PB&S AUTO RENTAL

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT

*This document constitutes a binding legal agreement between **PB&S Auto Rental** (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner") and the signing customer (hereinafter referred to as the "Renter"). By executing a rental order or taking physical possession of the vehicle, the Renter explicitly acknowledges, understands, and agrees to comply with all terms, conditions, and operational mandates outlined below.*

1. VEHICLE CONDITION, USE, AND RESTRICTIONS

1.1 Pre-Rental Inspection: The Renter acknowledges receiving the vehicle in excellent mechanical, operational, and physical condition. The Renter agrees to return the vehicle to the Owner in the exact same condition, less normal and reasonable wear and tear.

1.2 Authorized Drivers: Only the primary Renter and individuals explicitly registered as "Additional Drivers" on the face of the rental contract are legally authorized to operate the vehicle. Allowing an unauthorized person to drive instantly voids all insurance coverages, leaving the Renter 100% personally and financially liable for all subsequent damages or losses.

1.3 Prohibited Uses: The vehicle shall not be operated: (a) by any person under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or prescription medication impairing motor skills; (b) for transporting hazardous, illegal, or contraband materials; (c) to push, propel, or tow any other vehicle or trailer without express written consent; or (d) for commercial passenger transport, racing, or driving instructions.

1.4 Geographic Boundaries: The vehicle must remain strictly within the national borders of Belize. Cross-border travel is strictly prohibited unless authorized by the Owner in writing with specialized customs permit documentation.

1.5 Terrain Restrictions: Two-wheel drive (2WD) compact vehicles are strictly restricted from navigating rough, unpaved secondary corridors (such as Mountain Pine Ridge or unmapped off-road terrains). Over-straining standard commuter vehicles on restricted tracks will result in mechanical liability penalties.

2. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, RATES, AND FEES

2.1 Rate Application: The Renter agrees to pay the base rate specified on the contract. Daily rates apply to standard 24-hour cycles. Weekly and monthly rates apply strictly to continuous, uninterrupted rental blocks.

2.2 Late Return Fees: Vehicles returned more than 59 minutes past the scheduled return time will incur an hourly late fee, up to the cost of a full additional day's standard rental rate.

2.3 Fuel Policy: The vehicle must be returned with the same fuel level recorded at check-out. If returned with less fuel, the Renter will be charged a refueling convenience fee plus the market cost of the missing fuel.

2.4 Cleaning Fee: A special detailing fee up to **$250 BZD** will be applied if the vehicle is returned with excessive mud, sand, interior staining, or pet hair. **Smoking inside the vehicle is strictly prohibited** and carries an automatic cleaning penalty.

3. SECURITY DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT CLAIMS

3.1 Security Pre-Authorization: A valid credit card authorization hold or cash deposit (as agreed by the Owner) must be established and verified prior to vehicle release.

3.2 Deposit Deductions: The Owner reserves the right to use the Security Deposit to clear any unpaid rental days, mileage overages, traffic citations, cleaning fees, or physical damage deductibles.

3.3 Deposit Release: If the vehicle is returned on time and matching its original condition, the security hold will be released or refunded within 48 to 72 business hours.

4. MANDATORY LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE & INSPECTIONS

4.1 Mandatory 30-Day Diagnostic: For long-term monthly rentals, the Renter **MUST** present the vehicle to an authorized PB&S Auto Rental location every 30 calendar days for a mandatory, 15-minute multi-point inspection and fluid top-up. Failure to comply is an immediate breach of contract and voids mechanical insurance.

4.2 Daily Maintenance Routine: The Renter is responsible for monitoring basic fluid levels (engine oil, engine coolant) and maintaining correct tire pressures daily during the rental term.

4.3 Mechanical Malfunctions: If any dashboard warning indicator illuminates or the vehicle exhibits an operational defect, the Renter must stop driving immediately and contact PB&S Auto Rental. Continuing to drive a mechanically compromised vehicle holds the Renter fully liable for engine or powertrain failure.

5. INSURANCE, ACCIDENT LIABILITY, AND DEDUCTIBLES

5.1 Comprehensive Insurance Cover: The vehicle is insured under a local commercial auto policy. However, in the event of any collision, accident, or vandalism, the Renter is solely responsible for paying an upfront insurance deductible of **$_____ BZD**.

5.2 Total Liability Exclusions: The Renter assumes full financial and legal responsibility for the full market value of the vehicle if loss or damage is caused by: (a) gross negligence or reckless operation; (b) driving through deep floodwaters or severe off-road areas; or (c) leaving the vehicle unlocked or leaving the keys inside an unattended vehicle.

6. TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND FINES

6.1 Responsibility: The Renter is entirely liable for all traffic fines, parking violations, speeding tickets, or toll evasions incurred during the rental term.

6.2 Administrative Billing: If the Owner is notified of a fine after the vehicle's return, the Owner will charge the Renter's payment method on file for the full penalty amount plus an administrative processing fee.

7. TERMINATION AND REPOSSESSION

7.1 Owner's Right to Terminate: PB&S Auto Rental reserves the right to terminate this agreement and repossess the vehicle immediately without notice if the Renter breaches any term of this agreement, fails to make scheduled payments, or if the vehicle appears abandoned.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE RENTER

By signing below, I certify that I have read, understood, and accept all clauses, rules, and schedules of these Terms and Conditions. I acknowledge that this is a legally binding contract.

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Primary Renter Signature	**Authorized PB&S Representative**
Date: ____ / ____ / 20___	Date: ____ / ____ / 20___