

**REALTOR® Association of Franklin & Gulf Counties DATA  
ACCESS AGREEMENT for RETS Server Access**

This Agreement is made and by and between the REALTOR® Association of Franklin & Gulf Counties ("RAFGC"), and

1.) \_\_\_\_\_,  
**PRINT - Name of Brokerage Firm or MLS Participant (Broker)**  
the MLS "Participant" who requests direct access to the RAFGC RETS Server

2.) and/or who consents to allow the named Agent / MLS Subscriber (if any) of his firm to have direct access to the RAFGC RETS Server,

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**PRINT - Name of Agent / MLS Subscriber (If Any)**

3.) and, the Consultant / Web Developer, if any, who will assist the MLS Participant or MLS Subscriber in accessing the RAFGC RETS Server subject to the MLS Participant's and MLS Subscriber's consent and control.

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**PRINT - Name of Consultant / Web Developer**

The MLS Participant or MLS Subscriber desires to directly access the RAFGC RETS Server to retrieve MLS listings solely for the purpose of displaying MLS listing data on a publicly accessible IDX web site and/or the MLS Participant's intranet site.

Solely for the purpose of assisting MLS Participant and/or MLS Subscriber in this effort, the Consultant will be issued a Login ID and Password for direct access to the RAFGC RETS Server.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, RAFGC, the MLS Participant, the MLS Subscriber, and the Consultant all agree as follows:

**1. Access**

**1.1** Direct access to the RAFGC RETS Server will be made available to the MLS Participant, MLS Subscriber, and/or Consultant pursuant to this Agreement only to the extent such may be necessary to retrieve MLS Listings for the purpose described above and in accordance with the RAFGC MLS Rules and Regulations.

**1.2** Means of Access -Access shall be exclusively by the means designated by RAFGC, in its sole discretion. RAFGC may, in its sole discretion and upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to parties to this Agreement, change the means and nature of access.

**1.3** Changes to RAFGC RETS Server -RAFGC shall not be obligated to make any changes to RAFGC RETS Server, including any software running on RAFGC RETS and/or FTP Server, the configuration, applicable protocols, or any other aspect of RAFGC RETS Server for any reason, including changes which any party to this Agreement believes may be necessary to facilitate access to the MLS Listings. Notwithstanding the forgoing, RAFGC may, at any time, modify or replace RAFGC RETS Server, in its sole discretion, and parties to this Agreement understand that a modification of RAFGC RETS Server may require changes to any applicable websites, including, but not limited to hardware, software, or configurations to provide for access to the MLS Listings.

**1.4** Availability -RAFGC makes no representations or warranties with respect to the response time for access to the MLS Listings. Parties acknowledge that RAFGC RETS Server, together with access to the MLS Listings may from time-to-time be unavailable, whether because of technical failures or interruptions, intentional downtime for service or changes to RAFGC RETS Server, or otherwise. Parties agree that any modification of RAFGC RETS Server, and any interruption or unavailability of access to RAFGC RETS Server, or access to or use of the MLS Listings shall not constitute a default under this Agreement, and that RAFGC shall have no liability of any nature to any party for any such modifications, interruptions, unavailability, or failure of access.

## **2. Specific Use**

The MLS Participant, the MLS Subscriber, and the Consultant shall not use information from the RAFGC RETS Server for their benefit, business purpose, or purposes other than as specifically allowed by this Agreement and in accordance with the RAFGC MLS Rules and Regulations. Consultant may display RAFGC IDX data only on the MLS Participant's publicly available website and/or the MLS Participant's intranet site. RAFGC IDX data may not be directly displayed as a result of any search function on the Consultant's site, or any other site under Consultant's control. Consultant may not share, re-transmit, allow searching of or framing RAFGC IDX data with any other site.

## **3. Ownership & Intellectual Property**

The RAFGC RETS Server information shall be and remain the sole, absolute and exclusive property of RAFGC. Parties acknowledge and agree that the compilation of MLS Listings in the MLS Database is a proprietary, original work of authorship of RAFGC, or licensed to RAFGC, protected under United States copyright, trademark, patent and trade secret laws of general applicability. Parties further acknowledge and agree that all right, title, and interest in the MLS Database and MLS Listings are and shall remain with RAFGC. This Agreement does not convey or grant to Consultant an interest in or to the Database or MLS Listings, but only a limited right to access and display the MLS Listings, revocable in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In the event of any claim for infringement or misappropriation of the Database or MLS Listings, all damages awarded and other awards and recoveries shall be the exclusive property of RAFGC, and all such amounts shall be paid to RAFGC. In the event, for any reason, Consultant obtains possession or control of any such damages or awards, Consultant agrees to hold all such funds as trustee in trust for the exclusive benefit of RAFGC. Consultant agrees that it will not challenge or take any action inconsistent with RAFGC's rights to the Database or MLS Listings.

## **4. MLS Participant (Brokerage Firm) Obligations**

**4.1 Rules and Policies.** MLS Participant shall comply with the RAFGC Rules and IDX Policies at all times. In the event of any conflict or purported conflict between this Agreement and the RAFGC Policies, the RAFGC Policies shall govern this Agreement.

**4.2 Confidential Information.** MLS Participant shall comply with the requirements relating to Confidential Information set forth below.

**4.3 Third-Party Access.** In the event that MLS Participant desires to make the MLS Listing Data or the Confidential Information available to any third party, MLS Participant agrees to require such third party to execute this Agreement and become a Consultant.

**4.4 Breach of Rules.** If RAFGC notifies MLS Participant of a breach of the Rules or this Agreement and MLS Participant does not immediately cure such breach, MLS Participant agrees that RAFGC may seek cure from the Consultants, or any one of them. MLS Participant shall notify RAFGC within five (5) business days of any change to the information provided by MLS Participant for purposes of this Agreement.

## **5. Consultant Obligations**

**5.1 Rules and Policies.** Consultant shall comply with the RAFGC Rules and IDX Policies at all times. In the event of any conflict or purported conflict between this Agreement and the RAFGC Policies, the RAFGC Policies shall govern this Agreement.

### **Pursuant to the RAFGC Policies:**

**5.2 Data Usage.** Consultant shall use the RAFGC MLS Listing Data obtained under this Agreement for MLS Participant's publicly available IDX web site or the MLS Participant's intranet site only; any other use is strictly prohibited.

**5.3 MLS Participant Permission.** Consultant acknowledges that display of any listing on any IDX site operated with RAFGC Data requires permission of the listing broker.

**5.4** Consultant is responsible for any liability or loss of goodwill associated with problems in data integrity, accuracy, or timeliness arising from Consultant's use of the RAFGC Data.

**5.5 Data Piracy.** Consultant shall employ reasonable measures to prevent "data piracy" and other unauthorized access and use of the RAFGC Data; from time to time, RAFGC may, in its sole discretion, specify particular security measures Consultant must take.

**5.6 Confidentiality.** Consultant shall not make the RAFGC Data or the Confidential Information available to any third party unless expressly authorized to do so under this Agreement.

**5.7** Consultant acknowledges that RAFGC provides the RAFGC Data on an as-is, as-available basis. RAFGC shall not be liable to Consultant for any claim arising from inaccuracies in the RAFGC Data or from any failure, whether on the part of Consultant or of RAFGC, to update the data promptly.

**5.8 Breach.** If RAFGC notifies MLS Participant of a breach of the RAFGC Policies or this Agreement and Consultant does not immediately cure such breach, RAFGC may seek cure from the Consultant.

**5.9 Copyright Notice.** Consultant shall display the RAFGC copyright notice on each display screen, web page (whether Internet or Intranet based), and printout displaying RAFGC Data. The RAFGC copyright notice may take either of the following two forms: (a) "Copyright 2009 REALTOR® Association of Franklin & Gulf Counties, Inc." or (b) "© 2009 REALTOR® Association of Franklin & Gulf Counties, Inc."

**5.10 Fees.** Consultant shall pay the initial and periodic fees, if any, that RAFGC customarily charges other Subscribers for data access. Consultant acknowledges receipt of RAFGC's current schedule of such fees, if any (**see Attached fee schedule**). RAFGC may in its sole discretion establish or modify its schedule of fees upon 30 days' written notice to Consultant.

**5.11 Notice.** Consultant shall notify RAFGC within five (5) business days of any change to the information to the information provided by MLS Participant for purposes of this Agreement.

**6. Confidentiality** -Consultant shall comply with the requirements relating to Confidential Information set forth below. "Confidential Information" is information or material proprietary to RAFGC or designated "confidential" by RAFGC and not generally known to the public that MLS Participant or Consultants or any one of them (the Receiving Party") may obtain knowledge of or access to as a result of access under this Agreement. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, the following types of information and other information of a similar nature (whether in oral, visual, audio, written or other form):

- a. all MLS Listing Data, except to the extent this Agreement and the Rules permit its disclosure;
- b. all documentation and other tangible or intangible discoveries, ideas, concepts, designs, drawings, specifications, models, information;
- c. software, source code, object code, diagrams, flow charts;
- d. techniques, procedures;
- e. IP addresses, access codes and passwords; and
- f. any information that RAFGC obtains from any third party that RAFGC treats as proprietary or designates as Confidential Information, whether or not owned or developed by RAFGC.

**7. Title** -The parties acknowledge that title to the Confidential Information remains at all times with RAFGC or with the third parties in whom title existed prior to this Agreement or prior to disclosure by RAFGC.

**8. Restrictions on Use – Scope of Use.** The parties will use or access the Confidential Information only as expressly permitted under this Agreement and the Rules and will not use access or the Confidential Information for any other purpose. The parties will employ measures to protect the Confidential Information from disclosure at least as rigorous as those it uses to protect its own trade secrets, but in no event less than reasonable care.

**9. Restrictions on Use – Unauthorized Uses.** The parties will not make copies of the Confidential Information and will not directly or indirectly disclose, display, provide, transfer or otherwise make available the Confidential Information to any person or entity, unless the party has received prior written consent of RAFGC to do so. At no time and under no circumstances will the parties reverse engineer, decompile, or disassemble any software constituting part of the Confidential Information. The parties will not incorporate the Confidential Information into any other work or product, except as provided for in this Agreement.

**10. Restrictions on Use – No Third Party Access.** Only the party's own employees will access the Confidential Information. The parties will not provide access to the Confidential Information to third parties, including consultants or independent contractors not named in this Agreement, without prior written consent from RAFGC.

**11. Termination and Return of Materials** -Within five (5) days of the end of the term of this Agreement or receipt of notice of termination by RAFGC, the parties will return to RAFGC all

Confidential Information and all other materials provided by RAFGC. The parties will also erase, delete, or destroy any Confidential Information stored on magnetic media or other computer storage, including system backups. Upon the request of RAFGC, an officer of the parties will certify in writing that all materials have been returned to RAFGC and all magnetic or computer data have been destroyed.

**12. Term** -The term of this Agreement begins on the Date set forth in this Agreement. RAFGC has the right at any time and in its sole discretion to terminate this Agreement. This Agreement shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- a. RAFGC's notice to MLS Participant that this Agreement is terminated.
- b. MLS Participant notice to RAFGC that it no longer intends to access the RAFGC RETS Server.
- c. Termination of MLS Participant's privileges as an MLS Participant by RAFGC.

**13. Survival of Obligations** - The obligations of MLS Participant set forth under Section 4 above and the obligations of Consultants under Section 5 above shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

**14. RAFGC's Remedies** -Because of the unique nature of the MLS Listing Data and Confidential Information, MLS Participant and Consultants acknowledge that RAFGC would suffer irreparable harm in the event that any of them breaches its obligation under this Agreement, and that monetary damages would be inadequate to compensate RAFGC for a breach. RAFGC is therefore entitled, in addition to all other forms of relief, to injunctive relief as may be necessary to restrain any continuing or further breach by MLS Participant or Consultants or any one of them, without showing or proving any actual damages sustained by RAFGC.

**15. Attorney's fees** - If RAFGC prevails in any action to enforce or interpret this Agreement or any provision hereof, the party against whom enforcement or interpretation was sought will pay RAFGC's reasonable attorney's fees and costs for such legal action. Limitation of Liability - RAFGC shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages under any circumstances, even if RAFGC has been advised of the possibility of such damages. RAFGC shall have no liability for inaccuracies in the MLS Listing Data

**16. Notice** -All notices to be given under this Agreement shall be mailed, sent via facsimile transmission, or electronically mailed to the parties at their respective addresses set forth below or such other address of which any party may advise the others in writing during the term of this Agreement.

**17. No Waiver** -No waiver or modification of this Agreement or any of its terms is valid or enforceable unless reduced to writing and signed by the party who is alleged to have waived its rights or to have agreed to a modification.

**18. No Assignment** -Neither MLS Participant nor Consultants, nor any of them, may assign or otherwise transfer any of their rights under this Agreement to any party without the prior written consent of RAFGC.

**19. Entire Agreement** -This Agreement contains the full and complete understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior representations and understandings whether oral or written. The previous sentence notwithstanding, the Rules are expressly incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

**20. Applicable law** -This Agreement is governed by and enforced according to the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

**NOTE: Under this Agreement, MLS Participant/Subscriber is permitted to work only with the Consultant named here. If MLS Participant/Subscriber chooses to engage a different consultant or additional consultants, MLS Participant/Subscriber must enter into a new version of this agreement with RAFGC and each such consultant.**

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Agent/Subscriber **If Any** (Please Print)

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Signature of Agent/Subscriber

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DATE

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Consultant/Web Developer (Please Print)

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Signature of Consultant / Web Developer

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DATE

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Designated Broker (Please Print)

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Signature of Designated Broker

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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Gloria Salinard, Association Executive, RAFGC

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**To be completed by Consultant (Please Print)**

Site URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Consultant E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for Billing Purposes: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **RETS Fee Schedule**

RAFGC charges \$200 per vendor, per calendar year for our MLS RETS feed. Invoices for each calendar year will be emailed to the vendor on December 1 with a due date of January 1.

Fees will be pro-rated monthly for new vendors. Please make checks payable to RAFGC. All major credit cards are also accepted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Gloria Salinard*

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Association Executive