

Basement Rental Agreement

Good intent

Given that our primary goal is a forever family and good relationships, all parties agree to assume "good intent" when disappointments, disagreements, unmet expectations, and offenses occur. We agree that we are willing to communicate, resolve differences, and freely forgive when occasions arise.

Mutual respect/personal space boundaries

Given that good relationships are maintained and strengthened by being considerate and respectful to people, property, and personal space, we (Lewis, Linda, etc.) agree to treat the basement apartment (including the bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom) as a separate household and agree not to enter without knocking and being invited in. In turn, we ask that the door at the top of the stairs be treated the same way (i.e. as a separate household and expect you not to enter without knocking and being invited in). All parties have free access to the rest of the basement (family room, storage rooms) without reservation. We ask that respect be shown to property (the house itself) by basic cleanliness and not causing any damage. Also we ask that changes (painting, etc.) be approved before being carried out.

Financial contract

In support of your goal to save money, we ask that a payment of \$600 a month be paid by the 5th of each month. Of that amount, \$100 will be deducted to help pay for internet, utilities, etc., the remaining \$500 will be deposited (by us) into a designated savings account. All monies paid (minus the \$100 each month for utilities) will be returned to you when you move out.

Pets

We ask that our house rules for pets be honored. Pets live outside, but may be invited in briefly and occasionally under supervision.

Laundry

You are welcome to use the washer and dryer upstairs. Please make arrangements so we can schedule around each other's needs.

Signed _____ Date _____

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