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## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Storage Authority, LLC a Florida Limited Liability Company



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We offer franchisees the opportunity to operate a Storage Authority® self-storage facility.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Storage Authority® franchise is \$2,901,000 to \$3,894,000, exclusive of land costs for construction of a new self-storage outlet or \$109,000 - \$289,000 for conversion of an existing self-storage outlet. In either case, this includes \$39,000 - \$43,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate.

This Franchise Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions 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 governmental 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 different formats, contact Marc Goodin at 677 N. Washington Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236 and (844) 33-STORE, or info@storageauthority.com

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 Franchise Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Franchise 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 Franchise 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, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <a href="www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a> 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 OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in **Exhibit A** for information about the franchisor 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 YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION AND LITIGATION ONLY IN FLORIDA. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION AND LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN FLORIDA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT FLORIDA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW, YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- THE MINIMUM MONTHLY ROYALTY OF \$1,900 WILL BE OWED EACH MONTH.
- 4. YOU MUST MAKE MINIMUM ROYALTY PAYMENTS, REGARDLESS OF YOUR SALES LEVELS: YOUR INABILITY TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR FRANCHISE AND LOSS OF YOUR INVESTMENT.
- 5. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT RANGING FROM \$2,897,000 TO \$3,890,000 (NEW CONSTRUCTION) OR \$109,000-\$285,000 (CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING FACILITY). THIS AMOUNT EXCEEDS OUR STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017, WHICH IS (\$129,646).
- 6. IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS, BOTH YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL AND PERSONAL ASSETS, INCLUDING YOUR HOME, COULD BE LOST, IF:
  - YOU LIVE IN A COMMUNITY PROPERTY STATE, OR
  - YOU LIVE IN ANOTHER STATE, AND YOUR SPOUSE MUST SIGN A DOCUMENT SUCH AS A GUARANTEE THAT MAKES YOUR SPOUSE LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, EVEN IF YOUR SPOUSE DOES NOT OWN ANY PART OF THE FRANCHISE BUSINESS.
- 7. 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 or entity a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should make sure to go your own investigation of the franchise.

Effective Date: See the next page for state effective dates.



## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

California

Illinois

**New York** 

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