



HOME INSPECTION AGREEMENT  
THIS IS INTENDED TO BE A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT  
PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

Client

Address

Inspection Fee \$

Billing Convenience Fee \$

Total Fee Due \$

Should the contract not close and / or the transaction cancel, the Client is held responsible and agrees to pay for the total fee listed above.

.I authorize release of funds for the total amount due on this bill.

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1. Client requests a limited visual inspection of the residential structure identified at the above address by **Reality Check Inspections**, therein after collectively referred as the "Company" and Client hereby represents and warrants that all approvals necessary have been secured for Company's entrance on to the property.
2. Client warrants: (a) they have read the following Agreement carefully, (b) they understand they are bound by all the terms of this contract, and (c) they will read the entire inspection report when received and promptly call Company with any questions they may have.
3. Client understand that the inspection and inspection report are performed and prepared for their sole, confidential and exclusive use. Client agrees that they will not transfer or disclose any part of the inspection report to any other person with these exceptions ONLY: (a) one copy may be provided to the current seller(s) of the property but only upon the express condition that the seller(s) covenant to use the inspection report only in connection with Client's transaction, and agree not to transfer or disclose the report to any persons other than their real estate agent, and (b) one copy may be provided to the real estate agent representing Client and/or a bank or other lender for use in Client's transaction only. Client agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Company from any third party claims relating to this inspection or inspection report.

4. Company agrees to perform a limited visual inspection of the residential structure at the above address and to provide Client with a written opinion as to the apparent general condition of the structure's components and systems, including identification of significant observable deficiencies as they exist at the time of inspection. The inspection will be performed in a manner consistent with the **Standards of Professional Practice for Texas Home Inspectors**, as mandated by the **State of Texas Real Estate Commission ( TREC )**. **A copy of these standards will accompany the report and additionally can be found at: [www.trec.state.tx.us](http://www.trec.state.tx.us) .**

This inspections includes but is not limited to the following areas:

Foundation and Structure, Exterior Walls and Grounds, Roof Systems, Attic, Basement, Crawl Spaces, Insulation Type and Condition, Plumbing and fixtures, Appliance Operation, Electrical Systems, Heating and Cooling Systems, Pools, Spa, Water Fountain, Fire Place

5. The inspection only includes those systems and components expressly and specifically identified in the inspection report. Any area which is not exposed to view, is concealed, is inaccessible because of soil, walls, floors, carpets, ceilings, furnishing or any other things, or those areas/items which have been excluded by the **Texas Real Estate Commission's (TREC)** standards and/or by agreement of the parties is not included in this inspection. The inspection does not include any destructive testing or dismantling.

Client agrees to assume all the risk for all conditions which are concealed from view at the time of the inspection or exist in any area excluded from inspection by the terms of this agreement. Maintenance and other items may be discussed but will NOT form a part of the inspection report. The following areas/items, systems and components are among those NOT included in the inspection.

- Code or zoning violations
- Systems or component installation
- Permit research
- Structural, geological, soil, wave action or hydrological stability, survey, engineering, analysis or testing
- Termites or other wood destroying insects, rodents or other pests, dry-rot or fungus
- Latent or concealed defects
- Asbestos, radon gas, lead paint, urea formaldehyde, toxic or flammable chemicals, water or air quality, PCB's or other toxins, electromagnetic fields, underground storage tanks, proximity to toxic waste sites or other environmental or health hazards
- Private water or sewage systems
- Pools, spas, hot tubs, saunas, steam baths, fountains or other types of or related s systems and components
- Repair cost estimates
- Building value appraisal
- Radio controlled devices
- Automatic gates
- Elevators, lifts, dumbwaiters
- Thermostatic or time clock controls
- Water softener or purifiers
- Radiant heat systems
- Furnace heat exchanger
- Solar heating systems
- Gas appliances such as fire pits, barbecues, heaters and lamps. Main gas shut off valve. Any gas leaks.
- Odors or noise
- Seismic safety
- Freestanding appliances
- Security or fire safety systems

- Personal property
- Any adverse condition that may affect the desirability of the property
- Proximity to railroad tracks or airplane routes
- Boundaries, easements or rights of way
- Unique/technically complex systems or components
- System or component life expectancy
- Adequacy or efficiency of any system or component
- Items specifically note as excluded in the inspection report

6. Client understands that the inspection and inspection report do not constitute a guarantee or warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, expressed or implied, or insurance policy, nor is it a substitute for real estate transfer disclosures which may be required by law.

7. The written report to be prepared by Company shall be considered the final and exclusive findings of Company of the structure. Client understands and agrees they will not rely on any oral statements made by the Inspector prior to the assurance of the written report. Client further understands and agrees Company reserves the right to modify the inspection report for a period of time that shall not exceed forty eight (48) hours after the inspection report has first been delivered to Client.

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8. Client understands and agrees that any claim arising out of, or related to any act or omission of Company in connection with the inspection of the residential structure, as limited herein, shall be made in writing and reported to Company within ten (10) business days of discovery. Client further agrees to allow Company to re inspect the claimed discrepancy.

To the extent allowed by law, Client understands and agrees that any failure to notify Company as stated above shall constitute a waiver of any and all claims Client may have against Company.

9. Any dispute, controversy, interpretation or claim including claims for, but not limited to, breach of contract, any form of negligence, fraud or misrepresentation arising out of, from or related to this contract or arising out of, from or related to the inspection and inspection report shall be submitted to final and binding arbitration. The parties agree to abide by the ruling of the mutually agreed upon arbitrator who is knowledgeable with the Professional Home Inspection industry and who is knowledgeable with the Texas Real Estate Commission's Standards of Practice for real estate inspections.

The decision of the Arbitrator appointed hereunder shall be final and binding and judgment on the Award may be entered in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

In the event of the client entering into an arbitration and is not successful, the client agrees to bear all of the Company's expenses incurred in connection therewith including but not limited to, attorneys fees and other reasonable fees to contractors and other experts employed by the Company and / or Company employees to investigate, prepare for and / or attend any proceedings or examinations.

10. It is understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that Company's and its officers', agents' or employees' LIMITATION OF LIABILITY for errors or omissions in the inspection report is limited and fixed to a refund of the fee paid for the inspection and inspection report.

11. Any legal action or proceeding of any kind, including those sounding in tort or contract, against Company, or its officers, agents or employees, must be brought within one (1) year from the date of the inspection or will be deemed waived and forever barred. Time is expressly of the essence herein.

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12. Client understands and agrees that if they are not present at the time of the inspection and therefore do not sign this Agreement that this agreement will form a part of the inspection report and acceptance of the inspection report by Client shall and payment therefore will constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

13. If any portion of this Agreement is found to invalid or unenforceable by any court or arbitrator the remaining terms shall remain in force between parties.

14. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties. No oral agreements, understandings or representations shall change, modify or amend any part of this agreement. No change or modification shall be enforceable against any party unless such changes or modification is in writing and signed by the parties. This Agreement shall be binding upon and insure to the parties hereto and their spouses, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and representatives of any kind whatsoever.

I have read, understand and agree to all the terms and conditions of this contract and to pay the fee listed above.

**Signature of Client** \_\_\_\_\_  
(One signature binds all)      Date

**For the Company** \_\_\_\_\_

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