



## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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CITY PUBLICATIONS FRANCHISE GROUP, INC. offers franchises for the operation of a business which provides high quality direct mail advertising to a target market of affluent homeowners.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a City Publications franchise is from \$92,650 to \$267,850. That includes from \$89,000 to \$250,000 that must be paid to the franchisor and an affiliate.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provision of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in a different format, contact Richard Houden at the number or web address listed above.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at [www.FTC.gov](http://www.FTC.gov) for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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## STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor, about other franchisors, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT MOST DISAGREEMENTS BE SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION (OR LITIGATION IF ARBITRATION IS NOT APPLICABLE) IN GEORGIA. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION (OR LITIGATION) MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE (OR LITIGATE) WITH US IN GEORGIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.

2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA GOVERN THE AGREEMENT, AND THESE LAWS MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS. SOME STATE FRANCHISE LAWS PROVIDE THAT CHOICE OF LAW PROVISIONS ARE VOID OR SUPERSEDED. YOU MIGHT WANT TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER YOU ARE PROTECTED BY A STATE FRANCHISE LAW. YOU SHOULD REVIEW THE STATE SPECIFIC ADDENDUM ATTACHED TO THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT AND FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR STATE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS.

3. THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO POSTAGE RATES. SHOULD POSTAGE RATES INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY, IT MAY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE YOUR COSTS TO OPERATE THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS.

4. FAILURE TO ACHIEVE AN ANNUAL MINIMUM ROYALTY LEVEL CAN RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR FRANCHISE.

5. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE. We use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should make sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

See the State Registration Page in Exhibit H for an effective date in your state.

## **COVER PAGE FOR SALE OF FRANCHISES BY CITY PUBLICATIONS FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

The state of Michigan prohibits certain unfair provisions that are sometimes in franchise documents. If any of the following provisions are in these franchise documents, the provisions are void and cannot be enforced against you:

- (a) A prohibition on the right of a franchisee to join an association of franchisees.
- (b) A requirement that a franchisee assent to a release, assignment, novation, waiver, or estoppel which deprives a franchisee of rights and protections provided in this act. This shall not preclude a franchisee, after entering into a franchise agreement, from settling any and all claims.
- (c) A provision that permits a franchisor to terminate a franchise prior to the expiration of its term except for good cause. Good cause shall include the failure of the franchisee to comply with any lawful provision of the franchise agreement and to cure such failure after being given written notice thereof and a reasonable opportunity, which in no event need be more than 30 days, to cure such failure.
- (d) A provision that permits a franchisor to refuse to renew a franchise without fairly compensating the franchisee by repurchase or other means for the fair market value at the time of expiration of the franchisee's inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings. Personalized materials which have no value to the franchisor and inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings not reasonably required in the conduct of the franchise business are not subject to compensation. This subsection applies only if: (i) the term of the franchise is less than 5 years and (ii) the franchisee is prohibited by the franchise or other agreement from continuing to conduct substantially the same business under another trademark, service mark, trade name, logotype, advertising, or other commercial symbol in the same area subsequent to the expiration of the franchise or the franchisee does not receive at least 6 months advance notice of franchisor's intent not to renew the franchise.
- (e) A provision that permits the franchisor to refuse to renew a franchise on terms generally available to other franchisees of the same class or type under similar circumstances. This section does not require a renewal provision.
- (f) A provision requiring that arbitration or litigation be conducted outside this state. This shall not preclude the franchisee from entering into an agreement, at the time of arbitration, to conduct arbitration at a location outside this state.
- (g) A provision which permits a franchisor to refuse to permit a transfer of ownership of a franchise, except for good cause. This subdivision does not prevent a franchisor from exercising a right of first refusal to purchase the franchise. Good cause shall include, but is not limited to:
  - (i) The fact that the proposed transferee to meet franchisor's then current reasonable qualifications or standards.
  - (ii) The fact that the proposed transferee is a competitor of the franchisor or subfranchisor.

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