

STANDARD FORM OF APARTMENT LEASE
(FOR APARTMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO THE RENT STABILIZATION LAW)
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PREAMBLE: This lease contains the agreements between Tenant and Owner concerning the rights and obligations of each party. Tenant and Owner have other rights and obligations which are set forth in government laws and regulations.

Tenant should read this Lease carefully. If Tenant has any questions, or if Tenant does not understand any words or statements herein, obtain clarification from an attorney. Once Tenant and Owner sign this Lease, Tenant and Owner will be presumed to have read it and understood it completely. Tenant and Owner admit that all agreements between Tenant and Owner have been written into this Lease. Tenant understands that any agreements made before or after this Lease was signed and not written into it will not be enforceable.

THIS LEASE is made as of **September 14, 2026**
between Owner(hereinafter referred to as "Owner" or "Lessor"), **265 East 66th LLC**
whose address is **511 6th Avenue #7134 and New York, NY, 10011**
and Tenant (hereinafter referred to "Tenant" or "Lessee"), **Howard Joseph Kessler, Jr.**
whose address is **265 E 66th St #35A, New York, NY 10065.**

Please note the following paragraphs that require a selection among alternative wording: 2, 3E, 34
Please note the following paragraphs that require deletions if inapplicable: 9D, 12C(ii), 12E, 25, 32C(i), 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 59, 60
Please note the following paragraphs that require the insertion of terms (and/or delete if inapplicable): 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 9D, 12B, 12C, 25, 32C, 34A, 35, 38B, Exhibit A (Memorandum Confirming Term), Exhibit C (Owner's Work), Exhibit D (Apartment Furniture)

1. APARTMENT AND USE Owner agrees to lease to Tenant Apartment **35A** (the "Apartment") in the building at **265 E 66th St, New York, NY 10065** (the "Building"), Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York.

Tenant shall use the Apartment for living purposes only and for no other purpose (such restricted purposes includes, but are not limited to, any commercial activity or illegal or dangerous activity).

The Apartment may only be occupied by Tenant and the following Permitted Occupants (and occupants as permitted in accordance with Real Property Law §235-f): **Jill Barrie Shields (Occupant)**

Tenant acknowledges that no other person other than Tenant and the Permitted Occupants may reside in the Apartment without the prior written consent of the Owner. If Tenant violates any of the terms of this provision, the Owner shall have the right to restrain the same by injunctive relief and/or any other remedies provided for under this Lease and at law and/or equity.

2. LEASE COMMENCEMENT DATE; LENGTH OF LEASE The "Lease Effective Date" is the date a fully executed Lease is returned to Tenant or Tenant's representative by Owner or its representative. The "Lease Commencement Date" is **October 1, 2026**. Except as may be provided for otherwise in this Lease, the term (that means the length) of this Lease will begin on the Lease Commencement Date and will end on **September 30, 2027** (the "Term"). Tenant acknowledges that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Lease: (i) the Term of this Lease may be reduced provided for herein and (ii) the Term shall consist of the period beginning with the Lease Commencement Date through and including, the date that is the last day of the month in which the **[CHOOSE ONE AND CROSS OUT THE OTHER ALTERNATIVES]** **[one (1) year]** ~~[two (2) year]~~ ~~[_____ () month(s)]~~ anniversary of the Lease Commencement Date occurs.

3. RENT

A. "Rent" is defined as the base rent due under this Lease. Tenant's monthly Rent for the Apartment is **\$7,825.00** per month. Tenant must pay Owner the Rent, in equal monthly installments, on the first day of each month either to Owner at the above address or at another place that Owner may inform Tenant of by written notice.

B. When Tenant signs this Lease, Tenant must pay by bank or cashier's check (or by electronic fund transfer, if instructed by Owner as described below) , the following:

(i) one (1) months' Rent (i.e., **\$7,825.00**);

(ii) the Security Deposit (in the amount stated in Article 4); and

(iii) any commission due by Tenant to the Brokers (as defined in Article 34 hereinafter) in connection with this Lease.

- C. If the Lease Commencement Date shall not occur on the first day of a calendar month, the Rent for such calendar month shall be prorated on a per diem basis. If the Lease begins after the first day of the month, Tenant must pay when it signs this Lease one (1) full months' Rent and for the next full calendar month Tenant shall pay a prorated Rent based on the number of days the Lease began after the first day of the month (for example, if the beginning date of this Lease is the 16th day of the month, Tenant would pay for fifteen (15) out of thirty (30) days, or one-half (1/2), of a full months' Rent for the second calendar month). In any event, if the Lease Commencement Date shall not occur on the first day of a calendar month, the Term shall also include the remainder of the month in which the Lease Commencement Date occurred.
- D. ~~Within five (5) business days after the request of Owner, at Owner's option, Tenant shall return a document supplied by Owner in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (a "Memorandum Confirming Term") confirming the Lease Commencement Date, the Rent Commencement Date (if different than the Lease Commencement Date) the Lease expiration date and any other material terms of this Lease, certifying that Tenant has accepted delivery of the Apartment and that the condition of the Apartment complies with Owner's obligations hereunder. Tenant's failure to so deliver the Memorandum Confirming Term shall be considered a material default under this Lease, however, Tenant's failure to do so shall not affect the occurrence of the Lease Commencement Date or the validity of this Lease or alter the terms and provisions contained in the Memorandum Confirming Term if so delivered to Tenant by Owner.~~
- E. Tenant may be required to pay other charges to Owner under the terms of this Lease, such additional charges shall be referred to as "Additional Rent". Any Additional Rent must be paid by Tenant to Owner upon the earlier of (i) the first day of the month immediately following the month said Additional Rent is billed to Tenant or (ii) fifteen (15) days from the date Tenant is billed for the Additional Rent. If Tenant fails to pay the Additional Rent on time, Owner shall have the same rights against Tenant as if Tenant failed to pay Rent. Said Rent and Additional Rent must be paid in full in accordance with the foregoing, without deduction or offset and without the need for demand or notice from Owner. Except as may be provided for otherwise in this Article 3, all Rent and Additional Rent shall be payable to Owner by **check and direct deposit** ~~[CROSS OUT ANY FORM OF PAYMENT THAT IS INAPPLICABLE]~~ or such other form of payment as required by Owner only. If by direct deposit, Owner shall provide Tenant the necessary wiring instructions.
- F. Tenant shall be entitled to a five (5) day grace period for the payment of any sum of Rent or Additional Rent due under this Lease. Any sum of Rent or Additional Rent not paid within five (5) days of the date due shall be subject to a late fee of the lesser of (i) \$50.00, or (ii) five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount. Interest shall also be payable on the aforesaid late Rent or Additional Rent beginning thirty (30) days from the due date, such interest accruing at the lesser of (i) the maximum amount allowable by law, or (ii) one and one - half percent per month (1.5%), until the late Rent or Additional Rent is paid in full. There shall be a **Fifty Dollar (\$50.00)** fee for any check which is dishonored or returned. Any late charge or interest charge shall be considered Additional Rent.
- G. Owner need not give notice to Tenant to pay Rent. Rent must be paid in full and no amount subtracted from it. The whole amount of Rent is due and payable as of the Lease Commencement Date. Payment of Rent in installments is for Tenant's convenience only. If Tenant is in default under any of the terms and conditions of this Lease, Owner may give notice to Tenant that it may no longer pay Rent in installments and the entire Rent for the remaining part of the Term will then immediately be due and payable.
4. **SECURITY DEPOSIT** Tenant is required to give Owner the sum of **\$7,825.00** (such amount not to exceed one (1) months' Rent pursuant to The Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019) when Tenant signs this Lease as a security deposit (the "Security Deposit"). Owner will deposit the Security Deposit in **Flagstar Bank** bank at **360 Hamilton Ave., 5th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601**. This Security Deposit shall not bear interest, unless if otherwise required by applicable law. In the event that the Security Deposit shall earn interest, then in such event Owner shall be entitled to an administrative fee pursuant to applicable law.

If Tenant carries out all of Tenant's agreements in this Lease and if Tenant moves out of the Apartment and returns it to Owner vacant, broom clean and in the same condition it was in when Tenant first occupied it, except for ordinary wear and tear or damage caused by fire or other casualty through no fault of Tenant, Owner will return to Tenant the full amount of the Security Deposit within fourteen (14) days after the later of (i) the date this Lease ends, or (ii) the date Tenant vacates the Apartment. However, if Tenant is in default of Tenant's obligations under this Lease and/or there are any damages to the Apartment beyond ordinary wear and tear or damage caused by fire or other casualty, Owner may keep all or part of the Security Deposit to cover reasonable repairs of such damage and Owner shall provide Tenant with an itemized statement indicating the basis for the amount of the Security Deposit retained within the aforementioned fourteen (14) day period. Furthermore, for sake of clarity and emphasis, (i) if Tenant does not carry out all of Tenant's obligations under this Lease, Owner may keep all or part of the Security Deposit necessary to pay Owner for any losses incurred, including missed payments and (ii) Owner's retention of the Security Deposit as allowable under this Lease shall not be deemed to be Owner's sole remedy for any default by Tenant of Tenant's obligations pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Lease.

TENANT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE SECURITY DEPOSIT CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS RENT OR

TO CONFIRM OUR AGREEMENTS, OWNER AND TENANT RESPECTIVELY SIGN THIS LEASE AS OF THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST WRITTEN ON PAGE 1.

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9/14/2026
02:03 PM EDT

Howard Joseph Kessler, Jr. (Tenant)

Date



Signed by Shanique Sealey
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(duly authorized agent)

Date