# **ROOM RENTAL AGREEMENT**

This is a legally binding agreement. It is intended to promote household harmony by clarifying the expectations and responsibilities of the homeowner or Principal Tenant (Landlords) and Tenant when they share the same home. The term "Landlord" refers to either homeowner or Principal Tenant. Landlord shall provide a copy of this document to the Tenant, as required by law.

#### Rental Unit Located at:

(Address)	
Parties	
Owner/Principal Tenant (circle)	Tenant
(Name)	(Name)
Terms	
Length of Agreement: Month-to-Month	1
Either party may cancel or change terms of the notice period may be lengthened or shortened	his agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice. The d by written agreement.
Rent	
	t does not, utility bills will be apportioned as follows:
Gas/Electricity: Tenant pays	% of monthly bill.
□ Water/Garbage: Tenant pays	% of monthly bill.

Phone: Tenant pays \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of monthly bill plus personal long distance calls.

Other:	, Tenant pays	% of monthly bill.
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### Household Rules

Cleaning	Kitchen Use
Overnight Guests	Use of washer, dryer, appliances
Smoking	Use of Common areas
Alcohol/Drug Use	Use of telephone
Studying/Quiet Hours	Sharing personal items
Music/TV	Bedroom Assignment
Pets	Other

Attach supplementary sheet for more detail or additional categories.

#### **Conflict Resolution**

Each housemate will strive to develop mutual cooperation and good feelings with all other housemates. Should disagreements arise, each shall try to resolve the dispute in good faith using clear communication. If disputes continue thereafter, the housemates agree to the following methods of conflict resolution:

- $\Box$  Decision by household consensus
- □ Mediation by impartial third party
- $\hfill\square$  Decision by household majority vote

### Privacy

As required by law, the landlordmay enter the tenant's room only for the following reasons: (a) in case of emergency; (b) to make necessary or agreed-upon repairs, decorations, or improvements, supply necessary or agreed-upon services, or exhibit the dwelling unit to prospective or actual purchasers, mortgagees, tenants, workers, or contractors; (c) when the tenant has abandoned or surrendered the premises; or (d) pursuant to court order. The landlord must give the tenant written twenty-four (24) hours notice of intent to enter and may enter only during normal business hours, excepting by necessity, cases (a) and (c) above.

## Deposits

Last month's rent:	paid on,	amount \$		
Security Deposit:	paid on,	amount \$		
Other refundable deposit (i.e., telephone or utility deposit for payment of bills after tenant moves out)				

in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_, was paid on \_\_\_\_\_\_

This deposit is refundable within \_\_\_\_\_\_ days after tenant

vacates the premises. If any portion of it is deducted, an accounting and verification of the reasonableness of the deduction will be provided.

The security deposit may be used for the purpose of repairing damage for which the tenant is responsible (beyond normal wear and tear), cleaning, or paying unpaid rent or utilities. The landlord and the tenant shall conduct a pre-move out inspection of the rental BEFORE the tenant moves out at which time the landlord shall inform the tenant of needed repairs and/or cleaning in writing. The tenant shall have the right to make any repairs identified at the pre-move out inspection at his or her expense before the move out date without deduction from the security deposit. Within three weeks after the tenant moves out, the landlord shall return the deposit to the tenant with accrued interest, if any, less any deductions the landlord is entitled to under this agreement. If any deductions are made, the landlord shall provide the tenant with a written itemized statement of expenses and receipts for cleaning or repairs for which deductions were made from the deposit.

This residence being in the County of Santa Cruz (with the exception of Scotts Valley), simple interest will be paid annually on the security deposit and/or last month's rent to the tenant, pursuant to current local ordinance.

- □ Decision by Principle Tenant
- Decision by Owner

#### **Other Agreements**

Fill out a) or b) as it applies to your situation

A) Principal Tenant will has provided tenant a copy of the Condition of Rental Property

Checklist, completed when household first moves/moved in.

□ B) Both landlord and tenant will complete attached Condition of Rental Property Checklist available at: http://housing.ucsc.edu/cro/pdf/condition-checklist.pdf

#### Megan's Law

"Pursuant To Section 290.46 of the Penal Code, information about specified registered sex offenders is made available to the public via an Internet Web site maintained by the Department of Justice at www. meganslaw.ca.gov. Depending on an offender's criminal history, this information will include either the address at which the offender resides or the community of residence and ZIP Code in which he or she resides."

#### Lead-Based Paint Disclosure

\_\_\_\_\_Tenant(s) acknowledge(s) receipt of "Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint or Lead-Based Paint Hazards" from landlord/agent. (Required for homes built before 1978.) Available online at http://www.epa.gov/lead.pubs/selr\_eng.pdf

Tenant(s) acknowledge(s) receipt of the pamphlet *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*. (Required for homes built before 1978.) Landlords may call 1-800-424-LEAD or go to http://www.epa. gov/lead/pubs/leadpdfe.pdf to obtain a copy of the pamphlet.

This agreement is entered into on this	day of	, 20
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Landlord	Tenant	
Signature	Signature	