

## Prohibited Lease Terms

**Prohibited lease terms.** The lease may not contain any of the following provisions:

- A. **Agreement to be sued.** Agreement by the tenant to be sued, to admit guilt, or to a judgment in favor of the owner in a lawsuit brought in connection with the lease;
- B. **Treatment of property.** Agreement by the tenant that the owner may take, hold, or sell personal property of household members without notice to the tenant and a court decision on the rights of the parties. This prohibition, however, does not apply to an agreement by the tenant concerning disposition of personal property remaining in the housing unit after the tenant has moved out of the unit. The owner may dispose of this personal property in accordance with State law;
- C. **Excusing owner from responsibility.** Agreement by the tenant not to hold the owner or the owner's agents legally responsible for any action or failure to act, whether intentional or negligent;
- D. **Waiver of notice.** Agreement of the tenant that the owner may institute a lawsuit without notice to the tenant;
- E. **Waiver of legal proceedings.** Agreement by the tenant that the owner may evict the tenant or household members without instituting a civil court proceeding in which the tenant has the opportunity to present a defense, or before a court decision on the rights of the parties;
- F. **Waiver of a jury trial.** Agreement by the tenant to waive any right to a trial by jury;
- G. **Waiver of right to appeal court decision.** Agreement by the tenant to waive the tenant's right to appeal, or to otherwise challenge in court, a court decision in connection with the lease; and
- H. **Tenant chargeable with cost of legal actions regardless of outcome.** Agreement by the tenant to pay attorney's fees or other legal costs even if the tenant wins in a court proceeding by the owner against the tenant. The tenant, however, may be obligated to pay costs if the tenant loses.
- I. **Supportive Services.** Agreement that the tenant will be required to participate in supportive services. *(Transitional housing has an exception to this requirement)*

