

PLEASE READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY PRIOR TO SIGNING

Property to be inspected: {{ADDRESS}}

Date of inspection: {{INSPECTION\_DATE}}

Client name: {{CLIENT\_NAME}}

Scope of Services:

1. In exchange for the Inspection Fee paid by Client, the Inspector agrees to provide the Client with an Inspection Report setting out the Inspector's professional opinions concerning the condition of the Property further described in the report. The inspection will be performed in accordance with the Texas Standards of Practice promulgated by the Texas Real Estate Commission. Inspector will attempt to identify major defects and problems with the Property. However, the Client acknowledges that the Inspection Report may not identify all deficiencies, defects, or problems.

The Inspector agrees to:

1. inspect items, parts, systems, components and conditions which are present and visible at the time of the inspection, but the inspector is not required to determine or estimate the remaining life expectancy or future performance of any inspected item, part, system or component;
2. operate mechanical and electrical equipment, systems, and appliances during an inspection in normal modes and operating range at the time of the inspection;
3. report which of the parts, components, and systems present in the property have or have not been inspected;
4. report as deficient inspected parts, components or systems that are not functioning or that the standards of practice required the inspector to report as Deficient; and

address all the parts, components, and systems contained in the standards of practice in the property being inspected.

The inspection is limited to those items which can be seen, easily accessed or operated by the Inspector at the time of the inspection as set out in the Inspection Report. Inspector will not remove walls, floors, wall coverings, floor coverings, and other obstructions in order to inspect concealed items. Systems and conditions which are not specifically addressed in the Inspection Report are excluded. The major systems which will be inspected include:

1. Foundation; Grading & Drainage
2. Interior doors, wall, ceilings, and floors;

3. Exterior walls and doors, windows and door glazing;
4. Fireplace and chimney;
5. Roof, Roof Structure and attic;
6. Porches, Balconies, and decks;
7. Built-in Appliances;
8. Heating, cooling and Vent Systems;
9. Plumbing Supply & Drains, Water Heating System; and
10. Electrical system.

The Inspector may indicate one of the following opinions of the Inspector regarding a particular item:

1. The item is performing its intended function at the time of the inspection;
2. The item needs replacement or service for repair; or
3. Further evaluation by a technician or expert is recommended.

### Inspection Report

1. The Inspection Report provided by the Inspector will contain the Inspector(s) professional, good-faith opinions concerning the need for repair or replacement of certain observable items. All statements in the report are the Inspector(s) opinions and should not be construed as statements of fact or factual representations concerning the Property. By signing this Agreement, the Client understands that the services provided by the Inspector fall within the Professional Services Exemption of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) and agrees that no cause of action exists under the DTPA related to the services provided. Unless specifically stated, the report will not include and should not be read to indicate opinions as to the environmental conditions, presence of toxic or hazardous waste or substances, presence of termites or other wood-destroying organisms, or compliance with codes, ordinances, statutes or restrictions or the insurability, efficiency, quality, durability, future life or future performance of any item inspected.
2. The Inspection Report is not a substitute for disclosures by sellers and real estate agents. Said disclosure statements should be carefully read for any material facts that may influence or affect the desirability and/or market value of the Property.
3. As noted above, the Inspection Report may state that further evaluation of certain items is needed by an expert in the field of the item inspected. By signing this Agreement, Client acknowledges that qualified experts may be needed to further evaluate such items as structural systems, foundations, grading, drainage, roofing, plumbing, electrical systems, HVAC, appliances, sprinkler systems, fire/smoke detection systems, septic systems, and other observable items as noted in the report.

## Disclaimer of Warranties

The inspector makes no guarantee or warranty, express or implied, as to any of the following:

1. That all defects have been found or that the Inspector will pay for the repair of undisclosed defects;
2. That any of the items inspected are designed or constructed in a good and workmanlike manner;
3. That any of the items inspected will continue to perform in the future as they are performing at the time of the inspection; and
4. That any of the items inspected are merchantable or fit for any particular purpose.

### IV. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE INSPECTION FEE PAID TO THE INSPECTOR IS NOMINAL GIVEN THE RISK OF LIABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH PERFORMING HOME INSPECTIONS IF LIABILITY COULD NOT BE LIMITED. CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO LIMIT LIABILITY, THE INSPECTOR WOULD BE FORCED TO CHARGE CLIENT MUCH MORE THAN THE INSPECTION FEE FOR THE INSPECTOR(S) SERVICES. CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGES BEING GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS AGREEMENT REVIEWED BY COUNSEL OF HIS OR HER OWN CHOOSING AND FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THE OPPORTUNITY OF HIRING A DIFFERENT INSPECTOR TO PERFORM THE INSPECTION. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, CLIENT AGREES TO LIABILITY BEING LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF THE INSPECTION FEE PAID BY THE CLIENT.

INITIALED	BY	CLIENT {{CLIENT_NAME}}: Fee Paid: {{SERVICE_85966}}, {{SERVICES}}

### V. Coronavirus Release and Hold Harmless Agreement:

The current worldwide coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and associated government-mandated "shelter-in-place" and similar orders in many communities underscore the risks associated for individuals viewing or inspecting a property occupied by sellers or tenants, and the risks for sellers and tenants of allowing prospective home inspectors to enter the property they occupy.

I/we understand that personal contact with others, including, but not limited to, home inspectors during this COVID-19 outbreak involves a certain degree of risk which could result in illness, permanent disability, or death.

After carefully considering the risks involved, and in consideration of the Inspection Company's willingness to conduct the inspection, I/we hereby release and hold harmless (Inspection Company) and the Inspection Company's client(s), owners, officers, employees, contractors, agents, heirs, assigns, etc.) from any liability, including but not limited to COVID-19 related claims or of any kind of claim whatsoever, including injury or death claims, arising or allegedly arising out of Inspection Company's inspection of the property at {{ADDRESS}} (the property), regardless of the theory of recovery asserted, including, but not limited to claims based on allegations of negligence. I/we intend this release to be the broadest release allowed by law.

For the safety of all concerned, the Inspection Company has requested that I/we keep a safe distance from the inspector during the inspection. If we fail to do so, I/we assume all risk and I/we understand the inspector may terminate the inspection.

I/we further agree that no others (including minors) shall be present during the inspection. If I/we permit such others to be present in violation of this document, I/we agree to defend and indemnify the Inspection Company in connection with any claims of any kind made by such others, regardless of the theory asserted.

This agreement will be governed by Texas law. The exclusive venue for any disputes arising out of this document shall be in Montgomery County, TX, where the Inspection Company has its principal place of business. In any such action, I/we waive trial by jury and agree that the court must award attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party.

#### VI. Dispute Resolution:

In the event a dispute arises regarding an inspection which has been performed under this agreement, the Client agrees to notify the Inspector in writing, within ten (10) days of the date the Client discovers the basis for the dispute so as to give the Inspector a reasonable opportunity to re-inspect the property. The client agrees to allow re-inspection before any corrective action is taken. The Client agrees not to disturb or repair or have repaired anything which might constitute evidence relating to a complaint against the Inspector. The Client further agrees that the Inspector can either conduct the re-inspection himself or can employ others (at Inspector(s) expense) to reinspect the property or both. In the event a dispute cannot be resolved by the Client and the Inspector, the parties agree that any dispute or controversy shall be resolved by mandatory and binding arbitration under the Texas Arbitration Act in Montgomery County, Texas. The arbitration panel must include at least one licensed home inspector.

#### VII. Attorney(s) Fees:

The Inspector and the Client agree that in the event any dispute or controversy arises as a result of this Agreement, and the services provided hereunder, the prevailing party in that dispute shall be entitled to recover all of the prevailing party(s) reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and costs incurred by that party.

#### VIII. Exclusivity:

The Inspection Report is to be prepared exclusively for the Client named and is not transferable to anyone in any form. The client gives permission for the Inspector to discuss report findings with real estate agents, specialists, or repair persons for the sake of clarification. A copy of the Inspection Report may be released to the selling Real Estate Agent.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS CONTRACT AND THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS, IF ANY; THAT I UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND THAT I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IF CLIENT IS MARRIED, CLIENT REPRESENTS THAT THIS OBLIGATION IS A FAMILY OBLIGATION INCURRED IN THE INTEREST OF THE FAMILY.