

**ARBITRATION DISCLOSURE AND
RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY
ARBITRATION AGREEMENT**

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2. **ARBITRATION DISCLOSURE**

3. You have the right to choose whether to have any disputes about disclosure of material facts affecting the use
4. or enjoyment of the property that you are buying or selling decided by binding arbitration or by a court of law. By agreeing
5. to binding arbitration, **you give up your right to go to court.** By signing the RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY
6. ARBITRATION AGREEMENT (ARBITRATION AGREEMENT) below, you agree to binding arbitration under the
7. Residential Real Property Arbitration System (Arbitration System) administered by Construction Arbitration Services, Inc.
8. (CAS) and endorsed by the Minnesota Association of REALTORS® (MNAR). The ARBITRATION AGREEMENT is
9. enforceable only if it is signed by all buyers, sellers and licensees representing or assisting the buyers and the sellers.
10. The ARBITRATION AGREEMENT is not part of the *Purchase Agreement*. **Your *Purchase Agreement* will still be**
11. **valid whether or not you sign the ARBITRATION AGREEMENT.**

12. The Arbitration System is a private dispute resolution system offered as an alternative to the court system. It
13. is not government sponsored. CAS and the MNAR jointly adopt the rules that govern the Arbitration System. CAS and
14. the MNAR are not affiliated. Under the ARBITRATION AGREEMENT you must use the arbitration services of CAS.

15. All disputes about or relating to disclosure of material facts affecting the use or enjoyment of the property, excluding
16. disputes related to title issues, are subject to arbitration under the ARBITRATION AGREEMENT. This includes claims
17. of fraud, misrepresentation, warranty and negligence. Nothing in this Agreement limits other rights you may have under
18. MN Statute 327A (statutory new home warranties) or under private contracts for warranty coverage. An agreement to
19. arbitrate does not prevent a party from contacting the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the state agency that
20. regulates the real estate profession, about licensee compliance with state law.

21. The administrative fee for the Arbitration System varies depending on the amount of the claim, but it is more
22. than initial court filing fees. In some cases, conciliation court is cheaper than arbitration. The maximum claim allowed
23. in conciliation court is \$7,500. This amount is subject to future change. In some cases, it is quicker and less expensive
24. to arbitrate disputes than to go to court, but the time to file your claim and pre-hearing discovery rights are limited. The
25. right to appeal an arbitrator's award is very limited compared to the right to appeal a court decision.

26. **A request for arbitration must be filed within 24 months of the date of the closing on the property or**
27. **else the claim cannot be pursued. In some cases of fraud, a court or arbitrator may extend the 24-month**
28. **limitation period provided herein.**

29. A party who wants to arbitrate a dispute files a Demand, along with the appropriate administrative fee, with
30. CAS. CAS notifies the other party, who may file a response. CAS works with the parties to select and appoint an arbitrator
31. to hear and decide the dispute. A three-arbitrator panel will be appointed instead of a single arbitrator at the request
32. of any party. The party requesting a panel must pay an additional fee. Arbitrators have backgrounds in law, real estate,
33. architecture, engineering, construction or other related fields.

34. Arbitration hearings are usually held at the home site. Parties are notified about the hearing at least 14 days in
35. advance. A party may be represented by a lawyer at the hearing if he or she gives five (5) days advance notice to the
36. other party and to CAS. Each party may present evidence, including documents or testimony by witnesses. The arbitrator
37. must make any award within 30 days from the final hearing date. The award must be in writing and may provide any
38. remedy the arbitrator considers just and equitable that is within the scope of the parties' agreement. The arbitrator
39. does not have to make findings of fact that explain the reason for granting or denying an award. The arbitrator may
40. require the party who does not prevail to pay the administrative fee.

41. **This Arbitration Disclosure provides only a general description of the Arbitration System and a general**
42. **overview of the Arbitration System rules.** For specific information regarding the administrative fee, please see the
43. Fee Schedule located in the CAS Rules. Copies of the Arbitration System rules are available from CAS by calling
44. (866) 727-8119 Ext. 103 or on the Web at www.cas-usa.org or from your REALTOR®. If you have any questions about
45. arbitration, call CAS at (866) 727-8119 Ext. 103 or consult a lawyer.

46. **THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY ARBITRATION AGREEMENT IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT**
47. **BETWEEN BUYERS, SELLERS AND LICENSEES. IF YOU DESIRE LEGAL ADVICE, CONSULT A LAWYER.**

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49. **THIS IS AN OPTIONAL, VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT.**
50. **READ THE ARBITRATION DISCLOSURE ON PAGE ONE IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING.**

51. **RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY ARBITRATION AGREEMENT**

52. For the property located at _____ .

53. City of _____ , County of _____ , State of Minnesota.

54. Any dispute between the undersigned parties, or any of them, about or relating to material facts affecting the use or
55. enjoyment of the property, excluding disputes related to title issues of the property covered by the *Purchase Agreement*
56. dated _____ , 20 _____ , including claims of fraud, misrepresentation, warranty and
57. negligence, shall be settled by binding arbitration. Construction Arbitration Services, Inc. shall be the arbitration service
58. provider. The rules, in effect at the time the Demand for arbitration is filed, adopted by Construction Arbitration Services,
59. Inc. and the Minnesota Association of REALTORS® shall govern the proceeding(s). This Agreement shall survive the
60. delivery of the deed or contract for deed in the *Purchase Agreement*. This Agreement is only enforceable if all buyers,
61. sellers and licensees representing or assisting the buyers and sellers have agreed to arbitrate as acknowledged by
62. signatures below.

63. _____ (Seller's Signature) _____ (Date) _____ (Buyer's Signature) _____ (Date)

64. _____ (Seller's Printed Name) _____ (Buyer's Printed Name)

65. _____ (Seller's Signature) _____ (Date) _____ (Buyer's Signature) _____ (Date)

66. _____ (Seller's Printed Name) _____ (Buyer's Printed Name)

67. _____ (Licensee Representing or Assisting Seller) _____ (Date) _____ (Licensee Representing or Assisting Buyer) _____ (Date)

68. _____ (Company Name) _____ (Company Name)

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