

# **Marquette Movers**

**USDOT #4085603**

Professional Moving, Packing, Freight & Delivery Services

[Company Address]

Phone: 906-250-9510

## **Contract for Moving & Transportation Services**

This contract governs all moving, packing, delivery, freight forwarding, and related services provided by **Marquette Movers** (“Carrier”), operating under USDOT authority #4085603. The customer (“Shipper”) agrees to all Terms and Conditions, Valuation Selections, and applicable Addenda by signing below or authorizing services to proceed.

## **Terms and Conditions of Moving Services**

These Terms and Conditions apply to all household goods moving services provided by **Marquette Movers** (“Carrier”), operating under USDOT authority. The customer (“Shipper”) agrees to these terms by signing the moving contract, accepting an estimate, or allowing services to begin.

### **I. Estimates & Charges (49 CFR §375.401–§375.407)**

All estimates are based on the information provided by the Shipper at the time of quoting. Estimates may be binding or non-binding as stated in the written agreement. Additional charges may apply if the scope of work, inventory, access conditions, or services differ from what was disclosed.

### **II. Payment**

Payment is due upon completion of services unless otherwise agreed to in writing. Accepted forms of payment include cash, credit card, debit card, and approved local checks. Credit and debit payments may be subject to processing fees. Failure to remit payment may result in collection action as permitted by law.

### **III. Packing & Customer-Packed Items (49 CFR §375.301)**

The Carrier is responsible for items packed by its employees. Items packed by the Shipper or third parties are transported at the Shipper’s risk unless damage is caused by Carrier negligence. The Carrier reserves the right to inspect and repack customer-packed boxes if deemed unsafe for transport.

## **IV. Appliances**

The Shipper is responsible for disconnecting and reconnecting appliances. Refrigerators must be emptied prior to transport. The Carrier does not provide appliance servicing unless expressly agreed to in writing.

## **V. Valuation & Liability (49 CFR §375.201–§375.213)**

The Carrier provides basic valuation coverage as required by federal regulation. Additional valuation options may be available and must be selected prior to service. The Carrier is not liable for damage caused by inherent defects, normal wear and tear, improper packing by the Shipper, or unavoidable structural limitations.

## **VI. Shipper Presence**

The Shipper or authorized representative must be present at origin and destination unless pre-authorization is provided in writing. If the Shipper is not present, delivery may be completed under written authorization.

## **VII. Force Majeure**

The Carrier is not liable for loss, damage, or delay caused by events beyond reasonable control, including acts of God, severe weather, fire, flood, or government action.

## **VIII. Claims Process (49 CFR §375.211)**

Claims for loss or damage must be submitted in writing within the timeframe specified by federal regulation. The Carrier must be provided reasonable opportunity to inspect alleged damage.

## **IX. Safety & Working Conditions**

The Shipper agrees to provide safe working conditions. The Carrier reserves the right to refuse or discontinue service if unsafe conditions exist, including environmental hazards or prohibited conduct.

## **X. Access & Delays**

The Shipper is responsible for providing legal, safe, and unobstructed access to all service locations. Delays caused by restricted access may result in additional charges.

## **XI. Routing**

The Carrier will transport goods using reasonable routing and transportation methods consistent with safety and efficiency requirements.

## **XII. Grace Period**

A reasonable grace period applies to scheduled arrival times. Charges may apply for excessive waiting time.

## **XIII. Subcontracting**

The Carrier may subcontract portions of the move to qualified agents or carriers in compliance with federal regulations.

## **XIV. High-Value Articles (49 CFR §375.401)**

The Shipper must disclose high-value items prior to service. Undisclosed high-value items may not be covered under valuation protection.

## **XV. Children & Pets**

The Shipper is responsible for securing children and pets. The Carrier is not liable for injury or loss resulting from improper restraint.

## **XVI. Prohibited & Hazardous Items**

The Carrier will not transport hazardous materials, perishables, firearms, ammunition, or items prohibited by law unless expressly agreed to in writing.

## **XVII. Governing Law**

This contract is governed by applicable federal regulations and the laws of the State of Michigan.

## **2. COMMERCIAL & FREIGHT SERVICES ADDENDUM**

*(For businesses, freight forwarding, last-leg delivery, and non-household goods)*

### **Commercial & Freight Services Addendum**

This Addendum applies to all **commercial moving, freight forwarding, last-leg delivery, warehousing, and logistics services** provided by Marquette Movers and supersedes residential household goods provisions where applicable.

#### **I. Scope of Commercial Services**

Commercial services include but are not limited to office relocations, freight handling, palletized goods, fixtures, equipment, retail inventory, and white-glove delivery.

#### **II. Shipper Responsibilities**

The Shipper is responsible for:

- Accurate disclosure of weight, dimensions, and contents
- Proper documentation and labeling
- Compliance with applicable shipping and safety regulations

#### **III. Freight Condition & Packaging**

The Carrier is not responsible for damage resulting from inadequate packaging provided by the Shipper. Freight must be packaged to withstand normal transportation conditions unless Carrier-provided packing or crating is contracted.

#### **IV. Delivery & Acceptance**

If the Shipper or consignee is unavailable at delivery, delivery may be completed under written authorization. Proof of delivery constitutes acceptance unless exceptions are noted at time of delivery.

#### **V. Limited Liability for Commercial Freight**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, liability for commercial freight is limited to the valuation stated in the service agreement and may differ from household goods valuation coverage.

## **VI. Accessorial Charges**

Additional charges may apply for detention, re-delivery, lift-gate use, stairs, limited access locations, after-hours service, or specialized equipment.

## **VII. Claims for Commercial Freight**

Claims must be submitted in writing within the timeframe specified in the commercial agreement. Failure to note damage at delivery may limit claim eligibility.

## **VIII. Governing Law**

Commercial services are governed by applicable federal transportation regulations and Michigan state law.

## **Client Authorization & Acceptance of Terms**

By signing below, the Shipper acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agree to the Terms and Conditions of Moving Services, any applicable Addendum(s), valuation selection, and pricing as outlined in this contract. The Shipper authorizes Marquette Movers to perform the services described herein.

### **Shipper (Client):**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Carrier (Marquette Movers):**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Authorized Representative

USDOT #: 4085603

Date: \_\_\_\_\_