

Deficiency #2

UNIFORM FRANCHISE CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

NaturaLawn of America, Inc., a Corporation organized under the laws of State of Maryland (the "Franchisor"), irrevocably appoints the officers of the States designated below and their successors in those offices, its attorney in those States for service of notice, process or pleading in an action or proceeding against it arising out of or in connection with the sale of franchises, or a violation of the franchise laws of that State, and consents that an action or proceeding against it may be commenced in a court of competent jurisdiction and proper venue within that State by service of process upon this officer with the same effect as if the undersigned was organized or created under the laws of that State and had lawfully been served with process in that State. We have checked below each state in which this application is or will be shortly on file, and provided a duplicate original bearing an original signature to each state.

California: Commissioner of Corporations

North Dakota: Securities Commissioner

Hawaii: Commissioner of Securities

Rhode Island: Director, Department of Business Regulation

X Illinois: Attorney General

South Dakota: Director of the Division of Securities

X Indiana: Secretary of State

X Virginia: Clerk, Virginia State Corporation Commission

X Maryland: Securities Commissioner

Washington: Director of Financial Institutions

X Minnesota: Commissioner of Commerce

X New York: Secretary of State

X Wisconsin: Administrator, Division of Securities, Department of Financial Institutions

Please mail or send a copy of any notice, process or pleading served under this consent to:

NaturaLawn of America, Inc.
(Name and address)
1 East Church Street
Frederick, MD 21701
(301) 694-5440

Dated: March 25, 2025.

Franchisor:

NaturaLawn of America, Inc.

By: [Signature]

Name: Philip E. Catron

Title: President



STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY OF FREDERICK

Personally appeared before me this 25th day of March, 2025 the above-named Philip E. Catron and to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing application (as President and Treasurer of the above name applicant) and being first duly sworn, stated upon oath that said application, and all exhibits submitted herewith, are true and correct.

Notary Public: [Signature]

My Commission Expires: 9/1/28

**ADDENDUM TO DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT FOR  
NATURALAWN OF AMERICA, INC.  
FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

1 The Commissioner of Commerce for the State of Minnesota requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with Minnesota Franchise Act, Minn. Stat. Section 80.01 et seq., and of the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Act (collectively the "Franchise Act"). To the extent that the Agreement and Franchise Disclosure Document contain(s) a provision that is inconsistent with the Franchise Act, the provisions of the Agreement are hereby amended and shall be superseded by the Franchise Act's requirements and shall have no force or effect, as follows:

- a) Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.21 and Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(J) prohibit the franchisor from requiring litigation to be conducted outside Minnesota, requiring waiver of a jury trial, or requiring the franchisee to consent to liquidated damages, termination penalties or judgment notes. In addition, nothing in the Franchise Disclosure Document or agreement(s) can abrogate or reduce (1) any of the franchisee's rights as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 80C or (2) franchisee's rights to any procedure, forum, or remedies provided for by the laws of the jurisdiction.
- b) With respect to franchises governed by Minnesota law, the franchisor will comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.14, Subd. 3-5, which require (except in certain specified cases) (1) that a franchisee be given 90 days' notice of termination (with 60 days to cure) and 180 days' notice for non-renewal of the franchise agreement and (2) that consent to the transfer of the franchise will not be unreasonably withheld.
- c) The franchisor will protect the franchisee's rights to use the trademarks, service marks, trade names, logotypes or other commercial symbols or indemnify the franchisee from any loss, costs or expenses arising out of any claim, suit or demand regarding the use of the name.

Minnesota considers it unfair to not protect the franchisee's right to use the trademarks. Refer to Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.12, Subd. 1(g).

- d) Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(D) prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee to assent to a general release.
- e) The franchisee cannot consent to the franchisor obtaining injunctive relief. The franchisor may seek injunctive relief. See Minn. Rules 2860.4400J.

Also, a court will determine if a bond is required.

- f) The Limitations of Claims section must comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.17, Subd. 5.
- g) No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgement signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including, fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**  
**FOR NATURALAWN OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Minnesota Law Modifications**

1. The Commissioner of Commerce for the State of Minnesota requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with Minnesota Franchise Act, Minn. Stat. Section 80.01 et seq., and of the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Act (collectively the "Franchise Act"). To the extent that the Agreement and Franchise Disclosure Document contain(s) a provision that is inconsistent with the Franchise Act, the provisions of the Agreement are hereby amended and shall be superseded by the Franchise Act's requirements and shall have no force or effect, as follows:
  - a. Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.21 and Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(J) prohibit the franchisor from requiring litigation to be conducted outside Minnesota, requiring waiver of a jury trial, or requiring the franchisee to consent to liquidated damages, termination penalties or judgment notes. In addition, nothing in the Franchise Disclosure Document or agreement(s) can abrogate or reduce (1) any of the franchisee's rights as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 80C or (2) franchisee's rights to any procedure, forum, or remedies provided for by the laws of the jurisdiction.
  - b. With respect to franchises governed by Minnesota law, the franchisor will comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.14, Subd. 3-5, which require (except in certain specified cases) (1) that a franchisee be given 90 days' notice of termination (with 60 days to cure) and 180 days' notice for non-renewal of the franchise agreement and (2) that consent to the transfer of the franchise will not be unreasonably withheld.
  - c. The franchisor will protect the franchisee's rights to use the trademarks, service marks, trade names, logotypes or other commercial symbols or indemnify the franchisee from any loss, costs or expenses arising out of any claim, suit or demand regarding the use of the name.  
  
Minnesota considers it unfair to not protect the franchisee's right to use the trademarks. Refer to Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.12, Subd. 1(g).
  - d. Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(D) prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee to assent to a general release.
  - e. The franchisee cannot consent to the franchisor obtaining injunctive relief. The franchisor may seek injunctive relief. See Minn. Rules 2860.4400J.  
  
Also, a court will determine if a bond is required.
  - f. The Limitations of Claims section must comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.17, Subd. 5.
2. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent that the jurisdictional requirements of the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, with respect to each such provision, are met independent of this Amendment. This Amendment shall have no force or effect if such jurisdictional requirements are not met.
3. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgement signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including, fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed with the franchise.
4. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgement signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including, fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed with the franchise.