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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSU RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF LANDLORD RENT COLLECTIONS, LLC Permit # 4520 VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME Landlord Rent Collections, LLC, (hereinafter "LRC"), its President, Brian Haymaker, and the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department"), and hereby enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

WHEREAS, LRC is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Virginia;

WHEREAS, Brian Haymaker is the President of LRC;

WHEREAS, the Department has the authority and responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of Article 70 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina applicable to Collection Agencies and the collection agency business; and

WHEREAS, LRC's office in Winchester, Virginia was initially issued a permit to operate as a collection agency in North Carolina pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 58-70-5 on September 17, 2007;

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §58-70-10 provides that any person, firm, corporation, or association desiring to renew a permit issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 58-70-5 shall make application to the Commissioner of Insurance no less than 30 days prior to the expiration date of the then current permit; and

WHEREAS, LRC failed to submit the collection agency permit renewal application and fee required by the June 30, 2013 permit renewal deadline in violation of N.C.G.S. §58-70-10;

WHEREAS, as a condition to reinstating its permit, LRC has agreed to pay a \$1,000.00 penalty, to complete and submit the on-line renewal application with supporting documents, and to pay the required renewal fee;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 58-2-70(g), the Commissioner of Insurance and the Department have the express authority to negotiate "a mutually acceptable agreement with any person as to the status of the person's license or certificate or as to any civil penalty or restitution"; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter as set out in this Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, LRC, Mr. Haymaker, and the Department hereby agree to the following;

- 1. Immediately upon signing this agreement, LRC shall pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 to the Department. The form of payment shall be certified check, cashier's check or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance." LRC shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department along with a copy of this signed agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than October 8, 2013. The civil penalty shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of public schools.
- 2. LRC, its owners, and its officers shall comply with all provisions of Article 70 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and Title 11 of the North Carolina Administrative Code that are applicable to LRC.
- 3. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future or follow-up examination of LRC, or in any cases or complaints involving LRC. In the event that LRC or any of its owners or officers fails to comply with this Agreement or otherwise fail to comply with the laws and rules applicable to LRC, the Department may take any administrative or legal action it is authorized to take.
- 4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner of Insurance. LRC understands that N.C.G.S. § 58-70-40(c)(6) provides that a collection agency's permit may be revoked if a partner or proprietor or officer of the collection agency has violated or refused to comply with an Order of the Commissioner.

- 5. LRC and Mr. Haymaker enter into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of their right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. LRC and Mr. Haymaker understand that they may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
- 6. This Voluntary Settlement Agreement, when finalized will be a public record and will not be treated as confidential. Any and all permits issued by the Department to LRC shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against the licensee following the execution of this Agreement. The Department is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement to third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The Department routinely provides copies of voluntary settlement agreements to all companies that have appointed the licensee.
- 7. This Agreement shall become effective when signed by LRC, Mr. Haymaker, and the Department.

Landlord Rent Collections, LLC

Date: 10-1-13

N.C. Department of Insurance

By:	By:
Date: 10-1-13	Date: October 9, 20
Brian Haymaker	
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