ENTRANCE FEE INFORMATION FORM – OTHER THAN NON-PROFIT LANDLORD

THIS INFORMATION IS GIVEN TO YOU AS REQUIRED BY THE LIFE LEASES ACT

Residential Complex:	Name:	
	Location:	
Landlord: (Legal Owner)	Name:	
	Address:	
	Contact: Phone:	
Tenant(s):	Name(s):	
	Address:	
Information Required By The Life Leases Act	Under <i>The Life Leases Act</i> , your landlord must give you this form before accepting your entrance fee or before consenting to the assignment of a life lease to you. The form has important information about your life lease and <i>The Life Leases Act</i> . The information in this form is specific to this complex.	
About Life Leases and Entrance Fees	Life leases are a unique form of rental housing. They are unique because tenants must pay an entrance fee to live in a life lease complex.	
	The landlord usually uses the entrance fees of the first tenants of the complex to pay for a large part of the cost of building the complex. The landlord may also use this money to set up a fund to repay entrance fees to tenants when their tenancies end. The fund is called a refund fund. Tenants who enter into life leases after the complex is built also pay entrance fees. The landlord usually uses these entrance fees to repay tenants who end their tenancies and to maintain any refund fund.	
	Most life leases are for the life of the tenant. Tenants can leave at any time, as long as they give 3 months notice.	
	Some landlords refund entrance fees at the end of tenancies. Others allow tenants to recover their own entrance fees by selling (assigning) their lease to a new tenant. Before you sign a life lease, the landlord must tell you how you can get your money back at the end of your tenancy. You should have a lawyer review the life lease and the other documents before you sign them.	
	When refunding an entrance fee, the landlord cannot keep part of the money to cover the cost of repairing damage or replacing worn out items, like carpeting, unless, before the refund is due, a final order has been made under <i>The Residential Tenancies Act</i> that the tenant pay the landlord compensation for such costs.	
	In Manitoba, people living in life lease complexes are tenants. They do not own their apartment/unit. They do not participate in managing the complex, unless the landlord allows.	

About The Life Leases Act

The Manitoba Legislature created *The Life Leases Act* to do 3 main things:

- require landlords to give tenants information about their life leases before paying a pre-lease payment and before paying an entrance fee. Landlords are also required to give tenants financial information about their complex at least once a year and to hold an annual meeting to discuss the information;
- protect tenants' funds:
 - by requiring landlords that have not entered into any life leases before the Act comes into force to have a trustee hold the entrance fees of the first tenants to lease the units of the complex. The trustee will not release any funds until the landlord meets certain conditions e.g. having building permits and enough funding to finish the complex;
 - by requiring landlords that have not entered into any life leases before the Act comes into force to have a fund held by a trustee to refund entrance fees (refund fund), unless the landlord requires tenants to recover their own entrance fees by selling (assigning) their lease to a new tenant. Where landlords will have a refund fund, they decide what the initial amount in the fund will be. The Act does not specify the amount landlords must have in the refund fund;
 - by requiring non-profit landlords to establish a reserve fund for repairing and replacing heating systems, roofs and other major components. The *Act* does not specify the amount landlords must have in their reserve funds.
- amend *The Residential Tenancies Act* to make it apply more effectively to landlords and tenants of life lease complexes.

Cancellation Rights:

(Insert either A or B as applicable.)

- A. If you do not have possession of your unit, you have 7 days to cancel your life lease. The 7-day period begins on the later of:
 - the day after your signed lease or offer to lease is given to the landlord; or
 - the day the landlord gives you the Tenant's Right to Cancel Statement.

If you cancel, you will be entitled to a full refund of your entrance fee within 14 days. This right to cancel ends if you take possession of your unit before the 7-day period is over.

- B. If you do not have possession of your unit, you have 7 days to cancel an assignment of a life lease. The 7-day period begins on the latest of:
 - the day the assignor signs the agreement;
 - the day you sign the agreement;
 - the day the landlord consents in writing to the assignment;
 - the day you are given the Assignee's Right to Cancel statement.

You may hold back your payment to the assignor until the 7-day period ends, unless you take possession of the unit. If you cancel, you will be entitled to a full refund of any amount you paid to the assignor within 14 days. This right to cancel ends if you take possession of your unit before the 7-day period is over.

Assignor, Payment and Term:	Assignor Name(s):
(Insert if the life lease is being assigned.)	Address:
	The remaining term of the lease is: □ the assignee's life or years
	The payment to the assignor for the assignment of the life lease is \$
	The entrance fee is \$
	The landlord must give you a written receipt for your entrance fee, showing the date it was received and the address of the rental unit.
	If the landlord later increases the amount of your entrance fee and you do not agree to the increase, you can go to The Residential Tenancies Branch. The Branch will try to help you and your landlord resolve the dispute. You may be entitled to cancel your life lease. If you cancel, you may be entitled to a refund of your entrance fee.
Term of Lease (Omit if this is an assignment)	The term of your lease is (Complete by entering "your life" or, if the lease is for a fixed term of years, the term of the lease).
Refund Fund: (Insert only if this form is being given to a tenant after the occupancy date.)	The landlord must have a fund for returning entrance fees (refund fund). The refund fund must be held by a trustee appointed by the landlord. The landlord must also register a mortgage to secure the refund of entrance fees. The Trustee holds this mortgage. The Trustee holding the refund fund and mortgage for this complex is:
	Name:
	Address:
	Contact: Phone:
	As of

Recovering Your Entrance Fee:

(Insert one of the following as applicable to your complex.)

- 1. When your tenancy ends, the landlord owes you a refund of (Complete by entering "the full amount" or, if less, state the amount and the percentage of the full entrance fee.) of your entrance fee.
- 2. The landlord will owe you (Complete by entering "the full amount" or, if less, state the amount or percentage.) of your entrance fee by a refund from the landlord or, if you choose you may sell (assign) your life lease to a new tenant and receive payment from that tenant.

Normally the landlord will refund this amount from the refund fund or the entrance fee of a new tenant. Under *The Life Leases Act*, the landlord must refund this amount by the termination date of your tenancy.

However, if there is no money in the refund fund and the landlord cannot find a new tenant to pay an entrance fee, the landlord has up to 2 years to pay you. Your lease may say the landlord has to pay you in a shorter time. If you do not receive your refund by that time, you can ask the Trustee to demand that the landlord pay you within 30 days. If the landlord still does not pay, the Trustee must start mortgage sale and foreclosure proceedings. Even if the Trustee forecloses on the mortgage, there is no guarantee you will receive your entrance fee refund.

Risk of Loss of Entrance Fee

Life leases are an innovative way to develop rental housing. But, you need to know there is a risk to your entrance fee.

If real estate sales are slow, it can be difficult to sell a house or a condominium. Similarly, if few people are looking for life leases, it can be hard to find new tenants for life lease units.

If the landlord cannot find new life lease tenants, and there is not enough money in the refund fund, you may have to wait to get your entrance fee back. If the landlord has empty units, the rental income will be less. With less income, the landlord may not be able to make the mortgage payments. The lender may foreclose on the complex. If this happens, you may lose all or part of your entrance fee.

(Insert the following if tenants are allowed to assign their life leases.)

If you are allowed to get your entrance fee back by selling (assigning) your life lease to a new tenant, you may not be able to find someone to take over your lease. If you do find someone, they may not want to pay you as much as you originally paid.

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Annual Meeting:	
	revenue and expenditures of the complex. At the meeting, you can comment on the information the landlord provides and the operation

Rent Increases:

Under *The Residential Tenancies Act*, your landlord can increase your rent once a year. The annual rent increase guideline applies/does not apply to the rental unit. (*If the rental unit is exempt from the guideline, state reason.*)

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