing Agreement to be Filed with the Service is subject to these Rules and Regulations as soon as that Listing Agreement has been signed by the Seller.

**SECTION 1.2 DETAIL ON LISTINGS FILED WITH THE SERVICE:** By Filing a Property Data Form with the Service, the Listing Broker represents and warrants (i) that, to the best of the Listing Broker's knowledge, (A) the information and data in the Form are accurate and complete in every detail and (B) each image Filed with a Listing is an Image as defined in Section 13.0 below and (ii) that the Seller has entered into a Listing Agreement with respect to the Listed Property with the Listing Broker and, to the knowledge of the Listing Broker, with no other broker. As set forth in Section 8.1 below, the Service shall have no liability or responsibility for, and no obligation to verify or otherwise inquire into the accuracy or completeness of, any Image Filed with a Listing or any of the information or data contained in any Property Data Form.

Note 1: This Section 1.2 provides that, by Filing a Property Data Form with the Service, a Listing Broker represents, among other things, that, to its knowledge, the Seller has entered into a Listing Agreement with no other broker. Consistent with that representation, a broker may not (except only in the limited circumstances contemplated in clause (iii) of Section 1.0(d)) File a Listing with the Service for a Listed Property that is already the subject of a Listing Agreement with another broker. If, notwithstanding this prohibition, such a duplicate Filing is made, and if the Service becomes aware of the duplicate Filing, the Service may remove the duplicate Filing from the System and, if it does so, shall notify both the original Listing Broker and the broker that made the duplicate Filing of its action. Neither the Service, nor any of its agents or employees, shall have any liability or responsibility of any kind, nor shall any Participant or Subscriber have or assert any claim against the Service, or against any of its employees or agents, arising out of such action or out of the Service's failure for any reason to become aware of a duplicate Filing. Any dispute between Participants or Subscribers that arises out a duplicate Filing shall be

resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.2 below.

Note 2: Consistent with the Preamble to these Rules and Regulations and Section 1.2 and 1.4 hereof, a Participant or Subscriber may not include in any Filing with the Service information or data that is known, or could reasonably be known, to be false, inaccurate, misleading or incomplete, and that has the intention or effect of either (i) impairing the quality or accuracy of any statistical report that contains "comparable" information, "sold" information and/or any other information that may be generated by or in a Service Compilation or (ii) circumventing quality or security routines in the System or any other Service Compilation.

**SECTION 1.3 EXEMPTED LISTINGS; DELAYED LISTINGS:** (a) If a Seller refuses, on the Seller's initiative, to permit an identified property to be Listed in the System, and if the Seller executes a Non-MLS Listing/Delayed Listing Form with respect to that identified property, indicating in the Form a decision not to have the property Listed in the System, and if the Listing Broker delivers the Non-MLS Listing/Delayed Listing Form to the Service before the Deadline for Filing with respect to that property, the Participant with which the Listing Broker is affiliated may then take the identified property as an "office exclusive", and the property shall not be required to become a Listed Property or be included in any Service Compilation.

(b) If, in a Listing Agreement, the Seller and the Listing Broker agree to delay the Filing of the property with the Service to a fixed date in the future, or to a date in the future still to be determined, the Listing Broker shall File a Non-MLS Listing/Delayed Listing Form with respect to the property by the Deadline For Filing and shall indicate in the Form either the future date fixed for Filing or that that future date is still to be determined. During the period prior to Filing, the Participant with which the Listing Broker is affiliated may not take the identified property as an "office exclusive", and, upon its Listing, the property shall become a Listed Property and shall be included in all Service Compilations.

(c) The Non-MLS Listing/Delayed Listing Form shall be in a form acceptable to the Service. The Non-MLS Listing/Delayed Listing Form must be signed by the Seller of the property identified in the Form and must meet the same Deadline For Filing imposed under these Rules and Regulations for the same type of Listed Property.

**SECTION 1.4 CHANGE OF LISTING:** Any change on a Listing must be Filed with the Service before the Deadline for Filing. Where such change consists of a modification of the text of the Listing Agreement, the duration of the Listing, the list price or other terms of sale, the Participant must obtain written authorization signed by the Seller prior to Filing the change with the Service. If requested by the Service, the Listing Broker shall provide the Service with a copy of the change authorization signed by the Seller.

**SECTION 1.5 CANCELLATION OF LISTING PRIOR TO EXPIRATION:** A Listing may be cancelled by the Listing Broker before the expiration date of the Listing Agreement related to the Listed Property if and when the cancellation of the Listing Agreement has been authorized in writing by the Seller. The cancellation shall be Filed with the Service by the Deadline for Filing.

A Seller may not require the Service to cancel a Listing without the Listing Broker's concurrence.

**SECTION 1.6 WITHDRAWAL OF LISTING PRIOR TO EXPIRATION:** A Listing may be withdrawn from the Service by the Listing Broker before the expiration date of the Listing Agreement related to the Listed Property if and when the withdrawal has been authorized in writing by the Seller. The withdrawal shall be Filed with the Service by the Deadline for Filing. Withdrawal of a Listing from the Service does not terminate the related Listing Agreement. A withdrawn Listing remains subject to the terms and conditions of the related Listing Agreement, and, as such, the Listing will expire at midnight on the expiration date set forth in that Listing Agreement.

A Seller may not require the Service to withdraw a Listing without the Listing Broker's concurrence.

**SECTION 1.7 CONTINGENCIES APPLICABLE TO LISTINGS:** Any contingency or condition applicable to a Listing must be specified in the Property Data Form Filed with the Service.

**SECTION 1.8 LISTING PRICE SPECIFIED:** The full gross listing price of a property must be

stated in the Listing Filed with the Service. The gross listing price will be included in the Service Compilation.

**SECTION 1.9 LISTING PROPERTIES WITH MULTIPLE UNITS OR LOTS:**

(a) If a Listing Agreement includes multiple properties which may be sold or leased separately, the Property Data Form Filed with the Service must provide separate data, information and Images for each such property. When each such property has been sold or leased, the Listing Broker shall File a change of status form with the Service for that property.

(b) If a Listing Agreement for multiple properties includes properties on which there is to be new construction, as a result of which full listing information is not available for each property, the Listing Broker must File Property Data Forms with the Service for at least a representative sampling of the properties that are then, or that will be, available for purchase. Provided that Property Data Forms for a representative sampling of properties have been filed, it is not necessary, at the time of that initial Filing, to File a separate Property Data Form for each property covered by the Listing Agreement. The Listing Broker, however, must File a separate Property Data Form for each such property as soon as basic data are available for the submission of a Property Data Form for that property.

**SECTION 1.10 NO CONTROL OF COMMISSION RATES OR FEES CHARGED BY PARTICIPANTS:**

The Service shall not fix, control, recommend, suggest or maintain commission rates or fees for services to be rendered by Participants or by any Listing Broker, Subscriber or other person affiliated with a Participant. Further, the Service shall not fix, control, recommend, suggest or maintain the division of commissions or fees between or among cooperating Participants (or any persons affiliated with them) or between or among Participants and non-Participants (or any persons affiliated with them).

**SECTION 1.11 EXPIRATION DATE ON LISTINGS:** Each Listing Filed with the Service shall bear a definite and final expiration date as negotiated between the Listing Broker and the Seller.

**SECTION 1.12 EXPIRATION, EXTENSION, RENEWAL AND REACTIVATION OF**



**LISTINGS:** Any Listing Filed with the Service automatically expires as of midnight on the expiration date specified in the Listing Agreement, unless the expiration date under the Listing Agreement has been extended by the Listing Broker and the Seller, and, prior to that expiration date, the Listing Broker (i) Files with the Service a notice of the extension of the expiration date and (ii) obtains a written authorization of such extension signed by the Seller.

An expired Listing may be reactivated if, within ten (10) days after the original expiration date of the Listing, the Listing Broker (i) Files with the Service a notice of reactivation of the Listing and (ii) obtains a written authorization extending the original expiration date signed by the Seller.

**SECTION 1.13 LISTINGS OF SUSPENDED PARTICIPANTS:** If a Participant is suspended from the Service for failing to abide by any provision of these Rules and Regulations, or any policies or other obligations of the Service to which the Participant is subject (except for a suspension for failure to pay applicable fees or charges), then each Listing then Filed with the Service by the suspended Participant shall be retained in the Service until sold, cancelled, withdrawn or expired (whichever occurs first), and such Listing shall not be extended or reactivated beyond the expiration date of the Listing Agreement in effect when the suspension became effective. If a Participant is suspended from the Service for failure to pay applicable fees or charges, the Service may cease to provide services, including the continued inclusion of the suspended Participant's Listings in any Service Compilation. Prior to any removal of a suspended Participant's Listings from the Service Compilation, the Service will advise the suspended Participant in writing of the intended removal.

**SECTION 1.14 LISTINGS OF RESIGNED PARTICIPANTS:** If a Participant resigns from the Service, the Service may cease to provide services, including the continued inclusion of the resigned Participant's Listings in the Service Compilation. Prior to any removal of a resigned Participant's Listings from the Service Compilation, the Service will advise the resigned Participant in writing of the intended removal.

**SECTION 1.15 RIGHT OF SERVICE TO REQUIRE DATA AND CONTRACTS:** In order to test the integrity of the Service Compilation, the Service from time to time may require Participants and/or Subscribers to provide written information and data concerning Listings with the Service and copies of Listing Agreements related thereto.

**SECTION 1.16 RETENTION OF LISTING DATA AND INFORMATION:** All Listing data and information, and each Image, Filed with the Service from time to time with respect to a Listed Property shall be retained in the System and shall be accessible to Participants and Subscribers.

## **ARTICLE II - SELLING PROCEDURES**

**SECTION 2.0 SHOWINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS:** Appointments for Showings of a Listed Property and negotiations with the Seller for the purchase of a Listed Property shall be conducted through the Listing Broker, except under the following circumstances:

(a) the Listing Broker gives the Cooperating Broker specific authority to show the Listed Property and/or to negotiate directly with the Seller, or

(b) notwithstanding reasonable and diligent efforts by the Cooperating Broker, the Cooperating Broker has been unable to contact the Listing Broker or an authorized representative of the Listing Broker.

A Listing Broker must make arrangements (including, where necessary, a procedure to be followed if a particular broker or salesperson is unavailable) to show a Listed Property to Cooperating Brokers and to present written offers to the Seller as soon as possible.

If a Seller desires to have an identified property Listed in the System, but desires to have Showings of the Listed Property deferred until a date following the Filing of the Listing, then, as a condition to such deferral, the Seller shall execute and deliver to the Listing Broker a Request for Deferral of Showing Form with respect to that identified property. The Listing Broker shall deliver the executed Request for Deferral of Showing Form to the Service before the Deadline for Filing with respect to the property to which the Form relates. The Property Data Form Filed by the Listing Broker for that property shall

state, in its "Firm Remarks" field, (i) that there is to be a deferral of Showings for that property and (ii) the date to which Showings are deferred. That deferred Showing date may be no more than seven (7) calendar days after the Deadline for Filing with respect to the property to which the Property Data Form relates. Whether or not the Listing Broker makes timely delivery to the Service of an executed Request for Deferral of Showing Form, if such Form has been executed and delivered by the Seller, and if the listing Broker Files a Property Data Form with respect to the property whose Showing is to be deferred, there shall be no Showings of that Listed Property by the Listing Broker or by any Cooperating Broker until the date certain set forth in the Seller's Request for Deferral of Showings Form.

The Request for Deferral of Showing Form shall be in a form acceptable to the Service and shall be executed by the Seller of the property identified in the Form.

**SECTION 2.1 PRESENTATION OF OFFERS:**

A Listing Broker must either make arrangements to present all written offers to the Seller as soon as possible or give the Cooperating Broker a satisfactory reason for not doing so.

**SECTION 2.2 SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN OFFERS:**

A Listing Broker shall submit or cause to be submitted to the Seller all written offers received by the Listing Broker or by any of its salespersons at any time before the closing for the purchase and sale of the Listed Property, unless excused or precluded from doing so by law or by government rule or regulation, or unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Seller and the Listing Broker. Unless a subsequent offer is contingent upon the termination or expiration of an existing contract for the purchase and sale of the Listed Property, the Listing Broker shall recommend to the Seller that the Seller obtain the advice of legal counsel prior to acceptance of the subsequent offer.

**SECTION 2.3 RIGHT OF COOPERATING BROKER IN PRESENTATION OF OFFER:**

Except as otherwise set forth in the third sentence of this Section 2.3, a Cooperating Broker or his or her representative has the right to participate in the presentation to the Seller of any offer the Cooperating Broker secures to purchase or lease the Listed Property. The Cooperating Broker does not have the right to be present at any discussion or evaluation of that offer by the Seller and the Listing

Broker. If the Seller gives written instructions to the Listing Broker that the Cooperating Broker not be present at the presentation of an offer which the Cooperating Broker secured, the Cooperating Broker has the right to a copy of the Seller's written instructions, but the Cooperating Broker shall have no right to be present at such presentation. Whether or not the Cooperating Broker has the right to be present at a presentation to the Seller of an offer to purchase or lease, the Listing Broker alone, consistent with the provisions of Section 2.1 and Section 2.2 above, shall have the right to control the establishment of appointments for presentation.

**SECTION 2.4 RIGHT OF LISTING BROKER IN PRESENTATION OF COUNTER-OFFERS:**

Except as otherwise set forth in the third sentence of this Section 2.4, a Listing Broker or his or her representative has the right to participate in the presentation of any counter-offer made by the Seller. The Listing Broker does not have the right to be present at any discussion or evaluation of a counter-offer by the prospective purchaser or lessee (except where the Cooperating Broker is a subagent of the Seller). If the prospective purchaser or lessee gives written instructions to the Cooperating Broker that the Listing Broker not be present when a counter-offer is presented, the Listing Broker has the right to a copy of the written instructions of the prospective purchaser or lessee, but the Listing Broker shall have no right to be present at such presentation.

**SECTION 2.5 REPORTING SALES AND LEASES TO THE SERVICE:**

Sales or leases of a Listed Property must be Filed with the Service by the Deadline for Filing. For sales of a Listed Property, the sale price to be Filed with the Service shall be the sum of (a) the price that is required to be reported for purposes of calculating the then applicable real estate transfer tax on the sale of the Listed Property and (b) the then outstanding principal balance of any lien or encumbrance on the Listed Property that is not included in the price required to be reported for purposes of calculating the then applicable real estate transfer tax on that sale.

**SECTION 2.6 REPORTING LISTINGS**

**"UNDER AGREEMENT":** By the Deadline for Filing, the Listing Broker shall File notice with the Service of each Listing that is "Under Agreement". If, by the Deadline for Filing for any such Listing, the Listing Broker shall also File with the service an Active Status Request Form, then that Listing shall

be deemed to be “active” for the period specified in the Active Status Request Form and shall be properly identified as such in the System. For so long as the Listing remains “active” pursuant to an Active Status Request Form, the Listing Broker shall diligently and in good faith continue to show the Listing and seek additional offers for it. A Listing that is “Under Agreement” shall be deemed to be “off-market” if no Active Status Request Form has been timely Filed in respect to the Listing or if the active period specified in such an Active Status Request Form has expired or been terminated by the Seller.

**SECTION 2.7 REPORTING RESOLUTIONS OF CONTINGENCIES:** If and when a contingency currently on File with the Service has been fulfilled or ceases to exist for any reason, the Listing Broker shall File notice of that event with the Service by the Deadline for Filing.

**SECTION 2.8 ADVERTISING OF LISTINGS FILED WITH THE SERVICE:** A Listing may not be advertised by any Participant other than the Listing Broker, without the prior written consent of the Listing Broker. The Service, however, shall have the right to advertise and otherwise publicize a Listing, all Listing data and information and all Images through promotional advertising in any and all media, and each Participant in submitting a Listing for inclusion in the Service shall be deemed to have consented to such advertising and other publication by the Service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Listing Broker may restrict a Listing Filed by it from being advertised or otherwise publicized by the Service by submitting to the Service a written notice of restriction signed by both the Listing Broker and the Seller. Notwithstanding anything otherwise contained in this Section 2.8, but subject to the provisions of Section 4.1, both the Listing Broker and the Cooperating Broker, after a Listing has been sold or leased, may claim to have made or effected such sale or lease.

**SECTION 2.9 REPORTING CANCELLATION OF “UNDER AGREEMENT” LISTINGS:** If a pending sale or lease of a Listed Property has been cancelled for any reason (as a result of which it no longer qualifies for the status of “Under Agreement”), the Listing Broker shall File notice of such cancellation with the Service immediately upon its occurrence, but in no event later than the Deadline for Filing, and the Listing thereupon shall be

reinstated in the Service Compilation, but only if the Listing Agreement has not yet expired.

**SECTION 2.10 CHANGE OF “SOLD” LISTINGS:** A Listing that is reported “sold” may not be modified or changed in any way by a Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Service may, but it need not, modify or change a “sold” Listing if the Service receives a written request for a modification or change from a Participant and if, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Service, the Service determines that the Participant which made the sale has demonstrated good cause for such modification or change. The determination of the Service shall be final, and neither the Participant nor any Subscriber or other person affiliated with the Participant shall have the right to assert any claim against the Service arising out of such determination.

**Note 1:** A Listing that is “sold” is considered an actual historical event. Therefore, changes or modifications made to a “sold” Listing must not compromise, in any way, the accuracy of information contained in any Service Compilation. The Service, however, shall always have the right to make changes to a “sold” Listing to correct an error that was made in reporting a sale or lease.

**Note 2:** Participants from multi-branch Participant Firms do not have the right to change or transfer “sold” Listings from one branch Office to another.

## **ARTICLE III - [Reserved for Future Use]**

## **ARTICLE IV - PROHIBITIONS**

**SECTION 4.0 “FOR SALE” SIGNS:** Only the “For Sale” signs of the Listing Broker may be placed on a Listed Property.

**SECTION 4.1 “SOLD” SIGNS:** Prior to the closing of a sale of a Listed Property, only the “sold” sign of the Listing Broker may be placed on the Listed Property, except that, if authorized by the Listing Broker, the “sold” sign of a Cooperating Broker may be placed on the Listed Property as well.

**SECTION 4.2 SOLICITATION OF LISTING FILED WITH THE SERVICE:** A Participant shall not solicit a Listing that is subject to a Listing Agreement with another Participant.

## **ARTICLE V - DIVISION OF COMMISSIONS**

**SECTION 5.0 COOPERATIVE COMPENSATION SPECIFIED ON EACH LISTING:** Except only for Listings of rental properties, for which the Listing Broker (as provided in Section 1.0(c) above) is not obligated to offer compensation to other Participants for their services as Cooperating Brokers, a Listing Broker shall specify, on each Listing Filed with the Service, the compensation offered to other Participants for their services as Cooperating Brokers in the sale or rental of the Listed Property. Such offers shall be unconditional, except that entitlement to compensation shall be conditioned on the Cooperating Broker's performance as the procuring cause of the sale or lease. A Listing Broker's obligation to compensate any Cooperating Broker as the procuring cause of a sale or lease may be excused only by agreement between the Listing Broker and the Cooperating Broker or by determination through arbitration or other legal process. Notwithstanding any agreement between the Listing Broker and the Seller of a Listed Property with respect to the compensation of a Cooperating Broker for the sale or lease of the Listed Property, the ultimate responsibility and liability for compensating the Cooperating Broker shall remain with the Listing Broker.

**Note 1:** In Filing a Listing with the Service, a Participant is deemed to be making blanket unilateral offers of compensation to the other Participants in the Service. The Participant therefore shall specify on each Listing Filed with the Service the compensation being offered to the other Participants, as a Cooperating Broker has the right to know, prior to initiating any sales effort, what its compensation might be for that effort.

The Listing Broker has the right to determine the amount of compensation to be

offered to a Cooperating Broker. The compensation offered by a Listing Broker to a subagent, to a buyer's agent or to any other appropriately licensed facilitator in the process of selling a Listed Property, whether or not the facilitator is acting in an agency capacity, may, but need not be, the same.

Nothing in Section 1.0 of Article I above or in this Article V shall preclude a Listing Broker from offering a Participant compensation different from the compensation indicated on any Listing Filed with the Service, provided that (1) the Listing Broker informs the Participant in writing of such proposed change in compensation in advance of the Participant's producing an offer to purchase and (2) the change in the listed compensation is not the result of any agreement or other cooperative activity between the Listing Broker and any one or more of the other Participants or Subscribers. Any superseding offer of compensation must be expressed in the same manner that the original offer of compensation was required to be expressed under this Note 1.

In addition to the foregoing, if a Seller requests that a Listing Broker not offer compensation to and/or cooperation with a specific Participant in connection with the offering and sale of the Seller's property, the Listing Broker may accede to the Seller's request, but only if the Listing Broker, prior to Filing the Listing, transmits to such identified Participant a written notice of the Seller's request.

A Listing Broker need not disclose the amount of total negotiated commissions in its Listing Agreement, and the Service shall not publish the total negotiated commissions on a Listing that has been Filed with the Service by a Participant. The Service shall not disclose the total commissions negotiated between a Seller and a Listing Broker.

The total amount of any compensation offered to a Participant on a Listing Filed with the Service shall be shown in the

Listing, in the appropriate compensation data field, either as (1) a percentage of the gross selling price of the Listed Property or (2) a definite dollar amount. The amount shown in the appropriate compensation data field shall set forth, without reference to any other data field, the total amount to which a Cooperating Broker shall be entitled for its performance as the procuring cause of the sale or lease of the Listed Property. Except only for the percentage calculation permitted by clause (1) in the first sentence of this paragraph, compensation shown in a Listing Filed with the Service shall be stated by the Listing Broker in such a way that it is not necessary for a Participant to make any mathematical calculation or employ any formula in order to determine the compensation offered.

**Note 2:** A Listing Broker, from time to time, may adjust the compensation offered to all other Participants for their services with respect to any Listing by Filing notice of such adjusted compensation with the Service in advance of the production of any offer to purchase the Listed Property so that all Participants can be advised of such adjustment through the Service Compilation. The adjusted compensation shall be effective from and after the time at which it is Filed with the Service.

**Note 3:** The Service takes no position on the division of commissions between a Participant and any individual or entity that is not a Participant. That division is the responsibility and concern solely of the Participant.

**SECTION 5.1 PARTICIPANT AS PRINCIPAL:** If a Participant or any person (including licensed or certified appraisers) affiliated with a Participant has any interest in a Listed Property, that Participant shall disclose the nature and extent of that interest when the Listing is Filed with the Service, and the Service shall include such information in the Service Compilation.

**SECTION 5.2 PARTICIPANT AS PURCHASER:** If a Participant or any person (including licensed or certified appraisers) affiliated with a Participant

proposes to acquire an interest in a Listed Property which has been Filed with the Service by another Participant, such proposal shall be disclosed in writing to the Listing Broker by the Participant proposing to acquire the interest not later than the time an offer to purchase the Listed Property is submitted to the Listing Broker by a prospective purchaser.

**SECTION 5.3 DUAL OR VARIABLE RATE COMMISSION ARRANGEMENTS:** A Listing Broker, by a key, code or symbol as required by the Service, shall disclose the existence of a dual or variable rate commission arrangement (that is, one in which the Seller/landlord agrees to pay a specified commission if the Listed Property is sold/leased by the Listing Broker without assistance and a different commission if the sale/lease results through the efforts of a Cooperating Broker; or one in which the Seller/landlord agrees to pay a specified commission if the Listed Property is sold/leased by the Listing Broker either with or without the assistance of a Cooperating Broker and a different commission if the sale/lease results through the efforts of the Seller/landlord). The Listing Broker, in response to inquiries from potential Cooperating Brokers, shall disclose the differential in commission that would result from either a cooperative transaction or, alternatively, a sale/lease that results through the efforts of the Seller/landlord.

## **ARTICLE VI - SERVICE FEES, CHARGES AND FINES**

**SECTION 6.0 SERVICE FEES, CHARGES AND FINES:** The fees, charges and fines related to the operation of the Service are set forth in Attachment A to these Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors of the Service from time to time may establish new fees, charges and fines and may change the nature and amount of existing fees, charges and fines.

The Service may charge a participation fee. Except as hereafter specifically provided in this Section 6.0, the participation fee will be calculated on the basis of the number of licensed real estate brokers and salespersons and licensed or certified appraisers who (1) are employed by or affiliated as independent contractors with, or who are otherwise licensed with, each Participant and (2) have access to or use of the Service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case

of a Participant with no Office in the Service's Primary Coverage Area, the Service may charge that Participant a participation fee that will be calculated on the basis of only that number of the Participant's affiliated licensed real estate brokers and salespersons and licensed or certified appraisers who (A) meet the standards of clause (1) above, and (B) either (i) are licensed or certified in any one or more states included in whole or in part within the Primary Coverage Area or (ii) are not so licensed or certified but nonetheless agree to be included in the calculation of the Service's participation fee. No broker, salesperson or appraiser who is not included in the calculation of a Participant's participation fee, as provided in the preceding sentence, and with respect to whom such participation fee has not in fact been paid, may File a Listing with the Service, be a Cooperating Broker in respect of any Listing, have access to any Service Compilation or otherwise make use of any service or benefit of the Service made available to a Participant or Subscriber. If any such broker, salesperson or appraiser makes use, or attempts to make use, of any service or benefit of the Service, the Participant with which such broker, salesperson or appraiser is affiliated shall be subject to the sanctions specified in Attachment A hereto.

A Participant must notify the Service in writing of any roster change (that is, any change in the number of licensed or certified individuals affiliated with the Participant) immediately upon the occurrence of such change, but in any event not later than thirty (30) days after the date of the change.

The Service will bill participation fees, access fees and book charges quarterly in advance. The Service will bill all other fees and charges monthly in arrears. Payment in full of all billed fees and charges is due within thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice. Thereafter, any unpaid balance will be subject to interest at the rate of one and one-half (1.5%) percent per month until paid. If payment in full of any fees or charges is not made when due, services to the delinquent Participant and/or Subscriber and/or to the Office or Offices out of which the delinquent Participant and/or Subscriber works may be suspended.

Invoices for all fees and charges will be sent to all Subscribers and to all Individual Participants. Although a Subscriber has the responsibility for payment of all applicable fees and charges invoiced to the Subscriber, the Participant with which a

Subscriber is affiliated has the ultimate liability and responsibility for timely payment of all fees and charges of each of the Subscribers affiliated with it. Therefore, if payment is not made by or on behalf of any one or more Subscribers affiliated with a Participant when that payment is due, the Service may impose sanctions under these Rules and Regulations (including without limitation the suspension of all services) on the Participant, on all of the Subscribers affiliated with the Participant and/or on the Office out of which the delinquent Subscriber works.

In order to reactivate services following a suspension by the Service, a suspended Participant must pay, or cause to be paid, prior to reactivation, (1) all outstanding unpaid obligations to the Service and (2) a reinstatement fee. The amount of the reinstatement fee shall be as set forth from time to time in Attachment A hereto.

No application fee, listing fee, participation fee or other charges or fines required to be paid by a Participant or Subscriber shall be refunded or waived, except on approval of the Service, which approval the Service may grant or withhold in its absolute discretion.

## **ARTICLE VII - COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **SECTION 7.0 APPLICABILITY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PARTICIPANTS AND/OR SUBSCRIBERS:**

Participants, Subscribers and others authorized to have access to the Service Compilation are subject to these Rules and Regulations and may be disciplined for violations thereof. Further, failure of any Subscriber or other user to abide by the Rules and Regulations or policies of the Service, and/or any sanctions imposed for violations thereof, may subject the Participant with which the Subscriber or user is affiliated to the same or other discipline. A Participant has the ultimate responsibility and accountability for all Subscribers or other users affiliated with the Participant. By making payment of applicable service fees to the Service, Participants and their affiliated Subscribers reconfirm their agreement to comply with these Rules and Regulations and with the policies of the Service in effect from time to time.

### **SECTION 7.1 VIOLATIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

The Chief Executive Officer of

the Service (the “CEO”), or the designee of the CEO, shall give consideration to all written complaints received from Participants or Subscribers regarding violations of these Rules and Regulations.

Violations of these Rules and Regulations or of any policies of the Service may subject the violating Subscriber and/or the Participant with which the Subscriber is affiliated to sanctions either as specified in Section 6 above or in Attachment A hereto or as otherwise determined by the Service. Such sanctions may include, but shall not be limited to, fines and suspensions of service. If, as a result of a violation, a Participant and/or a Subscriber may be made subject to more than one sanction, the Service, in its discretion, may impose any one or more, or all or none, of such applicable sanctions. When the Service imposes a sanction, it will notify the violating Subscriber and will also notify the Participant with which the violating Subscriber is affiliated. Failure of the Service to deliver a notice shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the sanction.

A Participant, on the Participant’s behalf, or on behalf of Subscribers who derive their right to use the Service through the Participant, shall have a right to appeal a sanction involving the suspension of service, except that there shall be no such right to appeal if the suspension has been imposed for the non-payment or the late payment of fees or charges imposed pursuant to Article VI of these Rules and Regulations. An appeal, if permitted hereunder, must be made in a writing delivered to the Service within twenty-one (21) days of the imposition of the sanction or sanctions being appealed. The appeal shall be referred by the Service, within fifteen (15) business days of its receipt, to the Board of Directors of the Service or to such committee or other designee of the Board of Directors as the CEO, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors from time to time may specify as a tribunal for the determination of appeals (each an “Appeals Tribunal”). An Appeals Tribunal shall consist of no fewer than three individuals selected by the Service. At the time an appeal is referred to an Appeals Tribunal, the Service shall give simultaneous written notice thereof to the appealing party, and the appeal shall be heard before the Appeals Tribunal within fifteen (15) business days of its referral. If an appeal is timely and properly Filed following the imposition of a suspension, the suspension itself shall be suspended from the time the appeal is Filed until the completion of the appeals process and the issuance of the decision by the Appeals Tribunal. The Appeals

Tribunal shall operate under such procedures as it shall promulgate to both the appealing party and the Service, it being the intention of these Rules and Regulations that the appeals process be informal, and not subject to formal rules of evidence, but that the process on the whole be fair to each of the participating parties. Parties to an appeal process shall appear before an Appeals Tribunal without the participation of counsel. Decisions of an Appeals Tribunal shall be final and binding on the parties.

In addition to satisfying any other requirements imposed on a suspended Participant and/or Subscriber as a condition of reinstatement with the Service, a suspended Participant and/or Subscriber wishing to be reinstated with the Service must pay all outstanding fees, charges and fines, plus a reinstatement fee, prior to reinstatement. The amount of the reinstatement fee shall be as set forth from time to time in Attachment A hereto.

#### **SECTION 7.2 DISPUTES BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS AND/OR SUBSCRIBERS:**

If a dispute arises between or among any two or more Participants, Subscribers to and/or users of the goods and services provided by the Service, and if that dispute arises out of the use of those goods or services, then, unless the dispute relates solely to a violation of these Rules and Regulations or of any policies of the Service which could subject the disputing parties to a sanction by the Service hereunder, the disputing parties agree that (a) they shall diligently and in good faith seek to resolve the dispute amicably, but (b) if they are unable to do so within thirty (30) days after the first notice of dispute is given by one disputant to the other disputing party or parties, promptly at the end of such thirty-day period, they shall submit the dispute for resolution either (A) to a court with which one or more of the disputing parties has been the first to file a complaint relating to the dispute, provided that such court has jurisdiction over all of the disputing parties, or (B) to settlement by binding arbitration to a tribunal acceptable to the disputing parties, which may be a tribunal maintained by any board or association of REALTORS®, by one or more private or public arbitrators or mediators or by any other tribunal acceptable to the disputing parties, or (C) notwithstanding the preceding clause (A) or clause (C), if each of the disputing parties is a “REALTOR®” (as defined from time to time by the National Association of REALTORS®), and if mandated by the rules, regulations or other requirements of the National Association of

REALTORS®, or any affiliate thereof, to which the disputing parties are subject, to binding arbitration by a tribunal that is maintained by any board or association of REALTORS® and that has been chosen or otherwise determined in accordance with such rules, regulations or other requirements. The Service shall have no responsibility of any kind with respect to, nor shall the Service have, and none of the disputing parties shall assert or have the right to assert against the Service, any liability related to or arising out of the dispute or the mediation, arbitration or other resolution of the dispute. Notwithstanding the continuation of any such dispute, the parties to the dispute shall remain obligated to comply with these Rules and Regulations, with the policies of the Service and with all other conditions to their continued use of the goods and services provided by the Service. Throughout the continuation of any dispute, the parties to the dispute shall keep the Service informed in writing of the status of the dispute and of the terms and conditions of its settlement.

If the Service at any time receives notice that two or more Participants or Subscribers claim to have entered into (or to have the right to enter into) separate Listing Agreements with a Seller for the same property, the Service will so advise each of the named Participants or Subscribers, and the matter shall be treated as a dispute between such Participants and/or Subscribers to be resolved in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph of this Section 7.2. The Service shall have no liability or responsibility of any kind with respect to the dispute, as provided in the preceding paragraph of this Section 7.2. Notwithstanding the efforts of the parties to resolve the dispute, if the dispute has not been resolved within ten (10) days after the Service has advised the parties of the conflicting Listing Agreements, the Service, in its sole and absolute discretion, and in order to preserve the integrity of the data and information in the Service Compilation, may remove from the Service Compilation the Listings of the property which is in dispute. Simultaneously with such removal, the Service shall give notice of the removal to each of the disputing parties. The Service shall be under no obligation to reinstate the removed Listing to the Service Compilation unless and until each of the disputing parties has Filed a notice with the Service acknowledging that the dispute has been resolved and identifying the single Participant and/or Subscriber under whose name the property is to be entered into the Service Compilation as the Listing Broker.

## **ARTICLE VIII - CONFIDENTIALITY OF SERVICE INFORMATION**

**SECTION 8.0 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SERVICE INFORMATION:** Any and all data and information contained in any Service Compilation shall be the proprietary data and information of the Service. Such data and information are provided by the Service for the use of Participants and their affiliated Subscribers solely in their capacities as such, and Participants and their affiliated Subscribers may use such data and information solely in connection with those activities in which they are properly engaged under a valid real estate broker's license or real estate appraiser's license or certification, in either case issued by one or more of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Use of the Service Compilation, including without limitation use of the email and other functionalities of any electronic Service Compilation, is limited strictly to activities by and communications from, to or among Participants and/or Subscribers, in each case in their capacities as such, for the sole purpose of effecting or seeking to effect the sale, lease or appraisal of specific Listed Properties. Without limiting the foregoing, no Participant or Subscriber shall use the email functionality of any electronic Service Compilation (including without limitation the Service Compilation commonly known as "H3MLS") except for the sole purpose of seeking to effect the sale, lease or appraisal of the specific Listed Property or Properties to which its email communication relates. The Service Compilation shall be confidential and for the exclusive use of the Service in the dissemination of information to Participants and Subscribers and for such other uses as may be determined from time to time by the Service. No Participant or Subscriber shall cause or permit any data or information contained in any Service Compilation to be transmitted, retransmitted or otherwise provided or made available in any manner to any individual or entity, other than to an individual or entity who or which is a Participant or Subscriber and other than as provided in Article X of these Rules and Regulations.

**SECTION 8.1 SERVICE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCURACY OF INFORMATION; INDEMNITY:** The data and information contained in any Service Compilation are set forth verbatim therein, without change by the Service, as Filed with the Service by the Participants and/or their affiliated Subscribers. Any Images contained in any Service Compilation are likewise set forth therein, without



change by the Service, as Filed with the Service by the Participants and/or their affiliated Subscribers. The Service does not, and has no obligation to, verify the completeness or accuracy of any data or information Filed with it, or the accuracy of or the rights to ownership or use of any Image Filed with it, and the Service disclaims any responsibility or liability for the accuracy or completeness of any of such data or information or the accuracy of or rights to ownership or use of any such Image. Each Participant and/or its affiliated Subscribers, by using the services of the Service, acknowledges and agrees to the foregoing disclaimers and agrees to indemnify the Service and to hold the Service harmless from and against any liability, damage, cost and expense arising from any inaccuracy or inadequacy of any of the data, information or Images Filed by or on behalf of that Participant and/or its affiliated Subscribers or arising from or based on the use or publication of such data, information or Images by the Service.

**SECTION 8.2 ACCESS TO COMPARABLE AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION:** Upon written request, the Service, in its discretion, may grant Comparable Access (as defined in Section 13.0 below) to (i) real estate professionals who are actively engaged in real estate brokerage, management, mortgage financing, appraising, land development or building activities, but who do not Participate fully in the Service within the meaning of these Rules and Regulations and (ii) real estate assessors for cities and towns in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in their capacities as such. The Service may grant Comparable Access on such terms and conditions, including the payment of fees and charges, and with the imposition of such fines, as may be set forth from time to time in Attachment A of these Rules and Regulations. The terms and conditions on which the Service may grant Comparable Access need not be identical for all classes or groups eligible to request such grant. The data and information made available under this Section 8.2 are for the exclusive use of (A) the qualifying real estate professionals identified in clause (i) above and for the individuals affiliated with such professionals who are also actively engaged in one or more branches of the real estate business identified in clause (i) and (B) qualifying real estate assessors for cities and towns in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in their capacities as such, and none of such data or information may be transmitted, retransmitted or provided or made available in any manner to any other individual or entity.

## **ARTICLE IX - COPYRIGHTS; OWNERSHIP OF MLS PUBLICATIONS AND THE SERVICE COMPILATION**

**SECTION 9.0 GRANT OF AUTHORITY:** By Filing any property Listing data or information with the Service, or by Filing an Image with the Service, a Participant represents and warrants that the Participant, without the necessity of any further consent or approval, has been authorized to grant, and thereby does grant, authority to the Service to include both the property Listing data and information and all such Images in the Service Compilation and any manifestation thereof and to otherwise use such data, information and Images for such other purposes as the Service from time to time shall determine. Copyright to the Service Compilation and any manifestation thereof (including without limitation any MLS Publication), irrespective of medium, form or format, shall be vested and remain in the Service.

**SECTION 9.1 COPYRIGHT:** All right, title and interest in and to each copy of every MLS Publication and any other manifestation of any Service Compilation, and in and to the copyrights therein, shall at all times be and remain vested in the Service.

**SECTION 9.2 USE OF MLS PUBLICATIONS:** Each Participant shall be entitled to have the use of a number of copies of each MLS Publication sufficient to provide the Participant and each Subscriber affiliated with it with one copy of such MLS Publication. Each Participant shall pay a user fee for each such copy in an amount determined from time to time by the Service.

In exchange for payment of the user fee, a Participant shall acquire only the right to use the MLS Publication in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and shall not acquire or have any ownership or other rights therein or thereto.

**SECTION 9.3 USE OF LOGOS AND OTHER MARKS:** The Marks are reserved by the Service exclusively for its own use to identify and promote the products and services of the Service. No

Participant or Subscriber may display, publish or in any way use any of the Marks for the identification or promotion of any product or service of that Participant or Subscriber, of any other Participant or Subscriber or of any other individual or entity, other than the Service itself.

## **ARTICLE X - USE OF MLS PUBLICATIONS AND THE SERVICE COMPILATION**

**SECTION 10.0 DISTRIBUTION:** Each Participant and each Subscriber affiliated with it shall at all times be responsible for the proper use of each copy of any MLS Publication or other manifestation of the Service Compilation made available by the Service for the use of the Participant and the Subscribers affiliated with it. A Participant shall not cause or permit the distribution of any copies of an MLS Publication or any other manifestation of the Service Compilation to any individual or entity other than the Subscribers affiliated with the Participant and other than as specifically provided elsewhere in this Article X. Consistent with the provisions of the third and fourth sentences of Section 8.0 of these Rules and Regulations, use by a Participant or Subscriber of data, information or Images contained in any Service Compilation is strictly limited to those activities authorized under a Participant's or Subscriber's licensure or certification, and any other uses are prohibited. Nothing contained in this Section 10.0 or elsewhere in these Rules and Regulations is intended to convey, nor shall anything herein or therein be deemed to convey, to any individual or entity a right to Participation in the Service or any right of access to any data, information or Image contained in any Service Compilation where conveyance of such rights or access to such data, information or Image is prohibited or not permitted by applicable law.

**SECTION 10.1 DISPLAY:** A Participant and the Subscribers affiliated with it shall be permitted to display MLS Publications and other manifestations of the Service Compilation to a bona fide prospective purchaser or lessee of a Listed Property, but only in the ordinary course of the business of the Participant and its affiliated Subscribers in their efforts to locate ready, willing and able buyers or lessees for the Listed Property.

**SECTION 10.2 REPRODUCTION:** No Participant or Subscriber may reproduce, by any mechanical, electronic or other means, any MLS Publication or any other manifestation of the Service Compilation, or any portion thereof, except in the following limited circumstances:

A Participant or any of its affiliated Subscribers may reproduce from an MLS Publication or from any other manifestation of the Service Compilation, and may distribute by any means to a prospective purchaser or lessee, a reasonable\* number of single copies of property Listing data, information and Images, contained in the MLS Publication (or in such other manifestation of the Service Compilation) which relate to those Listed Properties in which the prospective purchaser or lessee has or may have, in the judgment of the Participant or any of its affiliated Subscribers, a bona fide interest.

Nothing contained in this Section 10.2 shall be construed to preclude a Participant from utilizing, displaying, distributing or reproducing property listing sheets or other compilations of data, information and Images pertaining exclusively to those Listed Properties as to which that Participant is the Listing Broker.

Any data, information or Image contained in the Service Compilation, whether in written or printed form, or whether provided electronically or in any other form or format, is for the exclusive use of the Participant and those Subscribers affiliated with the Participant who are authorized by the Service to have access to such data, information and Images. Such data, information and Images may not be transmitted, retransmitted or provided, in whole or in part, in any manner, to any individual or entity who or which is not a Participant, a Subscriber or a person otherwise specifically authorized to have access to the data, information or Images as and to the extent provided in this Article X.

None of the foregoing shall be construed to prevent any individual legitimately in possession of either "active" Listing information, "comparable" or "sold" information or statistical information from utilizing such information to support an estimate of value on a particular Listed property for a particular client. However, only such information as the Service shall have specifically deemed to be nonconfidential and necessary to support the estimate of value on that

Listed property may be reproduced and attached to a report to the client as supporting documentation. Any other use of such information is unauthorized and prohibited.

\*For purposes of determining what is a “reasonable” number of single copies of property Listing data, information and Images that a Participant and its affiliated Subscribers may properly reproduce and distribute to prospective purchasers or lessees of a Listed Property, the following considerations shall apply. It is intended that the Participant be permitted to provide prospective purchasers or lessees with Listing data, information and Images relating to Listed Properties which, in the good faith reasonable judgment of the Participant or its affiliated Subscribers, the prospective purchaser or lessee has a bona fide interest in purchasing or leasing or in which the Participant in good faith is seeking to promote interest. The term “reasonable” should therefore be construed to permit only limited reproduction and distribution of property Listing data, information and Images intended to facilitate the bona fide prospective purchaser’s or lessee’s decision-making process in the consideration of a purchase or lease. Factors which shall be considered in deciding whether the reproductions and distributions made are consistent with this intent, and thus “reasonable” in number, shall include, but shall not be limited to, the total number of Listings in the Service Compilation, how closely the types of properties contained in such Listings accord with the prospective purchaser’s or lessee’s expressed desires and ability to purchase or lease, whether the reproductions and distributions were made on a selective basis, and whether the types of properties contained in the property Listing data, information and Images provided are consistent with a normal selection of properties which would be shown to such a prospective purchaser or lessee.

**SECTION 10.3 DISPLAY OF MLS COMPILATIONS ON PARTICIPANT AND SUBSCRIBER WEBSITES:**

(a) Subject to its compliance with all of the limitations and conditions set forth in Subsection 10.3(b), Subsection 10.3(c) and Subsection 10.3(d) below, and subject further to its compliance with the requirements of applicable law, each Participant, and each Subscriber affiliated with a Participant, may display on its own website (whether such website constitutes a Public Access Website or a Virtual Private Network) the Listing data, information and Images from time to time included in the Service Compilation. Such Listing data, information and Images either may be

downloaded to the permitted website or it may be framed on the permitted website from any website which the Service from time to time may maintain.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in Subsection 10.3(a) above, any Participant, by delivering a signed written notice to the Service, may prohibit the display, on the Public Access Websites of all other Participants and Subscribers, of “active” Listing data, information and Images for Listings for which the notifying Participant, or any of its affiliated Subscribers, is the Listing Broker. The notice of prohibition shall specify that it is either a blanket prohibition (in which case none of the Listing data, information and Images of the Participant and/or of those of its affiliated Subscribers identified in the notice shall appear on the Public Access Websites of any of the other Participants or Subscribers) or a prohibition relating only to the Listings specified in the notice (in which case only the data, information and Images relating to those specified Listings shall not appear on the Public Access Websites of any of the other Participants or Subscribers). Unless and until a Participant delivers a notice of prohibition as described above in this Subsection 10.3(b), that Participant will be presumed to have consented to the display rights authorized pursuant to Subsection 10.3(a). As soon as practicable after receipt of a notice of prohibition from a Participant, the Service, by log-on message displayed on the System, shall (i) publish the contents of the notice and (ii) request that the prohibited Listing data, information and Images specified in the notice be removed from the Public Access Websites of the other Participants and their affiliated Subscribers. Notwithstanding its receipt of a notice of prohibition from a Participant, the Service shall have no liability to any Participant, or to any affiliated Subscriber of a Participant, arising out of or resulting from the continued display of prohibited Listing data, information or Images on the Public Access Website of another Participant or of any of its affiliated Subscribers. If a Participant has delivered a blanket notice of prohibition as provided herein, then, unless and until the notice of prohibition has been withdrawn, that Participant, and those of its affiliated Subscribers identified in the notice of prohibition, may not display on its or their own Public Access Websites any of the Listing data, information and Images of any of the other Participants or their affiliated Subscribers.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in Subsection 10.3(a) above, the permitted display of Listing data, information and Images on the Public

Access Website of a Participant and/or any of its affiliated Subscribers is subject to the following conditions:

(i) A Public Access Website display may include only those data fields (which, for purposes of this clause (i), shall include Images), which the Service from time to time determines to be acceptable, such acceptable data fields, as the same may be amended from time to time, to be attached to these Rules and Regulations as Attachment C.

(ii) Any Listing or Listing data, information or Images displayed on a Public Access Website must identify the correct name of both the firm and the individual agent which constitute the Listing Broker for that Listing.

(iii) A Public Access Website display may not modify in any way any of the Listing data, information or Images as they originally appeared in the Service Compilation.

(iv) Each screen on a Public Access Website which contains Listing data and information or any Image of a Listed Property, and any distribution of Listing data, information or Images derived from a Public Access Website, shall include, in a prominent location, the following, or a substantially similar, notice:

“The property listing data and information, or the Images, set forth herein were provided to MLS Property Information Network, Inc. from third party sources, including sellers, lessors and public records, and were compiled by MLS Property Information Network, Inc. The property listing data and information, and the Images, are for the personal, non-commercial use of consumers having a good faith interest in purchasing or leasing listed properties of the type displayed to them and may not be used for any purpose other than to identify prospective properties which such consumers may have a good faith interest in purchasing or leasing. MLS Property Information Network, Inc. and its subscribers disclaim any and all representations and warranties as to the accuracy of the property listing data and information, or as to the accuracy of any of the Images, set forth herein.”

(v) All of the Listing data and information displayed on a Public Access Website must be updated at least once every seven (7) days.

(vi) Listing data, information and Images Filed with the Service may be displayed only on the Public Access Websites of those Offices of a Participant (or their Subscribers, with their Participant’s permission) with which there are affiliated Subscribers.

(vii) The sole use of the Listing data, information and Images shall be to support the proper activities of the Participant or Subscriber, under its licensure, in seeking to effect the purchase, sale or leasing of Listed Properties.

(viii) The Public Access Website shall display, in a prominent location (I) the name of the Participant Firm that maintains the Public Access Website, or, if the Public Access Website is maintained by a Subscriber, the name of the Participant Firm with which the Subscriber is affiliated, (II) the office address of the named Participant, (III) the telephone number of the Participant or the Subscriber that maintains the Public Access Website and (IV) a listing of the cities and towns that constitute the market area serviced by the Participant or Subscriber that maintains the Public Access Website.

(ix) A Participant or Subscriber may display on its Public Access Website Listing data, information and Images only if that Participant or Subscriber in good faith holds itself out to be, and in fact is, ready, willing and able to show the Listed Property to which the Listing data, information and Images relate to prospective purchasers and lessees.

(x) The Public Access Website shall display, in a prominent location, the privacy policy of the Participant or Subscriber that maintains the Public Access Website, stating in that policy the use that the Participant or Subscriber may make of the information provided to it by visitors to the Public Access Website and whether, and to whom and under what conditions, the Participant or Subscriber may make that information available to third parties.”

(d) Nothing contained in this Article X is intended to define, limit or restrict the means or medium by which data, information and Images from any Service Compilation may be distributed, displayed, reproduced or used, provided only that such distribution, display, reproduction and use otherwise comply with the terms and conditions of these Rules and Regulations. If a Virtual Private Network is used by a Participant and/or any of its affiliated Subscribers as a means or medium to display Listing data, information and/or Images to bona fide prospective purchasers or lessees of a Listed Property, that display is subject to satisfaction of all of the following conditions:

(i) The Participant or Subscriber may display Listing data, information and Images on its Virtual Private Network only to a bona fide prospective purchaser or lessee of a Listed Property, in the ordinary course of the Participant’s or Subscriber’s

business in their efforts to locate ready, willing and able buyers or lessees for the Listed Property.

(ii) The sole use of the Listing data, information and Images shall be to support the proper activities of the Participant or Subscriber, under its licensure, in seeking to effect the purchase, sale or leasing of Listed Properties.

(iii) The Participant or Subscriber may display to a bona fide prospective purchaser or lessee, on its Virtual Private Network, Listing data, information and Images concerning only a reasonable number of Listed Properties (using the standards set forth in Section 10.2 for determining what is a “reasonable” number).

(iv) The Virtual Private Network shall display, in a prominent location (I) the name of the Participant Firm that maintains the Virtual Private Network, or, if the Virtual Private Network is maintained by a Subscriber, the name of the Participant Firm with which the Subscriber is affiliated, (II) the office address of the named Participant, (III) the telephone number of the Participant or the Subscriber that maintains the Virtual Private Network and (IV) a listing of the cities and towns that constitute the market area serviced by the Participant or Subscriber that maintains the Virtual Private Network.

(v) A Participant or Subscriber may display on its Virtual Private Network Listing data, information and Images only if that Participant or Subscriber in good faith holds itself out to be, and in fact is, ready, willing and able to show the Listed Property to which the Listing data, information and Images relate to prospective purchasers and lessees.

(vi) The Virtual Private Network shall display, in a prominent location, the privacy policy of the Participant or Subscriber that maintains the Virtual Private Network, stating in that policy the use that the Participant or Subscriber may make of the information provided to it by visitors to the Virtual Private Network and whether, and to whom and under what conditions, the Participant or Subscriber may make that information available to third parties.

#### **SECTION 10.4 LIMITATION ON USE:**

Notwithstanding anything otherwise set forth in this Article X or in Article XI below, nothing contained in these Rules and Regulations is intended to grant, nor shall it be deemed to grant, to any Participant, Subscriber or other person any right to distribute, display or reproduce any Service Compilation in its entirety or in substantial part. All right, title and

interest in and to any Service Compilation shall belong exclusively to the Service, as provided in Article IX above, and the rights specifically granted in these Rules and Regulations to distribute, display, reproduce and use the data, information and Images contained in any Service Compilation shall be construed strictly in accordance with their terms.

## **ARTICLE XI - USE OF DATA AND INFORMATION IN ADVERTISING**

### **SECTION 11.0 USE OF DATA AND INFORMATION IN ADVERTISING:**

For purposes of public mass-media advertising or other public representations, the Service itself and any Participant may use data or information taken from the “statistical” report or from any “sold” or “comparable” report contained in any Service Compilation as the basis for aggregated demonstrations of market share or as comparisons with other firms. Subject only to the rights granted to Listing Brokers and Cooperating Brokers in the last sentence of Section 2.8, the foregoing authority does not convey the right to include in any such advertising or representation information about specific Listed Properties that were Filed by other Participants or Subscribers or that were sold by other Participants or Subscribers, in either case as either Listing Broker or Cooperating Broker.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any advertising or other public representation permitted pursuant to the preceding sentence, irrespective of form, format or medium, shall be accurate and not misleading, shall clearly state the period of time covered by such advertising or other representation and shall include the following, or a substantially similar, notice:

“Based on information provided to and compiled by MLS Property Information Network, Inc. covering the period [Insert Initial Date] through [Insert Final Date].”

In addition, if the permitted advertising or other public representation contains a claim to market share based on any data or information contained in any Service Compilation, the advertising or other public representation (a) shall clearly identify the geographical area or statistical category to which the market share relates and (b) shall clearly state whether the market share is presented on a company-

wide basis, on an office-to-office basis or on some other clearly articulated basis.

The Service shall have no liability or responsibility for the truth or accuracy of any data or information contained in any advertising or other public representation made or sponsored by a Participant and/or by any of its affiliated Subscribers, and each of such Participant and its affiliated Subscribers hereby agrees to indemnify the Service and to hold the Service harmless from and against any liability, damage, cost and expense arising from or out of any such advertising or other public representation.

## **ARTICLE XII - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**SECTION 12.0 GENERAL:** These Rules and Regulation, as they may be amended from time to time, shall be binding upon each Participant, Subscriber and other user of any of the goods and services provided by the Service, and each such Participant, Subscriber and other user shall be deemed to have consented and agreed to be bound hereby by its use of such goods and/or services.

**SECTION 12.1 CHANGES IN RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Service shall have the right to amend these Rules and Regulations (including any Attachments hereto) from time to time. Amendments to these Rules and Regulations (and any Attachments hereto) may be made (a) by the Board of Directors of the Service or (b) except for amendments establishing or amending any dues, fees, fines or other charges imposed or proposed to be imposed under these Rules and Regulations, including without limitation amendments to Attachment A hereto, by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Service.

## **ARTICLE XIII - DEFINITIONS**

### **SECTION 13.0 DEFINITIONS:**

**Active Status Request Form** – Shall mean the form required to be signed by a Seller and delivered to the Service by the Seller’s Listing Broker when the Seller requests that an identified property remain an “active” Listing, notwithstanding that the property, absent the timely Filing of the Active Status Request

Form, would be a Listing that is “Under Agreement” and therefore deemed to be “off-market”.

**Comparable Access** - Shall mean the access to “comparable” information, “sold” information, and “statistical” reports (but not “active” listing data) that is in any Service Compilation and that the Service, upon request, may make available, in its discretion, to (i) real estate professionals who are actively engaged in real estate brokerage, management, mortgage financing, appraising, land development or building activities, but who are not either Participants in the Service or affiliated with a Participant in the Service, and (ii) real estate assessors for cities and towns in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in their capacities as such.

**Cooperating Broker** - Shall mean the licensed broker who or which is either a subagent of a Listing Broker, a buyer’s agent or other appropriately licensed facilitator in the process of selling a Listed Property. Wherever the context so requires, reference in these Rules and Regulations to a Cooperating Broker shall include the Participant through which any individual Cooperating Broker is acting.

**Deadline For Filing** - Shall mean, with respect to a property, twenty-four (24) hours (excepting weekends, holidays and postal holidays) after the Listing Agreement or authorization for change with respect to the property (including, without limitation, price changes, changes in contingencies, pendings, cancellations, withdrawals, solds, leases or any other change in the Listing) has been executed and delivered by all necessary signatories and has been received by the Listing Broker.

**Entry-Only Listing** – Shall mean a Listing or Listed Property with respect to which the Listing Broker, pursuant to the Listing Agreement, is not obligated to provide, and will not be providing, any service to the Seller other than the Filing of the Listing and the providing of Seller Contact information to Cooperating Brokers.

**Exclusive Agency** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker becomes the sole agent of the Seller and the Seller agrees to pay a commission to the Listing Broker if the Listed Property is sold through the efforts of any real estate broker. Under

an Exclusive Agency Listing, if the Listed Property is sold solely through the efforts of the Seller, the Seller is not obligated to pay a commission to the Listing Broker or any other broker.

**Exclusive Right To Sell** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker becomes the sole agent of the Seller and the Seller agrees to pay a commission to the Listing Broker regardless of whether the Listed Property is sold through the efforts of the Listing Broker, the Seller or anyone else.

**Exclusive Right To Sell With Dual Rate Of Commission** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker becomes the sole agent of the Seller and the Seller agrees to pay a specified commission if the Listed Property is sold by the Listing Broker without assistance and a different commission if the sale results through the efforts of a Cooperating Broker.

**Exclusive Right To Sell With Named Exclusion** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker becomes the sole agent of the Seller and the Seller agrees to pay a commission to the Listing Broker regardless of whether the Listed Property is sold through the efforts of the Listing Broker, the Seller or anyone else, except that the Seller may name one or more individuals or entities as exemptions in the Listing Agreement and, if the Listed Property is sold to any exempted individual or entity, the Seller is not obligated to pay a commission to the Listing Broker (nor will the Service include the Listed Property as a "sold" in any manifestation of the Service Compilation).

**Exclusive Right to Sell With Variable Rate of Commission** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker becomes the sole agent of the Seller and the Seller agrees to pay a specified commission if the Listed Property is sold by the Listing Broker either with or without the assistance of a Cooperating Broker and a different commission if the sale results through the efforts of the Seller.

**Facilitation/Exclusive** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker does not represent either the

Seller or the buyer or become the agent of either of them and the Seller agrees to pay a commission to the Listing Broker if the Listed Property is sold through the efforts of any real estate broker. Under a Facilitation/Exclusive Listing, if the Listed Property is sold solely through the efforts of the Seller, the Seller is not obligated to pay a commission to the Listing Broker or any other broker.

**Facilitation/Exclusive Right To Sell** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker does not represent either the Seller or the buyer or become the agent of either of them and the Seller agrees to pay a commission to the Listing Broker regardless of whether the Listed Property is sold through the efforts of the Listing Broker, the Seller or anyone else.

**Facilitation/Exclusive Right To Sell With Dual Rate Of Commission** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker does not represent either the Seller or the buyer or become the agent of either of them and the Seller agrees to pay a specified commission if the Listed Property is sold by the Listing Broker without assistance and a different commission if the sale results through the efforts of a Cooperating Broker.

**Facilitation/Exclusive Right To Sell With Named Exclusion** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker does not represent either the Seller or the buyer or become the agent of either of them and the Seller agrees to pay a commission to the Listing Broker regardless of whether the Listed Property is sold through the efforts of the Listing Broker, the Seller or anyone else, except that the Seller may name one or more individuals or entities as exemptions in the Listing Agreement and, if the Listed Property is sold to any exempted individual or entity, the Seller is not obligated to pay a commission to the Listing Broker (nor will the Service include the Listed Property as a "sold" in any manifestation of the Service Compilation).

**Facilitation/Exclusive Right to Sell With Variable Rate of Commission** - Shall mean, when applied to a Listing Agreement, a Listing Agreement under which the Listing Broker does not represent either the Seller or the buyer or become the agent of either of them

and the Seller agrees to pay a specified commission if the Listed Property is sold by the Listing Broker either with or without the assistance of a Cooperating Broker and a different commission if the sale results through the efforts of the Seller.

**Filed (or variants on the term, as the context may require)** - Shall mean directly input into the System by a Participant or Subscriber by electronic or other means or actually received by the Service from a Participant or Subscriber in printed or written form at the principal place of business of the Service for inclusion in the Service Compilation. All original and executed documentation - including all Property Data Forms, Listing Agreements and status change forms of any kind - must be kept by the Listing Broker and shall not be Filed with the Service. As set forth in Section 1.15 above, a Participant or Subscriber must submit to the Service such written information and data concerning its Listings, and copies of Listing Agreements related thereto, as the Service may request from time to time. Failure to comply with any such request may subject the Participant and/or the Subscriber to a fine as indicated in Attachment A hereto.

**Images** – Any photograph, sketch or other image of or directly related to a Listed Property in any medium, but not including any virtual tour of a Listed Property.

**Listing or Listed Property** - Shall mean a property as to which all necessary data, information and Images have been Filed with the Service.

**Listing Agreement** - Shall mean a signed written agreement between a Seller and a broker which constitutes either an Exclusive Agency Listing, an Exclusive Right To Sell Listing, an Exclusive Right To Sell With Dual Rate of Commission, an Exclusive Right To Sell With Named Exclusion, an Exclusive Right To Sell With Variable Rate Of Commission, a Facilitation/Exclusive, a Facilitation/Exclusive Right To Sell Listing, a Facilitation/Exclusive Right To Sell With Dual Rate of Commission, a Facilitation/Exclusive Right To Sell With Named Exclusion or a Facilitation/Exclusive Right To Sell With Variable Rate Of Commission. A Listing Agreement must include the Seller's written authorization to the Listing Broker to submit the Listing Agreement to the Service and to File the

Listing at such time and upon satisfaction of such conditions as shall be specified therein.

**Listing Broker** - Shall mean the Individual Participant or Participant Firm who or which Files a Listing with the Service.

**Listing Status Codes** - Shall mean the shorthand codes used by the Service to indicate the status of a Listed Property. A table of Listing Status Codes currently used by the Service is attached to these Rules and Regulations as Attachment B hereto.

**Marks** – Shall mean any of the marks and logos owned by the Service that use, include or incorporate in any way any one or more of the terms “MLS PIN”, “H3MLS” or “H3” or the block “MLS Property Information Network” mark, or any variant of the same, that appears on these Rules and Regulations, on the Service's letterhead or on the Service's website.

**MLS Publications** - Shall mean the copyrighted MLS books (Full, Supplement and Comparable) that the Service causes to be published and copyrighted in its name for the exclusive use of Participants and their affiliated Subscribers.

**Non-MLS Listing/Delayed Listing Form** - Shall mean the form required to be signed by a Seller and delivered to the Service by the Seller's Listing Broker when the Seller requests either (a) that an identified property not be Listed in the Service or (b) that an identified property be listed in the Service, but only after the Deadline For Filing for that property and only on a fixed date specified in the Form or on a date still to be determined.

**Office** - Shall mean the distinct location from which a Participant or Subscriber conducts a real estate business that is licensed by the appropriate state real estate licensing authority, agency or board, or its functional equivalent, legally designated as such in one or more of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

**Participant** - Shall mean, as the context requires, (i) any individual or sole proprietorship and any partnership, corporation, limited liability company or



other legal entity which Participates in the Service (sometimes referred to herein as a “Participant Firm”) and/or (ii) the individual who is designated by a Participant Firm to be the individual with the responsibility of the Participant under these Rules and Regulations (sometimes referred to herein as an “Individual Participant”). For purposes of qualifying for Participation in the Service, the proposed Participant Firm and the proposed Individual Participant shall be required to satisfy the applicable eligibility requirements stated in the definition of “Participation” below. Upon admission of a Participant Firm to Participation in the Service, an Individual Participant has and may exercise all of the rights, benefits and privileges of Participation in the Service in the name and on behalf of the Participant Firm with which the Individual Participant is affiliated. Any such Individual Participant shall be responsible for compliance with all of the liabilities and obligations to the Service by the Participant Firm with which the Individual Participant is affiliated, including compliance with these Rules and Regulations and with the policies of the Service by all of the Subscribers and other persons affiliated with the Participant Firm. Under no circumstances is any individual or entity entitled to be a Participant or to Participate in the Service unless the individual or entity (a) holds a current, valid real estate broker’s license issued by one or more of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont and has all necessary power and authority to offer and accept cooperation and compensation to and from other Participants, or (b) holds a current, valid license or certificate issued by an appropriate state regulatory agency or authority of any one or more of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont to engage in the appraisal of real property.

**Participation** - Participation in the Service shall be available only to (a) an individual, sole proprietorship or legal entity of any kind licensed as a real estate broker by one or more of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont or (b) an individual licensed or certified as a real estate appraiser by one or more of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Participation in the Service shall be available only to a licensed real estate broker or to a licensed or certified appraiser that, in either case, (i) under such licensure or certification, is engaged actively, or in good faith advertises or holds itself out to be engaged actively, in the real estate profession, either by buying, selling, exchanging, renting or leasing, appraising, building,

developing or subdividing real estate, in each case for another person and for a fee, commission or other valuable consideration, or with the intention or in the expectation or upon the promise of receiving or collecting a fee, commission or other valuable consideration, and (ii) abides fully by these Rules and Regulations and the policies of the Service. In determining whether an individual, sole proprietorship or legal entity is eligible for Participation in the Service as a Participant Firm and whether an individual affiliated with a Participant Firm that is a legal entity is eligible for Participation in the Service as the Individual Participant of that Participant Firm, the Service shall apply the standards set forth in clause (i) to the Participant Firm and the standards set forth in clause (ii) to both the Participant Firm and the Individual Participant, and both the Participant Firm and the Individual Participant shall be required to satisfy all of the applicable eligibility requirements. “Participation” may be expressed in these Rules and Regulations in the verb form to “Participate”.

**Primary Coverage Area** – Shall mean The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and such other contiguous or non-contiguous geographical areas as the Board of Directors of the Service from time to time may specify and designate as included in the Service’s Primary Coverage Area.

**Property Data Form** - Shall mean the printed or electronic form used to record data or information which will be Filed with the Service, including any printed or electronic form used to indicate a change in status of a Listing.

**Public Access Website** – Shall mean a website established or maintained by a Participant or by any of its affiliated Subscribers access to which is not limited or restricted.

Note: While, in some contexts, the term “Public Access Website” may correspond functionally to the term “Information Data Exchange” (sometimes referred to as “IDX”) promulgated by the National Association of Realtors®, the terms are not necessarily the same, and the Service is not bound by the use or interpretation of the National Association of Realtors® term.

**Request for Deferral of Showing Form** – Shall mean the form required to be signed by a Seller and delivered to the Service by the Seller’s Listing

Broker when the Seller requests that Showings of an identified property be deferred to a date certain, specified in the Form, that is beyond the Filing of the Listing for that property.

**Seller** - Shall mean any one or more individuals and/or entities, as the case may be, who or which a Participant has determined to be the proper party or parties seeking to sell or lease a property through that Participant.

**Service** - Shall mean MLS Property Information Network, Inc., a Massachusetts business corporation, or, as the context may require, the multiple listing service owned and operated by MLS Property Information Network, Inc.

**Service Compilation** - Shall mean any form, format or medium in which property listing data, information and Images and/or tax information are collected and/or disseminated to Participants from time to time by the Service, including, but not limited to, the System and any other computer database, any MLS Publication, any bound book, loose-leaf binder and card file, and any other form, format or medium whatsoever. The Service Compilation and the data and information contained therein are copyrighted in the name of the Service.

**Showing** – Shall mean any on-site access to or viewing of a Listed Property by (i) any customer or client of the Listing Broker or of any potential Cooperating Broker or (ii) any Participant or Subscriber seeking to acquire an interest in the Listed Property.

**Subscribers** - Shall mean those non-principal brokers, sales licensees and licensed or certified appraisers and appraisal trainees affiliated with a Participant who are authorized by the Service, following payment of any applicable participation, access and other fees and charges, to use some or all of the goods and services provided by the Service and/or have access to some or all of the Service Compilation. Because a Subscriber's rights under these Rules and Regulations are derived solely through the authority hereunder of the Participant with which the Subscriber is affiliated, the rights of a Subscriber to use goods and services provided by the Service and/or to have access to some or all of the Service Compilation shall be no broader, and, in the discretion of the Service, may be narrower, than the

rights of the Participant with which the Subscriber is affiliated.

**System** - Shall mean the computerized database of property data, information and Images maintained by the Service.

**Virtual Private Network** – Shall mean a website or other means of electronic communication, established and/or maintained, directly or through a third party, by a Participant or by an affiliated Subscriber of a Participant, by means of which a Participant or Subscriber distributes, displays or makes available to one or more authorized persons (as hereinafter defined) data, information and/or Images contained in any Service Compilation. For purposes of this definition, the term “authorized person” shall mean (i) any individual or entity who or which has been determined in good faith by an Individual Participant or Subscriber to have a bona fide interest in purchasing or leasing a Listed Property of the kind in which the individual or entity has expressed an interest to the Individual Participant or Subscriber; and (ii) any employee or agent of the Participant or Subscriber that has established or maintains a Virtual Private Network, provided that (A) the function of such employee or agent is solely to assist the Participant or Subscriber in the conduct of its business, (B) such employee or agent shall not have or assert any right to distribute, display, reproduce or use the data, information or any Image contained in any Service Compilation in its own name or on its own behalf and (C) such employee or agent complies with the limitations and restrictions set forth in Article X of these Rules and Regulations concerning the distribution, display, reproduction and use of the data, information and Images contained in any Service Compilation.

Note: While, in some contexts, the term “Virtual Private Network” may correspond functionally to the term “Virtual Office Website” (sometimes referred to as “VOW”) promulgated by the National Association of Realtors®, the terms are not necessarily the same, and the Service is not bound by the use or interpretation of the National Association of Realtors® term.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Service Fees, Charges and Fines**

Fees, charges and fines are subject to change, in both amount and nature, by the Board of Directors. No application fee, listing fee, participation fee or other charges or fines required to be paid by a Participant or Subscriber shall be refunded or waived, except on approval of the Service, which approval the Service may grant or withhold in its absolute discretion.

**RECURRING SERVICE FEES FOR PARTICIPANTS AND SUBSCRIBERS**

The Board of Directors shall designate the amount of such fees from time to time.

**ALTERNATIVE LEVELS OF ACCESS**

The following levels of access are alternative forms of access to Service data, information and Images and are available to individuals or entities who or which are not Participants or Subscribers. Participants and Subscribers who or which pay the full Service fees as described above are not obligated to pay the fees described below for alternative levels of access.

Comparable Access Fee	\$81 per month per access identification number. Comparable Access is access to “comparable” information, “sold” information and statistical reports (but not “active” Listing data) that is in any Service Compilation and that the Service, upon request, may make available, in its discretion, to (i) real estate professionals who are actively engaged in real estate brokerage, management, mortgage financing, appraising, land development or building activities, but who are not either Participants in the Service or affiliated with a Participant in the Service, and (ii) real estate assessors for cities and towns in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in their capacities as such.
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**OTHER FEES AND CHARGES**

Reinstatement Fee for Suspended Service	\$250 for the first suspension and \$500 for any subsequent suspension that is imposed before the first anniversary of the lifting of the preceding suspension.
Interest on Overdue Unpaid Balances	1.5% per month.

**FINES**

[The citation of one or more specific Sections of the Rules and Regulations in the description of a violation is for general guidance and does not necessarily limit the described violation to the cited Section.]

Filing of a Listing without a Listing Agreement signed by the Seller.	\$1,000 for the first violation; suspension for not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.
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Filing of a Listing or Filing of a Non-MLS Listing/Delayed Listing Form after the Deadline for Filing (as defined in Section 13.0).

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

Including in any Filing with the Service information or data that is known, or could reasonably be known, to be false, inaccurate, misleading or incomplete and that has the intention or effect of either (i) impairing the quality or accuracy of any statistical report that contains "comparable" information, "sold" information and/or any other information that may be generated by or in a Service Compilation or (ii) circumventing quality or security routines in the System or any other Service Compilation. (Section 1.2, Note 2).

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

Violation of the prohibitions in Section 1.0(e) against identifying or including forms of identification or contact in certain sections or fields of the Property Data Form.

\$100 for the first violation; \$250 for the second violation; \$500 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

Failure or refusal to designate an Entry-Only Listing when Filing a Listing (Note 2 to Section 1.0).

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension for not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

Non-Filing of a status change or Filing of a status change after the Deadline for Filing (as defined in Section 13.0).

\$100 for the first violation; \$250 for the second violation; \$500 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

Extension of a Listing without signed authorization by the Seller (Section 1.12).

\$1,000.

Non-Filing of a mandatory Listing or non-Filing of a Non-MLS Listing/Delayed Listing Form (Section 1.0(a) and Section 1.3).

\$1,000. If a Listing is Filed with the Service under the "SOLD" or "Under Agreement" status, it will be removed from the Service Compilation.

Failure or refusal, for more than 72 hours after delivery of a request from the Service, to provide requested documentation or requested data and information relating to a Listing and/or copies of the Listing Agreement related thereto (Section 1.15).

For the first violation, \$250 and removal of the Listing from the Service Compilation; for the second violation, \$500 and removal of the Listing from the Service Compilation; for the third violation, \$1,000 and removal of the Listing from the Service Compilation; for each violation thereafter, suspension for not less than ten (10) days and removal of the Listing from the Service Compilation.

Allowing access to any Service Compilation by an individual or entity not authorized by the Service to have such access (Article X).

\$1,000 and possible suspension of service.

Non-Filing of an Image of a Listed Property or Filing of an Image after the Deadline For Filing of an Image for that type of Listed Property, all as specified in the Image Filing policy set forth in Attachment D to these Rules and Regulations.

\$25 for failure to File by the deadline for filing of the Image as set forth in Attachment D and \$25 for each additional five business day period until the Image is Filed.

Violation of any other provision of the Image Filing policy set forth in Attachment D to these Rules and Regulations.

As provided in the Image Filing policy set forth in Attachment D to these Rules and Regulations.

Failure or refusal to disclose dual or variable rate of commission when Filing a Listing (Section 5.3).

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension for not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

If a Seller has executed a Request for Deferral of Showing Form for a property, failure or refusal to state in the "Firm Remarks" field of the Property Data Form for the Listed Property (i) the existence of the deferral and (ii) the date to which the Showings have been deferred.

\$100 for the first violation; \$250 for the second violation; \$500 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

Non-Filing of an Active Status Request Form or Filing of an Active Status Request Form after the Deadline for Filing (as defined in Section 13).

\$100 for the first violation; \$250 for the second violation; \$500 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter."

Failure or refusal to correctly identify the type of Listing Agreement on the Property Data Form (Section 1.0, Note 1). Failure or refusal to disclose dual or variable rate of commission when Filing a Listing (Section 5.3).

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

For those changes on a Listing that require the written authorization of the Seller prior to Filing the change with the Service, Filing of the change without the Seller's prior written authorization (Section 1.4).

\$1,000.

Filing of a cancellation of a Listing without the prior written authorization of the Seller (Section 1.5).

\$1,000.

Filing of a withdrawal of a Listing without the prior written authorization of the Seller (Section 1.6).

\$1,000.

Filing of a Listing without a definite and final expiration date or with an expiration date that is not an expiration date that has been negotiated between the Seller and the Listing Broker (Section 1.11).

\$1,000.

Failure to timely deliver a Deferral of Showing Form (Section 2.0)

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension for not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

Showing of a Listed Property during the deferral period shown on the Deferral of Showing Form Filed for that Listed Property (Section 2.0).

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

Deferral of the Showing of a Listed Property for which a Deferral of Showing Form has not been executed and delivered by the Seller and timely Filed with the Service (Section 2.0).

\$1,000.

Failure or refusal of a Listing Broker to pay compensation to a Cooperating Broker in a transaction in which the Cooperating Broker's entitlement to compensation is undisputed or the dispute concerning compensation has been finally resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of Section 7.2 (Section 5.0 and Section 7.2)

If compensation is not paid in full within ten (10) days after warning by the Service, suspension until the compensation is paid in full. The Service will not issue a warning unless and until it has received written evidence reasonably satisfactory to it that either the Cooperating Broker's entitlement to compensation is undisputed or the dispute concerning compensation has been finally resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of Section 7.2.

Failure or refusal of a Participant or Subscriber to submit to resolution of a dispute as provided in Section 7.2 or otherwise to comply with the dispute resolution provisions of Section 7.2 (Section 5.0 and Section 7.2).

If the dispute has not been resolved during the thirty-day period provided for in clause (a) of Section 7.2, suspension thereafter to begin when the Service has received convincing written evidence of the failure or refusal of the Participant or Subscriber to submit to resolution of the dispute or otherwise to comply with the dispute resolution provisions, in either case as set forth in Section 7.2. Any such suspension shall continue until the Service has received convincing written evidence that good faith compliance with the provisions of Section 7.2 has begun and is continuing.

Failure or refusal to show total compensation offered to a Cooperating Broker on a Listing in the manner or format required by Section 5.0, Note 1 (Section 5.0, Note 1).

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter. For each violation, beginning with the first, and in addition to the above sanctions, the violation will result in removal of the Listing from the

Use by a Participant or Subscriber of any data or information contained in any Service Compilation in a manner inconsistent either with the Participant's or Subscriber's capacity as such or with the capacity in which the Participant or Subscriber Participates in the Service (Section 8.0).

Use by a Participant or Subscriber of the Service Compilation, or of its email or any other functionality, in a manner inconsistent either with the Participant's or Subscriber's capacity as such or with the capacity in which the Participant or Subscriber Participates in the Service (Section 8.0).

Improper use of the Service's Marks (Section 9.3).

Failure to comply with any of the requirements of Section 10.3(b), Section 10.3(c) or Section 10.3(d).

#### Service Compilation.

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

\$250 for the first violation; \$500 for the second violation; \$1,000 for the third violation; and suspension of not less than ten (10) days for each violation thereafter.

A warning for the first violation; if the violation is not corrected by the end of the third calendar day after delivery of the warning, \$250; if the violation is not corrected by the end of the fifth calendar day after delivery of the warning, an additional \$500; if the violation is not corrected by the end of the seventh calendar day after delivery of the warning, an additional \$1,000 and suspension (including withdrawal of the data feed to the violator's website(s)) until the violation is corrected. For each subsequent violation, \$1,000 and suspension (including withdrawal of the data feed to the violator's website) until the violation is corrected. The existence or imposition of a sanction under these Rules and Regulations for improper use of the Service's Marks shall not in any way limit the Service's rights to protect its Marks or to seek other legal and/or equitable relief or redress at any time for any improper use of the Service's Marks.

A warning for the first violation; if the violation is not corrected by the end of the third calendar day after delivery of the warning, \$250; if the violation is not corrected by the end of the fifth calendar day after delivery of the notice, an additional \$500; if the violation is not corrected by the end of the seventh calendar day after delivery of the warning, an additional \$1,000 and suspension (including withdrawal of the data feed to the violator's website) until the violation is corrected. For each subsequent violation, \$1,000 and suspension (including withdrawal of the data feed to the violator's website) until the violation is corrected.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**Listing Status Codes**

<b><u>Status Code</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
ACT	Active
NEW	New
PCG	Price Change
EXT	Extended
BOM	Back on Market
UAG	Under Agreement
RAC	Reactivated
SLD	Sold
EXP	Expired
CAN	Cancelled
WDN	Withdrawn
RNT	Rented

**DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN LISTING STATUS CODES:**

**Under Agreement (UAG)** - Shall mean the status of a Listed Property when the Seller and the potential buyer of the Listed Property either (i) have executed and delivered a purchase and sale agreement or, if earlier, (ii) have executed and delivered a written bilateral offer to purchase, and, in either case, the Seller has not requested that the Listed Property remain “active” for back-up offers. Each “UAG” Listing shall be considered to be “off-market”.

**Cancelled (CAN)** - Shall mean the status of a Listed Property where the Listing Agreement has been terminated prior to its expiration date. The Filing of a notice with the Service, indicating that a Listing has been cancelled, functions only to indicate the status of the Listing with the Service. In the absence of a contrary agreement between the Seller and the broker for the cancelled Listing, the Filing of the notice with the Service, in and of itself, does not affect the legal rights or duties, if any, that may continue to exist between the Seller and that broker under the terminated Listing Agreement.

**Withdrawn (WDN)** - Shall mean the status of a Listed Property that is temporarily taken off the market. Each “WDN” Listing remains subject to the terms and conditions of its original Listing Agreement and, as such, expires at midnight on the expiration date of the Listing Agreement.



ATTACHMENT C

Acceptable Data Fields for Public Access Websites

Single Family Fields	Town
Property Type	County
Listing Number	Zip Code
Town	List Price
County	Type of Condo/Co-op
Zip Code	Style
List Price	Number of Living Levels
Type of Single Family	Approximate Lot Size
Style	Approximate Acres
Approximate Lot Size	Approximate Gross Living Area
Approximate Acres	Basement_Yes/No
Approximate Gross Living Area	Total Number of Rooms
Garage Capacity	Total Bedrooms
Garage Description	Number of Full Baths
Basement_Yes/No	Number of Half Baths
Total Number of Rooms	Total Bathrooms
Total Bedrooms	Master Bath_Yes/No
Number of Full Baths	All Room Levels and Sizes
Number of Half Baths	
Total Bathrooms	Land Fields
Master Bath_Yes/No	Property Type
All Room Levels and Sizes	Listing Number
	Town
	County
	Zip Code
	List Price
	Type of Land
	Approximate Lot Size
	Total Approximate Acres
	Commercial/Industrial Fields
	Property Type
	Listing Number
	Town
	County
	Zip Code
	List Price
	Type of Commercial/Industrial
	Space Available
	Number of Residential Units
	Residential Square Feet
	Number of Office Units
	Office Square Feet
	Number of Retail Units
Condo/Co-op Fields	
Property Type	
Listing Number	

Retail Square Feet  
Number of Warehouse Units  
Warehouse Square Feet  
Total Square Feet  
Approximate Lot Size  
Estimated Acres  
Number of Parking Spaces

Number of Manufacturing Units  
Manufacturing Square Feet  
Total Units

Business Opportunity Fields

Property Type  
Listing Number  
Town  
County  
Zip Code  
List Price  
Type of Business Opportunity  
Approximate Lot Size  
Building Square Feet  
Number of Parking Spaces  
Real Estate Included

Rental Fields

Property Type  
Listing Number  
Town  
County  
Zip Code  
Rent Price  
Type of Rental  
Total Number of Rooms  
Total Bedrooms  
Number of Full Baths  
Number of Half Baths  
Total Bathrooms  
Master Bath\_Yes/No  
Parking Spaces  
Approximate Lot Size  
Approximate Gross Living Area

## **ATTACHMENT D**

### **Image Submission Policy**

On September 1, 1998, the Board of Directors of the Service adopted this policy for the mandatory Filing of photographs, sketches and other images (collectively, "Images") for "SF" ("Single Family"), "MF" ("Multi-Family"), and "CC" ("Condominium-Cooperative") Listings. The Board of Directors amended the policy on April 2, 2003. The Board of Directors further amended the policy on October 27, 2004 to mandate the Filing of Images "CI" ("Commercial/Industrial") Listings.

Images must be Filed within five (5) days (excluding weekends, holidays and postal holidays) from the date the Listing was Filed with the Service, regardless of the current status of the Listing. This includes: NEW, ACT, WDN, RAC, PCG, UAG, SLD, BOM. The fine for not submitting an Image in this time frame is set forth in Attachment A to the Rules and Regulations of the Service.

If a Listing is a "To Be Built" or "Under Construction" property, the Listing Broker must specify on the listing under "YBD" ("Year Built Description") either "(E) To Be Built", or "(F) Under Construction". Images of Listed Properties carrying these designations must not be Filed until the exterior of the structure is complete.

If a Seller does not want an Image of its Listed Property submitted to the Service, the Seller must submit to the Service, before the Deadline For Filing the Image of the Listed Property, a writing, signed by the Seller, stating that the Seller does not want an Image included in the Listing for the Seller's Listed Property and requesting that the Service waive its Image requirement. If the Seller's letter is not timely Filed, and if an Image has not been submitted, the Service may impose a fine as specified in Attachment A to the Rules and Regulations.

The Service does not assume any responsibility for Images lost in the mail or lost during e-mail transmission.

The staff of the Service from time to time may promulgate procedures for the implementation and enforcement of the foregoing Image submission policy.