MLS Policy

The purpose of a Multiple Listing Service is the orderly correlation and dissemination of listing information to its members so that REALTORS® may better serve the buying and selling public.

A MLS shall not enact or enforce any rules which restrict, limit or interfere with the action of its members in their relations with each other or in their REALTOR/client relationship or in the conduct of their business including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. MLS shall not: Fix, control, recommend, suggest or maintain commission rates or fees for services to be rendered by Members.
- 2. MLS shall not: Fix, control, recommend, suggest or maintain any percentage division of commissions or fees between cooperating Members and between Members and nonmembers.
- 3. MLS shall not: Require financial support of Multiple Listing Service operations by any formula based on commission or sales price.
- 4. MLS shall not: Require or use any form which establishes or implies the existence of any contractual relationship between the Multiple Listing Service and the client (buyer or seller).
- 5. MLS shall not: Make any rule relating to the posting or use of signs.
- 6. MLS shall not: Make any rule prohibiting or discouraging cooperation with nonmembers.
- 7. MLS shall not: Limit or interfere with the terms of the relationship between a Member and his salesmen.
- 8. MLS shall not: Prohibit or discourage any Members from political participation or activity.
- 9. MLS shall not: Make any rule granting blanket consent to a selling Member to negotiate directly with the seller (owner).
- 10. MLS shall not: Make any rule regulating the advertising or promotion of any listing.
- 11. MLS shall not: Prohibit, or discourage a Member from accepting a listing from a seller (owner) preferring to give "office exclusive."
- 12. MLS shall not: Adopt any rule denying a listing Member from controlling the posting of "sold" signs.
- 13. MLS shall not: Reject any exclusive listing submitted by a Member on the basis of the quality or price of the listing.
- 14. MLS shall not: Adopt rules authorizing the modification or change of any listing without the express written permission of the listing Member.