### **Independent Subcontractor agreement**



This agreement is made between Restore Property Management Ilc, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, hereinafter referred to as "RPM" and entity/signer below hereinafter referred to as Subcontractor. For the purpose of this document, RPM's Property Pres Wizard based internal software is referred to as PPW. If there is conflict between this agreement and any present or future law, this agreement shall be curtailed only to the point to the extent necessary to bring it within the requirements of the Law.

#### Subcontractor

Subcontractor agrees to perform services relating to property maintenance, lawn care, and property repairs/improvements as set forth on Work Orders RPM submits to the subcontractor. Subcontractor shall determine the method, details, and means of performing the services. RPM may only specify their expectations and their client's expectations in the final results of the services being performed along with photo expectations of the services being performed. Subcontractor is considered a self-employed, independent contractor for all purposes, as such they are solely responsible for paying their own taxes, RPM will submit a 1099 to the IRS reporting how much was made by the subcontractor. RPM will not withhold or deduct any taxes from payments made to the subcontractor, or any persons working for, with, the subcontractor. Subcontractor assumes all responsibility for all acts of its employees and contractors. Subcontractor will not share in any of the benefits RPM extends to its employees to include but not limited to vacation time, medical insurance, profit sharing or any other benefit RPM extends.

Subcontractor has no authority to bind RPM and therefore will refrain from making agreements or representations on RPMs behalf, without written permission from RPMs owner or principle.

# Work orders and Quality Control

Subcontractor will be issued a work order for each project, which will set forth the deadline and expectations of the work to be performed. In the event that expectations are not spelled out on the work order it is the subcontractor's responsibility to know the expectations of RPM and it clients. If expectations RPM or its clients are not followed it will be considered a material breach and may be subject to charge back or nonpayment. Any subcontractor suggested add-ons to any work order must be approved in writing by RPM via a job note on PPW before subcontractor is authorized to perform any additional work or add-on, if work is done without authorization it will be considered non-payable by RPM or its clients.

Upon completion of a work order, RPM will conduct an internal QC of the work order via photos or on site visit noting any and or all infractions or deficiencies. In the event that you receive a follow up work order because of the above mentioned issues you agree to correct any issue with in 24hrs. If issues are not corrected subcontractor agrees to a charge back for up to 100% of the order and related cost to RPM to correct the deficient work order.

# Labor, Material, and Management

Subcontractor will supply all labor, tools, material and equipment required to perform the services under this Agreement. Subcontractor has the sole obligation and responsibility to supervise, manage, direct, and perform the projects specified in the work orders.

# Conduct & Safety

Subcontractors and all crew members shall wear appropriate, non-offensive clothing while performing all work and services, no member of the crew(s) is permitted to be shirtless at any time. All members of the subcontractor crew shall act in a professional manner at all time, shall refrain from the use of profanity while on property. Subcontractor and crew members shall not enter into any property unless previous written permission from RPM is given, under no circumstances shall subcontractor or crew members remove any items from the property unless work order permits, if at any time items are removed that are not ordered by RPM or its clients that will be deemed a material breach of this contract and subcontractors contract with RPM will be terminated immediately and legal action will be taken if warrants.

# Late fee & Pay disputes

RPM has implemented a late fee schedule as follows and this applies to all work orders no exceptions. To avoid all late fees please complete the orders in a timely manner and communicate with the account managers and request ECD or extensions on all orders that will not be completed by the due dates given. All late fees and reassignment fees levied by the client of RPM will be passed on in whole to the vendor who is responsible for the order.

If a subcontractor believes that there has been an accounting error and has not been paid or short paid on any invoice they must contact RPM via email at **Accounting@restoreproperties.com**, with the amount they feel they are owed with a copy of the work order and invoice that the subcontractor is disputing. No dispute will be investigated after 15 days of it being closed out on PPW. Subcontractor waives and releases RPM from any payments from alleged shortages which are not disputed within the time frame above.

# Payment terms

Subcontractor will be paid on a biweekly schedule after the first 15 days of service. The cut off dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of any given month and checks will be mailed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> business day after the cutoff date.

If sub-contractor becomes deactivated in PPW for whatever reason the contractor will be paid only when RPM is paid by its client, this process can take up to 90 days from date of service.

#### Insurance

Subcontractor shall maintain at all times a 1 million dollar general liability policy at its own expense and agrees to add to the policy RPM as an additionally insured. Subcontractor shall insure that lower tier subcontractors also carry the same coverage

# Indemnity

Subcontractor agrees to hold RPM harmless and defend and indemnify RPM for any and all claims arising out of subcontractor's performance under this agreement or any work order, including any claims for injury, disability, or death of subcontractor or subcontractor's employees or lower tier subcontractors. Subcontractor further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold RPM harmless from any and all claims arising from any negligent act or omission by subcontractor or subcontractor's employees or lower tier subcontractors including claims of third parties.

# Background checks

Subcontractor will be subject to annual background check screening by an independent third party agency specializing in both criminal and social reporting, and will be assessed a fee of \$65.00 annually for the processing of the background screening. Subcontractors are responsible to obtain background checks on all employees and subcontractors and maintain up to date files with this information. Subcontractor agrees to share all files that pertain to RPM and its clients when it pertains to background checks and files of all those who have any dealings with RPM work orders.

#### General terms

Subcontractor and RPM agree that the contents of this agreement are to remain confidential by and between the parties hereto and the terms hereof shall not be disclosed to any other parties other than the party's accountants and or attorneys.

This agreement supersedes any and all other agreements, both oral and written, between the parties with respect to the rendering of services by subcontractor for RPM and together with work orders and pricing schedule, contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to the rendering of these services in any manner whatsoever. Any modification of this agreement will be effective only if it is in writing signed by both parties.

If any provision of this agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nonetheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalid in anyway. This agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Authorized Signer/ Date

Subcontractor- Authorized Signer name (signed) and Date

# Required Documents

- 1. Signed subcontractor agreement
- 2. Signed SSA-89 form
- 3. Copy of Insurance with RPM as additionally insured: our address for the certificate of insurance is: Restore Property Management Ilc, 6200 Miller Lane, Dayton Ohio 45414.
- 4. Copy of Driver's license
- 5. Signed copy of consent for Background check
- 6. Signed W-9

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Debris removel Exterior PFC per cubic yard	\$18.00	
Move personal property to secure location per cubic yard	N/A	
Bid Request	\$10.00	
Boarding to hud specification per unitied inch (length + width= UI)	\$0.40	
Boarding security door with hinges and pad lock	per bid/ Allowable	
Boarding single car garage door	per bid/ Allowable	
Boarding sliding glass door	per bid/ Allowable	
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De Wint PFC additional unit	\$20.00	
Dead animal removal	per bid/ Allowable	
Fence repair PFC	per bid/ Allowable	
Gate repair PFC	per bid/ Allowable	
Gutter cleaning	per bid/ Allowable	
Paint/ oil can per gallon	\$5.00	
paint / oil can per 5 gallon	\$15.00	
Pressure test	\$20.00	
Pressure test additional unit	\$15.00	
Proposal request	\$10.00	
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Sump pump install	\$100.00	
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Tire removal up to 40 tires per tire	\$5.00	ea
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Window Lock	\$5.00	
Winterization Radiant	\$150.00	
Winterization Wet	\$85.00	
Winterization Additional	\$25.00	-
Winterization Dry	\$50.00	
Winterization plumbing repair allowance	per bid/ Allowable	
Winterization Re Check/ Partial	\$20.00	1
Dead Bolt	\$18.00	1
Knob Lock per	\$12.00	1
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Contractor signature	Date	

# Authorization for the Social Security Administration (SSA) To Release Social Security Number (SSN) Verification

Printed Name:	Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:			
I want this information released because I am co	onducting the following	business transaction:			
Reason (s) for using CBSV: (Please select all the	nat apply)				
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☐ Background Check ☐ License Require	Background Check				
☐ Credit Check ☐ Other					
with the following company ("the Company"):					
Company Name:					
Company Address:					
I authorize the Social Security Administration to Company's Agent, if applicable, for the purpose	3 3	SN to the Company and/or the			
The name and address of the Company's Agent	t is:				
I am the individual to whom the Social Security a minor, or the legal guardian of a legally incom perjury that the information contained herein is t representation that I know is false to obtain information of a misdemeanor and fined up to \$5,000.	petent adult. I declare a rue and correct. I ackn rmation from Social Se	and affirm under the penalty of owledge that if I make any			
This consent is valid only for 90 days from the individual named above. If you wish to chan					
This consent is valid for days from the	e date signed	(Please initial.)			
Signature	Date Signed				
Relationship (if not the individual to whom the S	SSN was issued):				
Contact information of individual signing au	thorization:				
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City/State/Zip					
Phone Number					
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Form **SSA-89** (06-2013)

# **Privacy Act Statement**

SSA is authorized to collect the information on this form under Sections 205 and 1106 of the Social Security Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a). We need this information to provide the verification of your name and SSN to the Company and/or the Company's Agent named on this form. Giving us this information is voluntary. However, we cannot honor your request to release this information without your consent. SSA may also use the information we collect on this form for such purposes authorized by law, including to ensure the Company and/or Company's Agent's appropriate use of the SSN verification service.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement - This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U. S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the <u>Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995</u>. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 3 minutes to complete the form. You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. Send to this address <u>only</u> comments relating to our time estimate, not the completed form.

### NOTICE TO NUMBER HOLDER

The Company and/or its Agent have entered into an agreement with SSA that, among other things, includes restrictions on the further use and disclosure of SSA's verification of your SSN. To view a copy of the entire model agreement, visit <a href="http://www.ssa.gov/cbsv/docs/SampleUserAgreement.pdf">http://www.ssa.gov/cbsv/docs/SampleUserAgreement.pdf</a>



# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

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# **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments**. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

# **Purpose of Form**

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- 1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
  - 2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- 3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the

withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

**Note.** If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

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In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity,
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust, and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

**Foreign person.** If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

- 1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
  - 2. The treaty article addressing the income.
- 3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
- 4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
- Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

**Example.** Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident allen for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

# Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

- 1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
- 2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),  $\,$ 
  - 3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,  $\,$
- 4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only). or
- 5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see Special rules for partnerships on page 1.

What is FATCA reporting? The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See Exemption from FATCA reporting code on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

### **Updating Your Information**

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

#### **Penalties**

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

**Misuse of TINs.** If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

# Specific Instructions

#### Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

**Sole proprietor.** Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the "Name" line. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA)" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

**Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name on the "Name" line and any business, trade, or "doing business as (DBA) name" on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Disregarded entity. For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulation section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on the "Name" line. The name of the entity entered on the "Name" line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the "Name" line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on the "Name" line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

**Note.** Check the appropriate box for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the "Name" line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the "Name" line is an LLC, check the "Limited liability company" box only and enter the appropriate code for the U.S. federal tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, enter "P" for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation, as appropriate. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the "Name" line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the "Name" line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

#### **Exemptions**

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the *Exemptions* box, any code(s) that may apply to you. See *Exempt payee code* and *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3.

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**Exempt payee code.** Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends. Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.

**Note.** If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding:

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
  - 2-The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- $4\!-\!\mathrm{A}$  foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
  - 5-A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
  - 8-A real estate investment trust
- $9-\!$  An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
  - 10-A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
  - 11-A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
  - 13-A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for	THEN the payment is exempt for
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 <sup>1</sup>	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 <sup>2</sup>
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements.

- A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)
  - B-The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- C—A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- D-A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- E-A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Reg. section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)
- F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

- H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1040
- I-A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)
- J-A bank as defined in section 581
- K-A broker
- L-A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)
- M-A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

#### Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see How to get a TIN below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

**Note.** See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at <a href="https://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/businesses">www.irs.gov/businesses</a> and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester

**Note.** Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

**Caution:** A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

#### Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see Exempt payee code earlier.

**Signature requirements.** Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

- 1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.
- 2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.
- ${\bf 3.}$  Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.
- 4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).
- 5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

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### What Name and Number To Give the Requester

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For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
Individual     Two or more individuals (joint account)	The individual The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account '
<ol><li>Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)</li></ol>	The minor <sup>2</sup>
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee <sup>1</sup> The actual owner <sup>1</sup>
<ol><li>Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual</li></ol>	The owner <sup>3</sup>
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity <sup>4</sup>
Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
<ul><li>11. Partnership or multi-member LLC</li><li>12. A broker or registered nominee</li></ul>	The partnership The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

**Note.** If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

# Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- · Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to <code>phishing@irs.gov</code>. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: <code>spam@uce.gov</code> or contact them at <code>www.ftc.gov/idtheft</code> or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

# **Privacy Act Notice**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

<sup>\*</sup>Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

# DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (Not to include any Credit Report or, except California, Investigative Consumer Report)

Employer/Vendor:		("Company")				
Employee/Individual: ("You")						
When you are a sole proprietor, the	When you are a sole proprietor, there is no Company and by signing below you are giving written authorization and instructions to Aspen Grove, Inc. to obtain and to retain the described "consumer report."					
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the extent permitted by law, from a except <u>not</u> credit reports or, but for	Your written authorization and consent allows the Company and/or Aspen Grove Solutions to obtain and to retain, to he extent permitted by law, from any outside organization, criminal background checks and other consumer reports except not credit reports or, but for California, investigative consumer reports – now and into the future as long as your employed on any basis by the Company.					
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Reporting Act and any related state summary of rights required by law. You acknowledge that you have read these documents, have had an opportunity to ask questions, and understand the documents. You authorize the Company and/or Aspen Grove Solutions to obtain and to retain criminal background checks and other report information about you any time after you give this consent and as long as you are employed on any basis by the Company. If the Company is a sole proprietorship, your authorization and consent continues until you provide written notice to Aspen Grove Solutions that your consent is terminated. To this end, you authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by: First Advantage P.O. Box 105292 Atlanta, GA 30348, 1-800-845-6004, whose privacy policy can be reviewed and the privacy policy can be reviewed and the privacy policy can be reviewed and the privacy-policy/; another outside organization acting on behalf of the Company or Aspen Grove Solutions; and/or the Company or Aspen Grove Solutions directly. You agree that a fax, electronic, or photographic topy of this Acknowledgment, Authorization, and Consent will be as valid as the original.						
<b>New York individuals only:</b> By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of a copy of New York Correction Law Article 23-A. Upon request, you will be informed if a consumer report was requested and, if a report was requested, the name of the consumer reporting agency that furnished the report.						
Minnesota and Oklahoma individuals only: Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company. □						
California individuals only: By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law. □						
	: You have the right to re	equest from the consumer reporting agency a written a Fair Credit Reporting Act.				
Print:						
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name				
Sign:						

Name

# [This is a copy for you to keep]

# DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (Not to include any Credit Report or, except California, Investigative Consumer Report)

Employer/Vendor:	("Company")
Employee/Individual:	("You")
When you are a sole proprietor, there is no Company and by signing below you	are giving written authorization and
instructions to Aspen Grove, Inc. to obtain and to retain the described "consumer	report."

## **DISCLOSURE**

The Company plans to obtain information about you for employment purposes from a third party consumer reporting agency. This means you will be the subject of a "consumer report" which may include information about your criminal history, social security verification, and/or other background checks. The Company plans to use Aspen Grove, Inc., doing business as Aspen Grove Solutions, as its agent to help the Company obtain and to retain consumer reports.

Your written authorization and consent allows the Company and/or Aspen Grove Solutions to obtain and to retain, to the extent permitted by law, from any outside organization, criminal background checks and other consumer reports – except <u>not</u> credit reports or, but for California, investigative consumer reports – now and into the future as long as you are employed on any basis by the Company.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND CONSENT

By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of this disclosure and of the Summary of Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and any related state summary of rights required by law. You acknowledge that you have read these documents, have had an opportunity to ask questions, and understand the documents. You authorize the Company, and/or Aspen Grove Solutions, to obtain and to retain criminal background checks and other report information about you any time after you give this consent and as long as you are employed on any basis by the Company. If the Company is a sole proprietorship, your authorization and consent continues until you provide written notice to Aspen Grove Solutions that your consent is terminated. To this end, you authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by: First Advantage P.O. Box 105292 Atlanta, GA 30348, 1-800-845-6004, whose privacy policy can be reviewed at <a href="http://www.fadv.com/privacy-policy/">http://www.fadv.com/privacy-policy/</a>; another outside organization acting on behalf of the Company or Aspen Grove Solutions; and/or the Company or Aspen Grove Solutions directly. You agree that a fax, electronic, or photographic copy of this Acknowledgment, Authorization, and Consent will be as valid as the original.

New York individuals only: By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of a copy of New York Correction Law Article 23-A. Upon request, you will be informed if a consumer report was requested and, if a report was requested, the name of the consumer reporting agency that furnished the report.

Minnesota and Oklahoma individuals only: Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company. □

California individuals only: By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law. □

Washington State individuals only: You have the right to request from the consumer reporting agency a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.

[SIGNED AND DATED COPY WAS RETAINED BY COMPANY]

#### **Summary of Consumer Rights**

Para informacion en espanol, visite www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

## A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you. Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment or to take another adverse action against you must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- You have the right to know what is in your file. You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your "file disclosure"). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - · your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - · you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a> for additional information.

- You have the right to ask for a credit score. Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a> for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information. In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- Access to your file is limited. A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers. A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a>.
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report. Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.
- You may seek damages from violators. If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights. For more information, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:
1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates.	a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street NW
	Washington, DC 20552
b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:	b. Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA
	Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357
2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:	a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency     Customer Assistance Group
a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks	1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010-9050
b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State	b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center P.O. Box 1200
Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations	Minneapolis, MN 55480
operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act	c. FDIC Consumer Response Center 1100 Walnut Street, Box #11
c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations	Kansas City, MO 64106
d. Federal Credit Unions	d. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) Division of Consumer Compliance and Outreach (DCCO)
	1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314
3. Air carriers	Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings
	Aviation Consumer Protection Division Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
	Washington, DC 20590
4. Creditors Subject to Surface Transportation Board	Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board Department of Transportation 395 E Street SW
	Washington, DC 20423
5. Creditors Subject to Packers and Stockyards Act	Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor
6. Small Business Investment Companies	Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street, SW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20416
7. Brokers and Dealers	Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE
9. Enderel Land Banks, Enderel Land Bank Associations	Washington, DC 20549
8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations	Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090
Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not	FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates
Listed Above	or Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center –
	FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357

# NEW YORK CORRECTION LAW ARTICLE 23-A LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL OFFENSES

- § 750. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (1) "Public agency" means the state or any local subdivision thereof, or any state or local department, agency, board or commission.
- (2) "Private employer" means any person, company, corporation, labor organization or association which employs ten or more persons.
- (3) "Direct relationship" means that the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on his fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the license, opportunity, or job in question.
- (4) "License" means any certificate, license, permit or grant of permission required by the laws of this state, its political subdivisions or instrumentalities as a condition for the lawful practice of any occupation, employment, trade, vocation, business, or profession. Provided, however, that "license" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include any license or permit to own, possess, carry, or fire any explosive, pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.
- (5) "Employment" means any occupation, vocation or employment, or any form of vocational or educational training. Provided, however, that "employment" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.
- § 751. Applicability. The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person for a license or employment at any public or private employer, who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction, and to any license or employment held by any person whose conviction of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction preceded such employment or granting of a license, except where a mandatory forfeiture, disability or bar to employment is imposed by law, and has not been removed by an executive pardon, certificate of relief from disabilities or certificate of good conduct. Nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any right an employer may have with respect to an intentional misrepresentation in connection with an application for employment made by a prospective employee or previously made by a current employee.
- § 752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited. No application for any license or employment, and no employment or license held by an individual, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied or acted upon adversely by reason of the individual's having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a finding of lack of "good moral character" when such finding is based upon the fact that the individual has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:
- (1) there is a direct relationship between one or more of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license or employment sought or held by the individual; or
- (2) the issuance or continuation of the license or the granting or continuation of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public.
- § 753. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption.
- 1. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall consider the following factors:
- (a) The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.
- (b) The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought or held by the person.
- (c) The bearing, if any, the criminal offense or offenses for which the person was previously convicted will have on his fitness or ability to perform one or more such duties or responsibilities.
- (d) The time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
- (e) The age of the person at the time of occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
- (f) The seriousness of the offense or offenses.
- (g) Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to his rehabilitation and good conduct.

- (h) The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific individuals or the general public.
- 2. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall also give consideration to a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct issued to the applicant, which certificate shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to the offense or offenses specified therein.
- § 754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment. At the request of any person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses who has been denied a license or employment, a public agency or private employer shall provide, within thirty days of a request, a written statement setting forth the reasons for such denial.
- § 755. Enforcement. 1. In relation to actions by public agencies, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by a proceeding brought pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.
- 2. In relation to actions by private employers, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the division of human rights pursuant to the powers and procedures set forth in article fifteen of the executive law, and, concurrently, by the New York city commission on human rights.

# NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW

The Company intends to obtain information about you for employment screening purposes from a consumer reporting agency. Thus, you can expect to be the subject of "investigative consumer reports" obtained for employment purposes. Such reports may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. With respect to any investigative consumer report from an investigative consumer reporting agency ("ICRA"), the Company may investigate the information contained in your employment application and other background information about you, including but not limited to obtaining a criminal record report, your social security number, and, perhaps, other information about you. The results of this report may be used as a factor in making employment decisions. The source of any investigative consumer report (as that term is defined under California law) will be First Advantage Background Services Corp. P.O. Box 105292 Atlanta, GA 30348, 1-800-845-6004. Their Privacy Policy can be reviewed at <a href="http://www.fadv.com/privacy-policy/">http://www.fadv.com/privacy-policy/</a>. The Company agrees to provide you with a copy of an investigative consumer report when required to do so under California law.

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to find out from an ICRA what is in the ICRA's file on you with proper identification, as follows:

In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You also may request a copy of the information in person. The ICRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file.

A summary of all information contained in the ICRA's file on you that is required to be provided by the California Civil Code will be provided to you via telephone, if you have made a written request, with proper identification, for telephone disclosure, and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to you.

By requesting a copy be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. ICRAs complying with requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the ICRAs.

"Proper Identification" includes documents such as a valid driver's license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the ICRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity.

The ICRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection.

You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. An ICRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the ICRA to discuss your file in such person's presence.