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Re: Advisory Opinion Request on Behalf of Dunkin' Brands, Inc.

Dear Mr. Herman:

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437f, we seek an advisory opinion on behalf of our client Dunkin' Brands, Inc. ("Dunkin' Brands") concerning the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the proposed solicitation of contributions to a separate, segregated fund.

Dunkin' Brands sponsors a separate, segregated faud, the Dunkin' Brands, Ioc. Political Action Committee ("Dunkin' PAC"), which was created in 2007. To date, Dunkin' PAC has solicited and accepted voluntary political contributions from executive and administrative employees of Dunkin' Brands. In this advisory opinion request, Dunkin' Brands seeks confirmation that it may solicit contributions to Dunkin' PAC from executive and administrative employees of Dunkin' Brands franchisees and licensees, as well as from the franchisees and licensees themselves, if they are not corporations (e.g., if they are individuals or partnerships).

# I. Background

Dunkin' Brands is one of the world's leading franchisors of quick service restaurants with more than 16,500 Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins restaurants in 56 countries worldwide. The two brands are franchising pioneers. In 1945, two California brothers-in-law, Burt Baskin and Irv Robbins, opened an ice cream store that would lead to Baskin-Robbins. The first franchise was awarded in 1948. The first Dunkin' Donuts shop was opened in Massachusetts in 1950, with the initial Dunkin' Donuts franchises licensed in 1955.

Today, nearly 100 percent of the Dunkin' Brands restaurants are franchised units, owned and operated by individual franchisees and licensees. Dunkin' Brands maintains two wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries, Dunkin' Donuts Franchising LLC and Baskin-Robbins Franchising LLC, through which Dunkin' Brands enters into contractual arrangements using three standardized franchise agreements: one for Dunkin' Donuts restaurants, one for Baskin-Robbins restaurants, and one for restaurants that combine the two franchised concepts.



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The franchise agreements require franchisees to follow comprehensive systems developed by Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins (the "Dunkin' Donuts System" and the "Baskin-Robbins System") which involve the conceptualization, design, specification, development, operation, marketing, franchising, and licensing of the associated stores and related concepts. The requirements of each system are included in the franchise agreements, along with corresponding standards made available through manuals and other forms of communication. A breach of an obligation under the franchise agreements results in prompt default. Examples of the specific requirements imposed on franchisees are outlined below.

## II. Analysis

Under the Commission's regulations with respect to separate segregated funds, "a corporation may solicit the executive or administrative personnel of its subsidiaries, branches, divisions, and affiliates and their families." 11 C.F.R. § 114.5(g)(1).

In a series of advisory opinions beginning more tian 30 years ago, the Federal Election Commission its considered and approved proposals from franchisors similar to Dunkin' Brands which sought to solicit contributions from executive and administrative employees of their franchisees and licensees to the foundisors' separate segregated functs. A number of the Commission's opinions have involved other rentaurants, including McDonald's (Advisory Opinion 1977-70), Long John Silver's and Jerry's (Advisory Opinion 1978-61), Hardee's (Advisory Opinion 1979-38), and Sizzler (Advisory Opinion 1988-46). Other opinions have considered franchise arrangements in other industries (e.g., Advisory Opinion 1992-7, concerning H&R Block franchises).

In its opinions, the Commission has considered whether the control and direction exercised by the franchisor through its policies, practices, and agreements makes the franchisor and the franchisees or licensees affiliates within the meanting of the Commission's regulations. Those regulations provide a series of factors to be considered when examining one entity's possible affiliation with another, including "whether an organization has the authority or ability to direct or participate in the governance of another organization through provisions of constitutions, bylows, contracts, or other rules, or through fermal or informal practices or procedures." 11 C.F.R. § 100.5(g)(4)(ii)(B).

As the Commission has recognized in the above-mentioned opinions, franchise agreements typically afford the franchisor substantial control and direction over the policies, practices, and procedures of the franchisees and licensees, in accordance with the "system" establish by the franchisor. The Commission's opinions have elted a variety of policies that are fairly standard in franchise agreements, including those used by Dunkin' Brands. Below are a series of such provisions, noted by the Commission in the opinions, and the corresponding provisions in the Dunkin' Brands franchise agreements.



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Provisions Cited in Prior AOs	Provisions in Dunkin' Brands Franchise Agreements
Comprehensive system of policies, restrictions and procedures governing daily operations (AOs 1977-70, 1978-61, 1979-38, 1988-46, 1992-7)	Dunkin' Brands requires that franchisees follow a particular system that involves the conceptualization, design, specification, development, operation, marketing, franchising, and licensing of restaurants and associated concepts for the sale of proprietary and non-proprietary food and beverage products.
	Dunkin' Brands requires that franchisees follow established standards including location, physical characteristics and operating systems, products, qualification of suppliers, organization and training of franchisees and personnel, and marketing of products and each brand.
Requirements with respect to use of name, service mark, trademark, etc. (AOs 1988-46, 1992-7)	Dunkin' Brands owns and licenses trademarks, service marks, logos, emblems, trade dress, trade names, as well as patents and copyrights. Franchisees agree to use only those proprietary marks the company designates and approves and to do so in compliance with established standards.
Requirements with respect to use of design, décor, and style (AO 1988-46)	Dunkin' Brands requires that each store be designed, laid ont, constructed, furnished, and equipped to meet the company's standards and specifications. Any deviations from the company's plans, specifications, and requirements must have the company's prior written approval.
Requirements as to standard products (AO 1988-46)	Dunkin' Brands requires that frunchisees sell only approved products and maintain a sufficient supply of all epproved products to meet customer demands at all times.
Required supplies and equipment (AO 1992-7)	Dunkin' Brands requires that franchisees: install and use only approved equipment, furnishings, fixtures, and signage, sourced from approved suppliers; use a retail information system that the company approves; use only supplies, materials, and other items that the company approves, sourced from approved suppliers; and place orders with the company or its designated supplier at such times and in such manner as the company or its designated supplier prescribes.



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Provisions Cited in Prior AOs	Provisions in Dunkin' Brands Franchise Agreements
Training (AOs 1988-46, 1992-7)	Dunkin' Brands requires that franchisees and their management and other employees timely and successfully complete mandatory training regarding the company's standards.
Food preparation and handling (AO 1978-61)	Dunkin' Brands requires that franchisees comply with all of the company's requirements relating to health, safety, and sanitation.
Requirements on building and operation of facilities (AOs 1977-70, 1978-61, 1979-38, 1988-46)	Dunkin' Brands requires that each store be designed, laid out, constructed, furnished, and equipped to meet the company's standards and specifications. Deviations require prior written approval.
	Dunkin' Bınnds requires that franchisees maintain each store and premises in the degree of cleanliness, orderliness, sanitation, and repair as prescribed by the company's standards.
	Dunkin' Brands requires that each store be refurbished and remodeled by particular dates in accordance with current standards.
Hours of operation (AO 1992-7)	Dunkin' Brands requires that franchisees keep stores open and in continuous operation for hours prescribed by the company.
Coordination of marketing and advertising (AO 1988-46)	All advertising, marketing, and promotions programs are administered by Dunkin' Brands via its Advertising and Sales Promotion Fund. Advertising and promotional material propared by a franchisee must be submitted for prior written approval by Dunkin' Brands in advance of any use and must be discontinued when required.
Restrictions on transferability of franchises (AOs 1977-70, 1978-61, 1988-46, 1992-7)	Under the Dunkin' Brands franchise agreements, any direct or indirect transfer of interest requires prior written approval by Dunkin' Brands, which also has the right of first refusal to be the purchaser in any proposed direct or indirect sale.



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# III. Conclusion

We believe that the many factors cited above establish that Dunkin' Brands, through the contractual obligations included in its franchise agreements, maintains continuing control and direction over the business policies, practices, and procedures of its franchisees and licensees. Consistent with the Advisory Opinions noted above, we believe those franchisees and licensees would therefore be considered affiliates of Dunkin' Brands within the meaning of the Act and Commission regulations. Accordingly, we urge the Commission to conclude that Dunkin' Brands may solicit contributions to its separate, segregated fund from the executive and administrative personnel of its franchisees and licensees, as well as the franchisees and licensees themselves, if they are not corporations.

We thank the Commission for its attention to this request. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject Dunkin' Brands AOR

Mr. Buckley,

As we discussed, please find attached to this e-mail sample copies of the franchise agreements of Dunkin' Brands, Inc. discussed in our Advisory Opinion Request dated February 15, 2012 and submitted in conjunction with that Request. There are three agreements attached, one for Dunkin' Donuts stores, one for Baskin-Robbins stores, and one for the stores that combine the two restaurant concepts.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can provide any additional information.

Regards, William Minor



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# **FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

(inaivi	dually or collectively referred to as "Frai	nchisee," "you" or "your")		
	CONTRA	ACT DATA SCHEDULE		
A.	Location of the Restaurant:		•	
	(number) (street)	(city or town)	(state)	(zip code)
В.	Term: ( ) y general public, or, in the case of an ex	years from the first date isting Restaurant, until _	the Restaurant ope	ns to serve the
C.	Initial Franchise Fee:		dollars (\$	)
D.	Marketing Start-Up Fee: for current event; per Brand Standards	s for all subsequent bran	dollars (\$ ding or re-branding	) events
E.1	Continuing Franchise Fee Rate:	······································	percent (%)	of Gross Sales
E.2.	Continuing Training Fee:		dollars	(\$ )
F.	Continuing Advertising Fee Rate:	FIVE	<u></u> percent ( <u>5.0</u> %) of	Gross Sales
G.	Remodel Date: In the case of a new Restaurant opens to serve the general			
	Refurbishment Date: In the case of a years after the first date the Restaura existing Restaurant, on	ant opens to serve the g		
H.	Address for notice to FRANCHISEE inserted here:	shall be at the Resta	aurant, unless anot	her address is
l.	Permitted Financing: no more than additional development, equipment, f price for existing restaurants.	fixtures and signs for ne	ew restaurants or (i	
J.	Addenda: [ ]			
K.	The approved source of bakery supply (If this is a non-producing Restaurant insert	PC# of preducing restaurant;	otherwise insert PC# for t our prior written appr	this Restaurant)

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS © MARCH 2011

#### **SECTION 1. PARTIES**

1.0 This Agreement is a non-exclusive license to operate a Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin-Robbins business granted by us and to you. The franchisee, location and term are as specified in the accompanying Contract Data Schedule.

### **SECTION 2. GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE**

- 2.0 As a result of the expenditure of time, effort and money, we have acquired experience and skill in the continued development of the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins Systems (each a "System" and collectively, the "Systemt"), which involves the conceptualization, design, specification, devalopment, operation, marketing, franchising and licensing of restaurants and associated concepts for the sale of proprietary and non-proprietary food and beverage products.
- 2.1 In connection with each System, we own or have the right to license certain intellectual property. This property includes trademarks, service marks, logos, emblems, trade dress, trade names, including Dunkin' Donuts®, Baskin-Robbins® and other indicia of origin (collectively, the "Proprietary Marks"), as well as patents and copyrights. The Proprietary Marks include trademarks on the Prinelpal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. From time to time we may supplement or modify the list of Proprietary Marks associated with each System.
- 2.2 As franchisor, Dunkin' Denuts and Baskin-Robbins each have the right to establish "Standards" for various aspects of their respective System that include the location, physical characteristics and quality of operating systems of restaurants and other concepts; the products that are sold; the qualifications of suppliers; the qualifications, organization and training of franchisees and their personnel; the timely marketing of products and each brand, including execution of marketing windows; and all other things affecting the experience of consumers who patronize each System. We make those Standards available to you in our Manuals and in other forms of communication, which we may update from time to time. Complete uniformity may not be possible on prostical throughnot each System, and we only from time to time very Standards as we deem necessary or desirable for the Systems.
- 2.3. As franchisee, you are responsible for the conduct of your employees and for otherwise exercising day-to-day control over your franchised business. You also have the responsibility to adhere to the Standards of the System as they now exist and may from time to time be modified, and you acknowledge that at the heart of each System and this franchise relationship is your commitment to that responsibility. Furthermore, you acknowledge that your commitment is important to us, to you, and to other franchisees in order to promote the goodwill associated with our Systems and Proprietary Marks, and that this Agreement should be interpreted to give full effect to this paragraph.
- 2.4 (a) Accordingly, for the Term of this Agreement, we grant you the license, and you accept the obligation, to operate a Restaurant (the "Restaurant") within our Systems, using our intellectual property, only in accordance with our Standards and the other terms of this Agreement. This license is non-exclusive and relates solely to the single Restaurant location set forth in the Contract Data Schedule. We retain the right to operate or license others to operate Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins restaurants and other concepts, and to grant other licenses relating to the Proprietary Marics, at such locations and on such terms as we choose. We may

use or license others to use the Proprietary Marks in ways that compete with your location and that draw customers from the same area as your Restaurant.

- 2.4 (b) Conditional Renewal of Franchise. This Agreement shall not automatically renew upon the expiration of the Term. You have an option to renew the Franchise upon the expiration of the Term for one (1) additional term of twenty (20) years (the "Renewal Term") if, and only if, each and every one of the following conditions have been satisfied:
- (i) You give us written notice of your desire to renew the Franchise at least twelve months, but not more than eighteen months (the "Renewal Notice Period") prior to the end of the Term.
- (ii) You have maintained the Standards and otherwise sustained compliance with the terms and conditions of your Franchise Agreement (and lease with our affiliate or us, if applicable) over the term of the Franchise Agreement; you must not have any undured defaults under this Agreement at the time you provide notice; all your debts and obligations to us under this Agreement (and any lease if we are your landlord) or otherwise must be current through the expiration of the Term; including your Continuing Advertising Fee obligations to the Fund (as defined in Section 6) and we have not issued more than three (3) Notices to Cure or other default notices over the course of the ten (10) year period directly preceding expiration of the Term;
- (iii) You must execute and deliver to us, within 14 days (or any longer period required by lew) after delivery to you, the then-current form of Franchise Agreement being offered to new franchisees at the time of renewal, including all exhibits and our other then-current ancillary agreements. The terms and conditions and fee structures in the then-current Franchise Agreement may differ from this Agreement;
- (iv) We approve the site and the terms of any lease extension or new lease covering the Renewat Term, whether the lease for the Premises is with our affiliate or us or with a third party, including a third party in which you have an interest.
  - (v) You pay us our then-carrent renewal fee;
- (vi) You execute and deliver a termination of franchise agreement and mutual general release, in the form we prescribe from time to time that releases all claims that we may have against each other, and our respective parents, affiliates and subsidiaries, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders and employees in both their corporate and individual capacities; provided, however, that each parties' indemnification obligations for claims arising in connection with this Agreement shall survive termination of this agreement and shall not be subject to the general release;
- (vii) You Remodel the Restaurant on or before the expiration of the Term, in accordance with Section 8.1 of this Agreement;
- (viii) If you lease the Premises from our affiliate or us, you agree that we have no obligation to exercise any lease option, if available, or otherwise extend the term of any prime lease for the Renewal Term to accommodate this Conditional Renewal Term, however, in the event we decide not to exercise our lease option, we will use reasonable efforts to effect a transfer of the lease to you as prime tenant;

- 2.5 We will maintain a continuing advisory relationship with you by providing such assistance as we deem appropriate regarding the development and eperation of the Restaurant. We may require that you designate a fully-trained person as our primary centact. We will advise on the setection of the Restaurant's site as well as its construction, design, leyout, equipment, maintenance, repain and remodeling. We will advise on the training of managers and crow personnel; on marketing and merchandising; on inventory control and record-keeping; and on all aspects of Restaurant operations. In support of our advisory relationship, we will make available to you our then-current Manuals setting out our Standards, together with explanatory policies, procedures and other materials to assist you in complying with those Standards. We shall continue our efforts to maintain high and uniform standards of quality, cleanliness, appearance and service at all Dunkln' Donuls and Baskin-Robbins stores.
- 2.6 We have established a franchisee asvisory council comprised of members elected by franchisees in accordance with an election process prescribed by us as well as members appointed by us. We will consult with this group from time to time. This council will serve solely in an advisory capacity.

## SECTION 3. DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESTAURANT

3.0 You agree that the Restaurant and any real estate\_controlled by you and appurtenant to the Restaurant (the "Premises") must be designed, laid out, constructed, furnished, and equipped to meet our Standards and specifications, and you must satisfy any conditions to our approval of the development. Any deviations from our plane, specifications and requirements must have our prior written appraval. Any plane that we provide to you, and our approval of any plane you submit to us, relate colely to compliance with our Standards and should not be construed as a representation or warranty that the plane comply with applicable laws and regulations. That responsibility is solely yours. At our written request, you must promptly correct any unapproved deviations from our Standards in the development of the Restaurant or Premises. If you lose the use and enjoyment of the premises before the end of the Term, this Agreement will automatically terminate without further notice.

#### SECTION 4. TRAINING

- 4.0 Before the Restaurant opens for business, and from time to time thereafter, we will make various mandatory and optional training programs regarding Standards that we have developed or obtained available to you, your management and other Restaurant personnel to assist you in meeting Standards. We will conduct training programs regarding Standards, and we may require you to conduct training programs through your own properly certified (by us) trainers or supervisors. These programs may be conducted, at our option, in a Restaurant or other site, or through the Internet or other electronic media. You agree to timely and successfully complete, and to require your management and other employees to timely and successfully complete, all training that we designate as mandatory regarding Standards. Some training programs er systems may require the payment of fees.
- 4.1 You are responsible fer your costs incurred in receiving any Standards training and in conducting your own training, including the cost of any meterials and the selaries and travel expenses of yourself, your management, and your employees. In the event that the Restaurant repeatedly fails to meet Standards, in addition to whatever other remedies we may have, we may require you, your management and other Restaurant personnel to participate in additional training programs at your expense, and you may be required to reimburse us for the costs of providing such training.

4.2 If you are a new franchisee and you are entering the Baskin-Robbins System through the acquisition of an existing location or you need to have additional individuals attend training, you will need to pay the Initial Training Fee set forth in the Contract Data Schedule.

#### SECTION 5. FEES, PAYMENTS AND REPORTING OF SALES

- 5.0 **Initial Franchise Fee.** The amount and timing of payment of the Initial Franchise Fee is specified in the Restaurant Development Agreement ("SDA") relating to the location. If there is no SDA, the amount is specified in the Contract Data Schedule, and payment is due upon the signing of this Agreement, which must occur prior to commencing construction of the Restaurant.
- 5.1 Marketing Start-Up Fee. In connection with a material branding or re-branding event such as the opening, re-opening or remodel of the Restaurant or any other event set forth in our Standards, you agree to undertake promotional activities in the manner and to the extent that we prescribe in accordance with our Standards. We will advise you in writing of the manner and timing of payment of such activities. If we have established a minimum dollar expenditure for your Restaurant opening promotional activities, that amount will be set forth on the Contract Data Schedule.
- 5.2 Continuing Franchise Fees. You agree to pay us a Continuing Franchise Fee on or before Thursday of each week, for the seven-day period ending at the close of business on Saturday, twelve days previous. The amount due should be calculated by *multiplying* (a) the Gross Sales of the Restaurant for that neven-day period by (b) the Continuing Franchise Fee percentage stated in the Contract Data Schedule. We will specify the means and manner of payment from time to time, in writing.
- 5.3 Continuing Advertising Fee. You agree to pay us a Continuing Advertising Fee on or before Thursday of each week, for the seven-day period ending at the close of business on Saturday, twelve days previous. The amount due should be calculated by *multiplying* (a) the Gross Sales of the Restaurant for that seven-day period by (b) the Continuing Advertising Fee percentage stated in the attached Contract Data Schedule. The Continuing Advertising Foo should be paid at the same time and in the same manner as the Continuing Franchise Fee, unless we specify cenerwise, in writing.
- 5.4 Additional Advertising Fee. If two-thirds of the Restaurants in the Designated Market Area ("DMA") in which the Restaurant is located, or two-thirds of the restaurants in the continental United States, vote to support payment of Additional Advertising Fees for, respectively, a market-based or nationally-based program, you agree to pay such fees and your Restaurant will participate in that program. Any Additional Advertising Fees will be used only for the related program voted on by the restaurants. We will specify the means and manner of payment from time to time, in writing.
- 5.5 "Gress Sales" meens all revenue related to the sale of approved products and services through the operation of the Restaurant, but does not include money received for the sale of stored value cards and deposited into a central account maintained for the benefit of each System; taxes collected from customers on behalf of a governmental body; or the sale of approved products to another entity franchised or licensed by us for subsequent resale. All sales are considered to have been made at the time the product is delivered to the purchaser, regardless of timing or form of payment. Revenues lost due to employee theft are not deductible from Gross Sales. Sales made to approved *Dunkin' Donuts* wholesale accounts are included in Gross Sales for purposes of calentating the Continuing Franchise Fee but not the Continuing

Advertising Fee. You must submit any wholesale account for our prior approval using the procedure we specify from time to time. We may withdraw our approval at any time.

- 5.6 **Taxes on Fees.** If any tax or fee other than federal or state income tax is imposed on us by any governmental agency due to their receipt of fees that you pay to us under this Agreement, then you agree to pay us the amount of such tax as an additional Continuing Franchise Fee.
- 5.7 Late Fees, Interest and Costs. If you are late in paying all or part of a fee due to us, then you must also pay us our then-current late fee and interest on the unpaid amount calculated from the date due until paid at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, or the highest rate allowed by law, whichever is less. You must also pay all collection charges, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by us to collect fees that are due.
- 5.8 Solus Reporting and Electronic Funti Transfer ("EFT"). You agree to perticipate in our specified program or procedure for sales reporting and payment of fees that are due, whether it is electronic fund transfer or some successor program, in accordance with our Standards. You agree to assume the costs associated with maintaining your capability to report sales and transfer funds to us. In no event will you be required to pay any sums before the date they are due, as described above.

#### **SECTION 6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.0 We have established and administer an Advertising and Sales Promotion Fund (the "Fund") for each System, and direct the development of all advertising, marketing and promotional programs for the System. We may use up to twenty percent (20%) of Continuing Advertising Fees but none of Additional Advertising Fees for the administrative expenses of each Fund and for programs designed to increase sales and further develop the reputation and image of each brand. The balance, including any interest earned by each Fund, will be used for advertising and related expenses. The content of all activities of each Fund, including the media selected and employed, as well as the area and restaurants targeted for such activities, will be determined by us.
- 6.1 We are not obligated to make expenditures for you that are equivalent or proportionato to your contributions to each Fund, or to ensure that you benefit directly or on a pro rata basis from each Fund's activities. Upon your request, we will provide you with an audited statement of receipts and disbursements for each Fund that is audited by an independent, certified public accountant, for each fiscal year of the Fund.
- 6.2 If you wish to use any advertising or promotional material that you have prepared or caused to be prepared, then you must submit the material and the proposed use for our prior written approval in advance of any use, and discontinue such use when we require. Our prior written approval may take the form of guidelines.
- 6.3 With respect to the Easkin-Robbins unit, from time to time, we may create a national or local prometional program(s) that, for a limited time, involves the givenway of a specified product, or its sale at some specified price. We also may greate programs for frequency and loyalty cards, and redemption of gift certificates, coupons, and vouchers the duration of which will be determined by us. If we designate any such program as mandatory, you agree to participate fully in that program.

#### **SECTION 7. OPERATIONS**

- 7.0 Operating in Accordance with Our Standards. You agree to operate the Restaurant in accordance with all of our Standards, some of which are set forth in this section. Agreeng other things, you agree to:
- 7.0.1 Keep the Restaurant open and in continuous operation for hours we prescribe, and use the Restaurant and Premises only as a Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin-Robbins business, unless we give written approval to do otherwise;
- 7.0.2 Install and use only equipment, furnishings, fixtures, and signage that we approve, replace them as we may require, and source them from approved suppliers, of which we may be one:
- 7.0.3 Install and use a retail information system that we approve and whose information is continuously accessible to us through polling or other direct or remote means that we may specify. Unless we approve in writing, you will be required to use the retail information system approved for the Dunkin' Donuts brand;
- 7.8.4 Use only supplies, materials, and other items that we approve, and source them from approved suppliers, of which we may be one;
- 7.0.5 Sell all required products, cell only approved products, and source them from suppliors that we appreve, of which we may be one, and maintain a sufficient supply of all approved products to meet customer demands at all times, unless you receive our written approval to do otherwise:
- 7.0.5.1 You will place orders with us or our designated supplier at such times and in euch manner as we or our designated supplier prescribes from time to time. You will provide us or our designated supplier with a means of access to the Restaurant's frozen storage facility for delivery in accordance with regular route schedules as we or our designated supplier prescribes from time to time. We or our designated supplier may refuse to process orders or impose a reasonable late or additional delivery charge for orders that are not placed timely.
- 7.0.6 Use best efforts to hire employees of good character. Maintain a sufficient number of properly trained managed and employees to render quick, campotent and courteons sonice to Rostaurant customers in accordance with our Standards. Neither party will, during the term of this Agreement, directly or indirectly solicit or employ any person who is employed by the other or any of their affiliated companies.
- 7.0.7 Use only employees that have literacy and fluency in the English language sufficient, in our reasonable opinion, to adequately communicate with customers if their duties include customer service;
- 7.0.8 Comply with all of our requirements relating to health, safety and sanitation;
- 7.0.9 Sell any products to a third party for subsequent resale only with our prior written approval;
- 7.0.10 Keep our confidential Manuals up-to-date and accessible in the Restaurant, and make them available only to those of your employees who need access to them in order to operate the franchised business; and

- 7.0.11 Timely execute marketing windows.
- 7.1 **Obey All Laws**. You agree to comply with all civil and criminal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of public authorities perteining to the occupancy, operation and maintenance of the Restaurant and Premises.
- 7.2 Right of Inspection. You agree that our employees and agents have the right to enter the Restaurant and Premises without notice during business hours to determine your compliance with Standards and this Agreement. During the course of any such inspection, we may photograph or video any part of the Restaurant. We may select ingredients, products, supplies, equipment and other items from the Restaurant to evaluate whether they comply with our Standards. We may require you to immediately remove non-conforming items at your expense, and we may remove them at your expense if you do not exmove them upon exquest.
- 7.3 **Determination of Prices.** Except as we may be permitted by law to require a particular price, you are free to determine the prices you charge for the products you sell.
- 7.4 **Conditions of Employment**. You are solely responsible for all employment decisions, including hiring, promoting, discharging, and setting wages and terms of employment.
- 7.5 **Suppliers**. We have the right to approve or disapprove any supplier to your Restaurant or to each System. From time to time, we dray eater into er require national or regional exclusive supply arrangements with one or more independent suppliers for certain approved products. In evaluating the need for an exclusive supplier, we may take into account, among ether things, the uniqueness of the product; the projected price and required volume of the product; the investment required and the ability of the supplier to meet the required quality and quantity of the product; the availability of qualified, alternative suppliers; the duration of the exclusivity; and the desirability of competitive bidding.
- 7.6 Complaints. You must submit to us coptes of any customer complaints relating to the Restaurant or Premises. You must submit to us any communications from public authorities about actual or potential violations of laws or regulations relating to the operation or occupancy of the Restaurant or Premises. We will specify from time to time the manner of submission of this information to us.
- 7.7 **Courtesy.** The parties will continuously strive to treat each other with courtesy and respect in all aspects of the franchise relationship.

# SECTION 8. REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, REFURBISHMENT AND REMODEL

- 8.0 Repairs and Muintenance: You agree to continuously maintain the Restaurant and Prentises, including all fixtures, furnishings, signs and equipment, in the degree of cleanliness, orderliness, sanitation and repair, as prescribed by our Standards. You agree to make needed repairs (and replacements) to the Restaurant and Premises, including all fixtures, furnishings, signs and equipment, on an ongoing basis to ensure that your use and occupancy of the Restaurant and Premises conform to our Standards at all times. You are responsible for tho costs associated with maintenance, repairs and replacements, alterations and additions.
- 8.1 **Refurbishment and Remodel**: No later than the Refurbishment Dates described in the Contract Data Schedule, you must refurbish the Restaurant in accordance with our then-current refurbishment Standards as generally described below. No later than the Remodel Datos

described in the Contract Data Schedule, you must remodel the Restaurant in accordance with our then-current remodel Standards as generally described below, including those relating to fixtures, furnishings, signs and equipment. You are responsible for the costs of Refurbishments and Remodels.

Our refurbishment Standards generally include, but are not limited to, enhancements, improvements or upgrades to: exterior lighting and signage, pre-order board or other drive-thru equipment and signage, landscape design, new style wall covering and countertops, current seating and guest experience packages and/or production equipment or technology.

Our remedel Standards generally include, but are not limited to, enhancements, improvements or upgrades to the: site, building, equipment, technology and operational systems as necessary to bring the Restaurant up to the then-ourrent Brand image and standards.

8.2 You may not defer your angoing obligation to maintain, repair and replace because of a forthcoming refurbishment or remodel.

#### SECTION 9. PROPRIETARY MARKS

- 9.0 You agree to use only the Proprietary Marks we designate and in the manner that we approve. You may use and display such Proprietary Marks only in connection with the operation of the Restaurant and in compliance with our Standards.
- 9.1 You may not use the Prophetary Marks to advertise or sell products or services through the mail or by any electronic or other mediure, including the Internet, without our prior written approval. Our right of approval of any Internet usage of our Proprietary Marks includes approval of the domain names and Internet addresses, website materials and content, and all links to other sites. We have the sole right to establish an Internet "home page" using any of the Proprietary Marks, and to regulate the establishment and use of linked home pages by our franchisees.
- 9.2 You agree not to use the Proprletary Marks or the names "Dunkin' Donuts", "Dunkin", "DD", "Dunk", "Baskin-Robbins", "Baskin", "BR", "31 Flavors", or anything confuslingly similar as part of your corporate or other legal name, or as part of any e-mail address, domain name, or other identification of you or your business, in any medium. In all approved uses of the Proprietary Marks on your business forms such as your lettorhead, invoices, order forms, receipts, and contracts, you must identify yourself as our franchisee and your business as independently owned and operated.
- 9.3 You have no rights in the Proprietary Marks or our Systems other than those explicitly granted in this Agreement, and you may not sublicense the Proprietary Marks.
- 9.4 You agree to notify us promptly of any litigation relating to the Proprietary Marks. In the event we undertake the defense or prosecution of any such litigation, you agree to execute any and all documents and do cuch acts and things as may be necessary, in the opinion of our counsel, to carry out such defense or prosecution.
- 9.5 We will save, defend, indemnify and hold you and your successors and assigns harmless, from and against (i) any and all claims based upon, arising out of, or in any way related to the validity of your approved use of the Proprietary Marks and (ii) any and all expenses and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by or on behalf of you in the defense against any and all such claims.

#### **SECTION 10. RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS**

- 10.0 You acknowledge that as our franchisee, you will receive specialized training, including operations training, in each System that is beyond your present skiës and those of your managers and employees. You further acknowledge that you will receive access to our confidential and proprietary information, including methods, practices and products, which will provide a competitive advantage to you. As a condition of training you, sharing our confidential and proprietary information with you and granting you a license to operate the Restaurant within each System and use our intellectual property, we require the following covenants in order to protect our legitimate business interests and the interests of other franchisees in the Dunkin' Donute and Baskin-Robbins Systems:
- 10.1 During the tenn of this Agreenent, neither you nor any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guarantor of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect baneficial interest in the franchised business, may have a direct or indirect interest in, perform any activities for, provide any assistance to, sell any approved products to, or receive any financial or other benefit from any business or venture that sells products that are the same as or substantially similar to those sold in Dunkin' Donuts or Baskin-Robbins restaurants, except for i) other Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins restaurants that we franchise to you or ii) real property owned by you; provided, however, no business located on the real property may either a) be a coffee, baked goods, ice croam or frozen treat store or b) derive more that 15% of its overall revenue from products that are the same as or substantially similar to those sold in Dunkin' Donuts or Baskin-Robbins restaurants; divert or attempt to divert any Duckin' Donuts or Backin-Rebbins business or cuetomer away from the Restaurant or either System; oppose the isauance of a building permit, zoning variance or other gevernmental approval required fer the development of another Dunkin' Donuts or Baskin-Robbins restaurant; or perform any act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks or Systems.
- 10.2 For the first twenty-four months following the expiration or termination of this Agreement or transfer of an interest in the franchised business (fine "Post-Term Period), neither you nor any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guaranter of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the franchised business, may have any direct or indirect interest in, perform any activities for, provide any assistance to or receive any financial or other benefit from any business or venture (other than an ownership interest in real property) that sells products that are the same as or substantially similar to those sold in Dunkin' Donuts or Baskin-Robbins restaurants and located within five (5) miles from the Restaurant or any other Dunkin' Donuts or Baskin-Robbins restaurant that is open or under development. The restriction in the previous sentence does not apply to your ownership of less than two percent (2%) of a company whose shares are listed and traded on a national or regional securities exchange. The Post-Termi Period begins to run upon your compliance with all of your obligations in this Section.
- 10.3 During the term of this Agreement and at any time thoreafter, neither you ner any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guaranter of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the franchised business, may contest, or assist others in contesting, the validity or ownership of the Proprietary Marks in any jurisdiction; register, apply to register, or otherwise seek to use or in any way control the Proprietary Marks or any confusingly similar form or variation of the Proprietary Marks; or reproduce, communicate or share any Confidential Information with anyone, or use for the benefit of anyone, except in carrying out your obligations under this Agreement.

- 10.4 You agree that a breach of the covenants contained in this Section will be deemed to threaten immediate and substantial irreparable injury to us and give us the right to obtain immediate injunctive relief without limiting any other rights we might have. If a court or other tribunal having jurisdiction to determine the validity or enforceability of this Section determines that, strictly applied, it would be invalid or unenforceable, then the time, geographical area and scope of activity restrained shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary such that the restrictions in the Section will be valid and enforceable.
- 10.5 For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Confidential Information" means information relating to us or the Dunkin' Donuts or Baskin-Robbins Systems that is not generally available to the public, Including Manuals, recipes, products, other trade secrets and all other information and know-how relating to the methods of developing, operating and marketing the Restaurant and each System. You must use best efforts to protect the Confidential Information.
- 10.6 If Franchises is a legal entity, such entity's organizing documents shall provide that its purpose is limited to the following:
- 10.6.1 To develop, acquire, own and operate one or more Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins franchises, and to conduct all business and financing activities related to those franchises;
- 10.6.2 To develop, acquire, own and lease any real or personal property used in connection with such franchises, including the financing of same;
- 10.6.3 To guarantee, co-sign or lend credit, and to secure auch obligations by mortgaging, pledging, or otherwise transferring a security interest in your assets (excluding the Franchise Agreement, except and only to the extent and for so long as any applicable law requires that a franchisor permit a franchisee to grant a security interest in the Franchise Agreement) with respect to each of the following:
  - a. another Durkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins franchised business or Dunkin' Donuts management company that qualifies as art Affiliate (as defined in (10.6.4) below);
  - b. an entity, of which you are a member, that operates or owns or leases real estate or equipment to a Dunkin' Donuts central kitchen;
  - c. a real estate entity that both: (i) is an Affiliate or is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by you, by an Affiliate, by one or more of your shareholders, or by any person or organization that directly or indirectly owns shares in an Affiliate of yours, and (ii) owns, acquires and/or develops real estate used for Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins restaurants approved by us (for real estate that includes a Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins as part of a multi-use project, in addition to an Option to Assume, we require a non-disturbance agreement acceptable to us that permits us to operate or refranchise the restaurant in the event of a default under your loan, pledge, mortgege or similar instrument. Netwithstanding anything to the sentrary, in no event may Franchises guarantee, co-sign, lend credit, mortgage, pledge or intherwise transfer a security interest in your assets with respect to real estate that does not include a Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins business).
- 10.6.4 For purposes of this Agreement, an Affiliate means a corporation, partnership or limited liability company whose equity is owned in whole in part by (a) one or more or your shareholders, (b) one or more parent, spouse, sibling, child or grandchild or another blood relation of a shareholder(s) of yours, (c) a trust, family limited partnership or similar organization

that we have approved as a shareholder and of which at least one of your shareholders is a settlor, trustee ur beneficiary (er equivalent), or (d) or another entity that we have approved to hold an equity interest in you.

10.7 We have the exclusive right to use and incorporate into each System all modifications, changes, and improvements developed or discovered by your employees, agents or you in connection with the franchised business, without any liability or obligation to your employees, agents or you.

## SECTION 11. MAINTENANCE AND SUBMISSION OF BOOKS, RECORDS AND REPORTS

- 11.0 You are required to keep business records in the manner and for the time required by law, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. You are required to keep any additional business records that we specify from tirao to time, in the manner and fer the time we specify. All records must be in English, and whether on paper or in an electronic form, must be capable of being reviewed by us without special hardware or software. You must retain oopies of each state and federal tax return for the franchised business for a period of five years.
- 11.1 You must submit profit and loss statements to us on a monthly basis, and balance sheets for your fiscal half-year and year-end, all in the format and by the means that we specify from time to time. If we specify additional records for periodic reporting, you agree to submit those records as required.
- 11.2 Within fifteen days from our request and at our option, you agree to (a) photocopy and deliver to us those catquired records that we specify, or (b) at a location acceptable to us, provide us access to any required records that we specify for examination and photocopying by us. You agree to grant us the right to examine the records of your purchases kept by any of your suppliers or distributors, including the National DCP or any successor entities, and hereby authorize those suppliers and distributors to allow us to examine and copy those records at our own expense. If after we review your business records, which include your business tax returns, we believe that Intentional underreporting of Gross Sales may have occurred, then upon request, you and any signatery and guaranter of this Agreement must provide us with personal federal and state tex returns and personal bank statements for the periode requested.
- 11.3 We will keep any records you provide to us that contain confidential information of yours confidential, provided such records are marked confidential and, by their nature, would be considered by a reasonable person to be confidential, but we may release information to any person entitled to it under any lease, to a prospective transferee of the Restaurant, in connection with anonymous general information disseminated to our franchisees and prospective franchisees, in the formulation of plans and policies in the interest of each System, or if required by law or any legal proceeding.

#### **SECTION 12. INSURANCE**

12.0 Prior to operating or operating the Restaurant for business, and grior to constructing the Restaurant in the event you are developing the Restaurant, you agree to acquire insurance coverage of the type and in the amounts required by law, by any lease or sublease, and by us, as prescribed in our Standards. You must maintain such coverage in full force and effect throughout the duration of this Agreement. We have the right to change requirements from time to time. All insurance must be placed and maintained with insurance companies with ratings that meet or exceed our Standards. At our request, you must provide us with proof of required insurance coverages.

- 12.1 We and any affiliated party we designate must be named as additional insureds as our respective interests appear, and all policies must contain provisions denying to the insurer acquisition of rights of recovery against any named insured by subrogetion. All pelicies shall include a provision prohibiting cancellations or material changes without thirty days prior written notice to all named insureds. Policies may not be limited in any way by reason of any insurance that we (or any named party) may maintain. Upon our request, you must produce proof that you currently have the insurance coverage described in this Agreement, with all of the aforementioned provisions. In the event that such insurance coverage is not in effect, we have the right to purchase the necessary coverage for the Restaurant at your expense and to bill you for any premiums.
- 12.2 Both you and we waive any and all rights of recovery against each other and our respective officers, employees, agents, and representatives, for damage to the waiving party or for loss of its property or the property of others under its control, to the extent that the loss or damage is covered by insurance. To obtain the benefit of our waiver, you must have the required insurance coverage in effect. When you are obtaining the policies of insurance required by this subsection, you must give notice to your insurance carriers that the above mutual waiver of subrogation is contained in this Agreement. This obligation to maintain insurance is separate and distinct from your obligation to indemntly us under the provisions of Section 14.9.

## **SECTION 13. TRANSFERS**

- 13.0 **Transfer by Us**: This Agreement inures to the benefit of our successors and assigns, and we may assign our rights to any person or entity that agrees in writing to assume all of our obligations. Upon transfer, we will have no further obligation under this Agreement, except for any accrued liabilities.
- 13.1 Transfer by You: We entered into this Agreement based on the qualifications of your owners and you. Any direct or indirect transfer of interest in this Agreement requires our prior written consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold. We may withhold consent if a proposed transferee does not meet our then-current criteria, if you have not satisfied all of your outstanding obligations to us, if the Restaurant and Premises are not in compliance with our Standards, or if we believe that the sale price of the interest to be conveyed is so high, or the terms of sale so oneroas, that it is likely the transferae would be unable to properly operate, maintain, upgrade and promote the Restaurant and meet all financial and other ebligations to us and to third parties. At the time of transfer, you and all of your shareholders, partners and members must execute a general release of us and our parent and affiliates, in our then-current standard form. If after an approved transfer, a shareholder, member or partner no longer has an interest in the franchised business, then such party is relieved of further obligations to us under the terms of this Agreement, except for money obligations through the date of transfer and obligations under Section 10.
- 13.2 Tranofer Fee. At transfor, you prost pay us a Transfer Fee as follows, whether or not we exercise our rights in Section 13.4:
- 13.2.1 If you have not operated the Restaurant for at least three full years before the transfer occurs, then the Transfer Fee will be the greater of: (i) thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500); or (ii) five percent (5%) of the Adjusted Sales Price of the Restaurant. "Adjusted Sales Price" means the total consideration to be received by you upon transfer of the Restaurant, less the amount, if any, you paid for the Restaurant, when purchased as an ongoing business from another franchisee or from us. No adjustment shall be made for amounts paid in

connection with the development of a new Restaurant. The Adjusted Sales Price includes consideration in any form (including without limitation a covenant not to compete or pursonal services centract), however designated, and excludes only amounts reasonably alleested to lane and building if owned by you. For purposes of determining the correct Transfer Fee, we reserve the right to real-ocate amounts you have allecated to the various assets if, in our opinion, the ellocation is unreasonable in relation to the value of the business.

13.2.2 If the transfer occurs after the third full year of operation, you will pay the Transfer Fee stated below. We reserve the right to select another period or to make appropriate adjustments to such Gross Sales in the event extraordinary occurrences (e.g., road construction, fire or other casualty, etc.) materially affected the Resfaurant's sales during the trailing twelve month period.

Gross Sars for the Trailing 12 Month Period	Transter Fee
Less than \$400,000.00	\$12, 500.00
\$400,060.00 nr more, but leas than \$600,000.00	\$13,500.00
\$600,000.00 or more, but less thnn \$1,000,000.00	\$ 15,500.00
\$1,000,000,00 or more, but less than \$1,400,000.00	\$19,500.00
\$1,400,000.00 or more	\$27,500.00

- 13.2.3 In lieu of the Transfer Fee, we will only charge our then-current Fixed Documentation Fee if the original signatories to the Franchise Agreement retain more than fifty percent (50%) of the shares after the transfer, or if all of the interests transfer to the spouse(s) or children of the original signatories or to became or heirs of an owner who dies or becames reentally incapacitated.
- 13.3 Transfer on Death: Within twelve months from the death of you or any of your owner(s) and notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, the deceased's legal representative must propose to us in writing to transfer the interest of the deceased in this Agreement to one or more transferees. Any such transfer must occur within twelve months from such individual's death, and is subject to our prior written consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold, in accordance with this Section. This Agreement shall automatically terminate if the transfer has not occurred within twelve menths, unless we grant an extension in writing.
- 13.4 Right of First Refusal: We have a right of first refusal to be the purchaser in the event of any proposed diesect or indirect sale of interest in this Agreement, under the same terms and conditions contained in the offer or purchase and sale document. Only one franchisor will exercise the right of first refusal. As between the two franchisors, the brand that generated the most sales at the Restaurant in the twelve months preceding receipt of the offer or purchase and sale document will have the right to exercise the right of first refusal as to both brands. You must provide us with a fully-executed copy of any offer or purchase and sale document (including any referenced documents) for the sale, and we will have sixty days from our receipt to notify you whether we are exercising our right. We may purchase the interest directly from yeu. In the ovent you medify the offer or terms of sale in any way, you must reembnit the modified offer or purchase and sale document, as modified, and we will again have aixty days to exercise the right of first refusal.

#### **SECTION 14. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES**

14.0 You will be in default under this Agreement under the following conditions:

- 14.0.1 You breach an obligation under this Agreement, or an obligation under another agreement, which agreement is necessary to the operation of the Restaurant.
- 14.0.2 You file a petition in bankruptcy, are adjudicated a bankrupt, or a petition is filed against you and is either sonsented to by you or not dismissed within thirty days; or you become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver or other custodian for your business assets is filed and is either consented to by you or not dismissed within thirty days; or a receiver or other custodian is appointed for your business or business assets; or proceedings for composition with creditors is filed by or against you; or If your real or personal property is sold at levy.
- 14.0.3 You or your owners are convicted of or plend guilty or no contest to a feldny or crime involving moral turpitude, or any other crime or offense that is injurious to either System or the goodwill enjoyed by our Proprietary Marks.
- 14.0.4 You or your owners commit a fraud upon us or a third party relating to a business franchised or licensed by us.
- 14.0.5 You use or permit the use of any business franchised or licensed by us, including the Restaurant or Premises, for an unauthorized purpose.
- 14.0.6 We terminate any other franchise agreement with you or any attiliated entity by reason of a default under sections 14.0.3, 14.0.4 or 14.0.5.
- 14.1 You will have the following epportunities to cure a default under this Agreement.
- 14.1.1 **Thirty-Day Cure Period**. Except as otherwise provided, you must cure any default under this Agreement within thirty days after delivery of notice of default to you in our then-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.2 Seven-Day Cure Period. If you do not pay the money owed to us or the Advertising Fund when due, or if you fail to maintain the insurance coverage required by this Agreement, you must cure that default within seven days after delivery of notice of default to you in our then-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.3 Twenty-Four Hour Cure Period. If you violate any law, regulation, order on Standard relating to health, sanitation or safety, or if you cease to operate the restaurant for a period of forty-eight hours without our prior written consent, you must cure that default within twenty-four hours after delivery of notice of default to you in our then-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.4 Curs on Domand. You must destroy any product or cure any situation that, in our opinion, poses an imminent risk to public health and safety, at the time we demand you do so.
- 14.2 **No Gure Period**. No cure period will be available if you are in default under paragraphs 14.0.2 through 14.0.6; if you abandon the Restaurant; if you intentionally under-report Gross Sales or otherwise commit an act of fraud with respect to your acquisition or performance of this Agreement; or if your lease for the Restaurant is terminated. In addition, no cure period will be available for any default if you already have received three or more previous notices-to-cure for the same or a substantially similar default (whether or not you have cured the default), within the immediately preceding twelve-month period.

- 14.3 **Statutory Cure Period**. If a default is curable under this Agreement, and the applicable law in the state in which the premises is located requires a longer oure period than that specified in this Agreement, the longer period will apply.
- 14.4 In addition to all the remedies provided at law or by statute for the breach of this Agreement, we also have the following remedies:
- 14.4.1 If we believe a condition of the Premises or of any product pose a threat to the health or safety of your customers, employees or other persons, we have the right to take such action as we deem necessary to protect these persons, and the goodwill enjoyed by our Proprietary Marks and Systems. Such actions may include any or all of the following: we may require you to immediately close and suspend operation of the Restaurant and correct such conditions; we may irrinaediately remove or dostroy any products that we suspect are contaminated; and, if you fall to correct a hazarriaus condition on rienand, and within a teasoeable sine, we and contractors we hire may onter the Rostaurant without being guilty of, or liable for, trespase er tort, and correct the condition. You are solely responsible for all losses or expenses incurred in complying with the provisions of this subsection. Further, if you should discover a hazardous condition as described above, you agree to notify us immediately.
- 14.4.2 If after proper notice and opportunity to cure, you have not complied with a Standard involving the condition of the Restaurant, including maintenance, repair, and cleanliness, we and contractors we hire may enter the Restaurant without being guilty of, or liable for, trespass or tert, and correct the condition at your expanse.
- 14.4.3 If you are repeatedly in defection of this Agreement, we may disapprove your participation in the sale of new products or new programs until you cure your defaults and demonstrate to our reasonable satisfaction that you can maintain compliance with Standards.
- 14.4.4 You will pay to us all costs and expenses, including reasonable payroll and travel expenses for our employees, and reasonable investigation and attorneys' fees, incurred by us in successfully enforcing (which includes achieving a settlement) any provisions of this Agreement.
- 14.5 Because of the impodance of your compliance with Standards to protect our Systems, other franchisees, and the goodwill enjoyed by our Proprietary Morks, you agree that the remedies describes elsewhere in this Agreement, as well as monetary damages or termination at a future date, may be insufficient remedy for a breach of our Standards. Accordingly, you agree not to contest the appropriateness of injunctive relief for such breaches, and consent to the grant of an injunction in such cases without the showing of actual damages, irreparable harm or the lack of an adequate remedy at law. In order to obtain an injunction, we must show only that the Standard in issue was adopted in good faith, that it is a Standard of general applicability in that DMA er "region" (as that term is defined by us), and that you are violating or are about to violate that Standard. A Standard of general applicability is one that applies te all franchisees in the DMA or region, or throughout the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins Systems.
- 14.6 Termination and Expiration. If you commit a default referenced in section 14.2 or if you fail to timely cure any default that may be cured, we may terminate this Agreement. Termination will be effective immediately upon receipt of a written notice of termination unless a notice period is required by law, in which case that notice period will apply. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, you no longer have any rights granted by this Agreement. If we suffer your continued operation of the Restaurant while we seek judicial enforcement of our election to terminate, conducting business as if the Agreement had not been terminated in order

to preserve the reputation of our Systems and goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks, our adherence to the judicial process is neither a waiver of our election to terminate nor an extension of the termination date.

- 14.7 In the event of termination or expiration of this Agreement:
- 14.7.1 You must pay all monies owed under this Agreement, including any fees and interest, within ten days.
- 14.7.2 You must immediately cease operation of the Restaurant and no longer represent yourself to the public as our franchisee.
- 14.7.3 You must immediately nease all use of our Proprietary Marks, trade secrets, confidential information, and manuals, and cease to participate directly or indirectly in the use or benefits of our System.
- 14.7.4 You must, within ten days, return all originals and copies of our operating manuals, plans, specifications, and all other materials of ours in your possession relating to the operation of the Restaurant, all of which you acknowledge to be our property. The remaining materials are your property.
- 14.7.5 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination due to default, you agree to sell to us any or all of the furniture, fixtures, and equipment at its then-current fair market value, less any indebtedness on the equipment, and indebtedness to us;
- 14.7.6 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination or expiration, you must assign to us any leasehold interest you have in the Restaurant and Premises or any other agreement related to the Premises.
- 14.7.7 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination due to default or expiration, you must remove from the Restaurant and Premises and return to us all indicia of our Preprietary Marks. Further, you must make such modifications or alterations to the Restaurant and Premises as we require in accordance with our Standards to distinguish the Restaurant and Premises from the premises of other restaurants in the System. You must also disconnect any telephone listings that cootain our name, and withdraw any fictitious name registration containing any part of our Proprietary Marks. You hereby appoint us as your attorney-in-fact, and in your name, to do any act necessary to accomplish the intent of this section. In the event you fail or refuse to comply with the requirements of this section, we have the right to enter upon the Premises, without being guilty of trespass or any other tort, for the purpose of making such changes as may be required, at your expense, which you agree to pay upon demand.
- 14.ft You agree that the existence of any claims against us, whether or not arising from this Agreement, shall not constitute a determine to the enforcement by us of any provision of this Agreement
- 14.9 Indemnification. You will indemnify and hold us, our parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, including our and their respective members, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns, harmless from all claims related in any way to your operation, possession or ownership of the Restaurant or the Premises, or any debt or obligation of yours. This indemnification covers all fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees), costs and other expenses incurred by us or on our behalf in the defense of any claims, and shall not be limited by the

amount of insurance required under this Agreement. Our right to indemnity shall be valid notwithstanding that joint or concurrent liability may be imposed on us by statute, ordinance, regulation on other law. We will notify you of any claims covered by this paragraph, and you shall have the opportunity to assume the defense of the roador. We shall have the right to participate in any defense that is assumed by you, at our own coet and expense. No settlement of any claim against us shall be made without our prior written consent if we would be subjected to any liability not covered by you or your insurer.

#### **SECTION 15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 15.0 Waiver of Rights: Both we and you waive and agree not to include in any pleading or arbitration demand: class action claims; demand for trial by jury; claims for lost profits; or claims for punitive, multiple, or exemplary damages. If any pleading is filed that contains any of these claims or a jury demand, or if a court determined that all or any part of the waivere are ineffective, then the pleading shall be dismissed with prejudice, leaving the pleading party to its arbitration remedy. No claim by either of us can be consolidated with the claims of any other party. If such claims and demands cannot be waived by law, then the parties agree that any recovery will not exceed two (2) times actual damages.
- 15.1 Arbitration: Either of us, as plaintiff, may choose to submit a dispute to a court or to arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its Commercial Arbitration Rules (or by another nationally established arbitration association acceptable to you and us) and under the Federal Rules of Evidence. The plaintiffe election to arbitrate or to submit the disputa to the court system, including any compulsory counterclaims, is binding on the patties except that we shell have the option to submit to a court any of the following actions: to collect fees due under this Agreement; for injunctive relief; to protect our intellectual property, including Proprietary Marks; and to terminate this Agreement for a default. For any arbitration, the arbitrator(s) shall issue a reasoned award, with findings of fact and conclusions of law. The arbitration award and the decision on any appeal will be conclusive and binding on the parties. Actions to enforce an express obligation to pay money may be brought under the Expedited Procedures of the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules. The place of arbitration shall be in the state in which the Restaurant is located. The Federal Arbitration Act shall govern, excluding all state arbitration law. Massaehueetts's law shall govern all other issues.
- 15.2 Scope of Artitration: Disputes concerning the validity or scope of this Section, including whether a dispute in subject to arbitration, are beyond the authority of the arbitrator(s) and shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1 et seq., as amended from time to time. The provisions of this Section shall continue in full force and effect subsequent to any expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 15.3 Appeals: Either of us may appeal the final award of the arbitrator(s) to the appropriate U.S. District Court. The Court's review of the arbitrator's findings of fact shall be under the clearly erroneous standard, and the Court's review of all legat rolings shall be de novo. If it is determinent that this provision for fodgraf court review is not enforceable, there either party may appeal the arbitrator's final award to a panel of three arbitrators chosen under AAA procedures, employing the same standards of review stated immediately above.

# SECTION 16. MISCELLANEOUS

16.0 If you directly or indirectly acquire ownership or control of the Premises, you must promptly give us written notice of such ownership or control and execute our then-standard agreement giving us the option to lease the Premises from you if you default under this Agreement or under

any lease relating to the Restaurant or Premises. The lease will be for the then-remaining term of this Agreement, including any extension or renewal, at "triple-net" fair market value rent for comparable Dunkin' Donots/Baskin-Robbins locations with arma-length leases. If the partice cannot agree on the fair market value, they will cenault a muteally-acceptable real estate professional.

- 16.1 You are an independent contractor of ours and not our agent, partner or joint venturer. Neither party has the power to bind the other. Nothing In this Agreement contemplates a fiduciary relationship. Neither party is liable for any act, omission, debt or any other obligation of the other, and you and we agree to indemnify and save each other harmless from any such claim and the cost of defending such claim.
- 16.2 Our waiver of your breach of any term of this Agreement applies only to that one breach and that one term, and not to any subsequent breach of any term. Acceptance by us of any payments due under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver by us of any preceding breach by you of any term. If we accept payments from any person or entity other than you, such payments will be deemed made by such person as your agent and not as your successor or assignee. We may waive or modify any obligation of other franchisees under agreements similar to this Agreement, without any obligation to grant a similar waiver or modification to you. If, for any reason, any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or to conflict with an existing or future law, then the remaining provisions will continue to bind the partles and the invalid or conflicting provision will be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.
- 16.3 The parties' rights and remettles are cumulative. Neither you nor your successor may create or assert any security interest or lien in this Agreement, without our prior written approval. You represent and warrant that you have established your operating agreement, by-laws or partnership agreement in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict between a provision in this Agreement and a provision in your operating agreement, by-laws or partnership agreement, the provision of this Agreement will control.
- 16.4 Captions, paragraph designations and section or subsection headings are included in this Agreement for convenience only, and in no way define or limit the scope or intent of the provisions. Wherever we use the word "including", it means "lacluding but not limited to."
- 16.5 **Notices.** All notices shall be sent by prepaid private courier or cortified mail to the addresses set forth in the Centract Data Schedule, or to such other addressec as you and we provide each other in writing. All notices to us shall be sent to "Attention: Legal Department."
- 16.6 This Agreement and the documents referred to herein shall be the entire, full and complete agreement between you and us concerning the subject matter of this Agreement, which supersedes all prior agreements. Nothing in this Section, however, is intended to disclaim the representations we made in the franchise disclosure document that we furnished to you. This Agreement is made in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, USA, and shall be interpreted, construed and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counter-parts by fecalmile or otherwise. This Agreement may only be modified in a writing signed by you and us.
- 16.7 Your success in this business is speculative and depends, to an important extent, upon your ability as an independent business owner. We do not represent or warrant that the Restaurant will achieve a certain level of sales or be profitable, notwithstanding our approval of the location. By your signature below, you acknowledge that you have

entered into this Agreement after making an independent investigation of the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins Systems.

16.8 This Agreement grants you rights with respect to the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins brands. We have the right, at any time, to require you to execute and deliver separate contracts for each brand, each containing all of the terms of this Agreement pertaining to such brand. You agree to execute and return such replacement contracts to us within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof. If you fail to do so, we have the right to execute such instruments on your behalf and deliver a copy to you.

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Intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties have duly executed and delivered this agreement in duplicate; as of the dete and year first written above. You hereby acknowledge receipt of this Franchise Agreement, including any addenda referenced in Item J, at least seven (7) calendar days (or such longer period as is required by state law) prior to the date hereof. You further acknowledge having carefully read this agreement in its entirety, including all addenda identified above and the Personal Guarantee below (if applicable).

# **DUNKIN' DONUTS FRANCHISING LLC BASKIN-ROBBINS FRANCHISING LLC**

By:	
	Assistant Secretary
This Agreement is not binding upon the above represents	
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WITNESS/ATTEST:	FRANCHISEE Entity
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Print Name:	Print Name:

# **PERSONAL GUARANTEE**

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## **CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you received our Franchise Disclosure Document ("FDD") and have had the opportunity to review it and obtain the advice of an attorney. Your answers to the questions below will provide us with an opportunity to correct any possible misunderstandings prior to entering into this agreement with you ("Agreement"). Therefore, your certification is important and we will act in reliance upon your answers below in signing this Agreement.

Other than what is written in this Agreement or FDD, describe below any information provided by any employee or agent of our company that has influenced your decision to sign this Agreement. If the answer is "none," please write "NONE" below. Other than the historical information that is provided in Items 7 or 19 (including the Notes sections) of our FDD, describe below any information provided by any employee or agent of our company about your future financial performance, including sales, costs or profits, that has influenced your decision to sign this Agreement. If the answer is "none," please write "NONE" below. If you do not complete and sign this page, we will not counter-sign this Agreement (or, if that has already taken place, we have the right to void this Agreement). I certify that the above information is true, as of the same date as that on which this Agreement was signed. FRANCHISEE: Witness/Attest: Witness , individually Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness , individually Print Name: Witness , individually Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

(INDIV	idually or collectively referred to as "F	ranchisee," "you" or "your")	<b>).</b>	
	CONT	RACT DATA SCHEDULE		
A.	Location of the Restaurant:			
	(number) (street)	(city or town)	(state)	(zip code)
В.	Term: (general public, or, in the case of an	) years from the first date existing Restaurant, until _	the Restaurant op	ens to serve the
C.	Initial Franchise Fee:		dollars (\$	)
D.	Marketing Start-Up Fee: for current event; per Brand Standa	rds for all subsequent bran	dollars (\$ ding or re-branding	) events
E.1.	Continuing Franchise Fee Rate:		percent (%	) of Gross Sales
E.2.	Continuing Training Fee.		dollars (\$	)
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J.	Addenda: i ]			

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS ©MARCH 2011

#### **SECTION 1. PARTIES**

1.0 This Agreement is a non-exclusive license to operate a Dunkin' Donuts business granted by us and to you. The franchisee, location and term are as specified in the accompanying Contract Data Schedule.

#### **SECTION 2. GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE**

- 2.0 As a result of the expenditure of time, effort and money, we have acquired experience and skill in the continued development of the Dunkin' Donuts System (the "System"), which involves the conceptualization, design, specification, development, operation, marketing, franchising and licensing of restaurants and associated concepts for the sale of proprietary and non-proprietary food and beverage products.
- 2.1 In connection with the System, we own or have the right to license certain intellectual property. This property includes trademarks, service marks, logos, emblems, trade dress, trade names, including Dunkin' Donuts®, and other indicia of origin (collectively, the "Proprietary Marks"), as well as patents and copyrights. The Proprietary Marks include trademarks on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. From time to time we may supplement or modify the list of Preprietary Marks associated with the System.
- 2.2 As franchisor, we have the right to establish "Standards" for various aspects of the System that include the location, physical characteristics and quality of operating systems of restaurants and other concepts; the products that are sold; the qualifications of suppliers; the qualifications, organization and training of franchisees and their personnel; the timely marketing of products and our brand, including execution of marketing windows; and all other things affecting the experience of consumers who petronize our System. We make those Standards available to you in our Manuals and in other forms of communication, which we may update from time to time. Complete uniformity may not be possible or practical throughout the System, and we may from time to time to time vary Standards as we doent necessary or desirable for the System.
- 2.3. As franchisee, you have the right and responsibility to exercise day-to-day control over your franchised business to meet those Standards, and the heart of the System and this franchise relationship is your commitment to that responsibility. Furthermore, you acknowledge that your commitment is important to us, to you, and to other franchisees in order to promote the goodwill associated with our System and Proprietary Marks, and that this Agreement should be interpreted to give full effect to this paragraph.
- 2.4 (a) Accordingly, for the Term of this Agreement, we grant you the license, and you accept the obligation, to operate a Restaurant (the "Restaurant") within our System, using our intellectual property, only in accordance with our Standards and the other terms of this Agreement. This license is non-exclusive and relates solely to the single Restaurant location set forth in the Contract Data Schedule. We retain the right to operate or license others to operate Dunkin' Donuts restaurants and other concepts, and to grant other licenses relating to the Proprietary Marks, at such locations and on such terms as we choose. We may use or license others to use the Proprietary Marks in ways that compete with your location and that draw customers from the same area as your Restaurant.

- 2.4 (b) Conditional Renewal of Franchise. This Agreement shall not automatically renew upon the expiration of the Term. You have an option to renew the Franchise upon the expiration of the Term for one (1) additional term of twonty (20) years (the "Renewal Terra") if, and only if, each and every one of the following conditions have been satisfied:
- (i) You give us written notice of your desire to renew the Franchise at least twelve months, but not more than eighteen months (the "Renewal Notice Period") prior to the end of the Term.
- (ii) You have maintained the Standards and otherwise sustained compliance with the terms and conditions of your Franchise Agreement (and lease with our affiliate or us, if applicable) over the term of the Franchise Agreement; you must not have any uncured defaults under this Agreement at the time you provide notion; all your debts and obligations to us onder this Agreement (and any lease if we are yeur landlord) or otherwise must be current through the expiration of the Term; including your Centinuing Advertising Fee obligations to the Fund (as defined in Section 6) and we have not issued more than three (3) Notices to Cure or other default notices over the course of the ten (10) year period directly preceding expiration of the Term:
- (lii) You must execute and deliver to us, within 14 days (or any longor period required by law) after delivery to you, the then-current form of Franchise Agreement being offered to new franchisees at the time of renewal, including all exhibits and our other then-current ancillary agreements. The terms and arroditions add fee structures in the then-current Franchise Agreement may differ from this Agreement;
- (iv) We approve the site and the terms of any lease extension or naw lease covering the Renewal Term, whether the lease for the Premises is with our affiliate or us or with a third party, including a third party in which you have an interest.
  - (v) You pay us our then-current renewal fee;
- (vi) You execute and deliver a termination of franchise agreement and mutual general release, in the form we prescribe from time to time that releases all claims that we may have against each other, and our reepeotive parents, affiliates and subsidiaries, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders and employees in both their corporate and individual capacities; provided, however, that each parties' indemnification obligations for claims arising in connection with this Agreement shall survive termination of this agreement and shall not be subject to the general release;
- (vii) You Remodel the Restaurant on or before the expiration of the Term, in accordance with Section 8.1 of this Agreement;
- (viii) If you lease the Premises from our affiliate or us, you agree that we have no obligation to exercise any lease option, if available, or otherwise extend the term of any prime lease for the Renewal Term to accommodate this Conditional Renewal Term, however, in the event wa decide not to exercise our lease option, we will use reasonable efforts to effect a transfer of the lease to you as prime tenant;
- 2.5 We will maintain a continuing advisory relationship with you by providing such assistance as we deem appropriate regarding the development and operation of the Restaurant. We may require that you designate a fully-trained person as our primary contact. We will advise on the

selection of the Restaurant's site as well as its construction, design, layout, equipment, maintenance, repair and remodeling. We will advise on the training of managers and crew personnel; en marketing anti more andialog; on inventory control and record-keepleg; and en all aspects of Restaurant operational in support of eur advisory relationship, we will make available to you our then-current Manuals setting out our Standards, together with explanatory policies, precedures and other materials to assist you in complying with those Standards. We shall continue our efforts to maintain high and uniform standards of quality, cleanliness, appearance and service at all Dunkin' Donuts restaurants.

2.6 We have established a franchisee advisory council comprised of members elected by franchisees in accordance with an election process prescribed by us as well as members appointed by us. We will consult with this good from time to time. This anuncil will serve solely in an advisory capacity.

#### SECTION 3. DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESTAURANT

3.0 You agree that the Restaurant and any real estate controlled by you and appurtenant to the Restaurant (the "Premises") must be designed, laid out, constructed, furnished, and equipped to meet our Standards and specifications, and you must satisfy any conditions to our approval of the development. Any deviations from our plans, specifications and requirements must have our prior written appreval. Any plans that we provide to you, and our approval of any plans you submit to us, relate solely to compliance with our Standards and should not be construed as a representation or watranty that the plans comply with applicable laws and regulations. That responsibility is solely yours. At our written request, you must promptly correct any unappreved deviations from our Standards in the development of the Restaurant or Premises. If you lose the use and enjoyment of the premises before the end of the Term, this Agreement will automatically terminate without further notice.

#### SECTION 4. TRAINING

- 4.0 Before the Restaurant opens for business, and from time to time thereafter, we will make various mandatory and optional training programs regarding Standards that we have developed or obtained available to you, your management and other Restaurant personnel to assist you in meeting Standards. We will conduct training programs regarding Standards, and we may require you to certified training programs through your own properly certified (by ris) trainers or supervisors. These programs may be conducted, at our option, in a Restaurant or other site, or through the Internet or other electronic media. You agree to timely and successfully complete, and to require your management and other employees to timely and successfully complete, all training that we designate as mandatory regarding Standards. Some training programs or systems may require the payment of fees.
- 4.1 You are responsible for your costs incurred in receiving any Standards training and in conducting your own training, including the cost of any meterials and the salaries and travel expondes of yourself, your monagement, and your employees. In the event that the Rostaurant repeatedly fails to meet Standards, in addition to whatever other remedies we may have, we may require you, your management and other Restaurant personnel to participate in additional training programs at your expense, and you may be required to reimburse us for the costs of providing such training.

## SECTION 5. FEES, PAYMENTS AND REPORTING OF SALES

- 5.0 Initial Franchise Fee. The amount and timing of payment of the Initial Franchise Fee is specified in the State Development Agreement ("SDA") relating to the location. If there is no SDA, the amount is specified in the Contract Data Schedule, and payment is due upon the signing of this Agreement, which must occur prior to commencing censtruction of the Restaurant.
- 5.1 Marketing Start-Up Fee. In connection with a material branding or re-branding event such as the opening, re-opening or remodel of the Restaurant or any other event set forth in our Standards, you agree to undertake promotional activities in the manner and to the extent that we prescribe in accordance with our Standarde. We will advice you in writing of the manner and timing of payment of such activities. If we have established a minimum doilar expenditure for your Restaurant opening promotional activitiee, that amount will be set forth on the Contract Data Schedule.
- 5.2 **Continuing Franchise Fees.** You agree to pay us a Continuing Franchise Fee on or before Thursday of each week, for the seven-day period ending at the close of business on Saturday, twelve days previous. The amount due should be calculated by *multiplying* (a) the Gross Sales of the Restaurant for that seven-day period by (b) the Continuing Franchise Fee percentage stated in the Contract Data Schedule. We will specify the means and manner of payment frem time to time, in writing.
- 5.3 Continuing Advertising Fee. You agree to pay as a Continuing Advertising Fee on or before Thursday of each weak, for the seven-day period ending at the close of business on Saturday, twelve days previous. The amount due should be calculated by *multiplying* (a) the Gross Sales of the Restaurant for that seven-day period by (b) the Continuing Advertising Fee percentage stated in the attached Contract Data Schedule. The Continuing Advertising Fee should be paid at the same time and in the same manner as the Continuing Franchise Fee, unless we specify otherwise, in writing.
- 5.4 Additional Advertising Fee. If two-thirds of the Restaurante in the Designated Market Area ("DMA") in which the Restaurant is located, or two-tiores of the restaurants in the continental United States, vote to support payment of Additional Advertising Fees for, respectively, a market-based or nationally-based program, you agree to pay such fees and your Restaurant will participate in that program. Any Additional Advertising Fees will be used only for the related program voted on by the restaurants. We will specify the means and manner of payment from time to time, in writing.
- 5.5 "Gross Sates" means all revenue related to the sale of approved products and services through the operation of the Restaurant, but does not include money received for the sale of stored vatue cards and deposited into a contral account maintained for the benefit of the System; taxes collected from castomere on behalf of a governmental body; or the sale of approved products to another entity franchised or licensed by us for subsequent resale. All sales are considered to have been made at the time the product is delivered to the purchaser, regardless of timing or form of payment. Revenues lost due to employee theft are not deductible from Gross Sales. Sales made to approved wholesale accounts are included in Gross Sales for purposes of calculating the Continuing Franchise Fee but not the Continuing Advertising Fee. You must submit any wholesale account for our prior approval using the procedure we specify from time to time. We may withdraw our approval at any time.

- 5.6 **Taxes on Fees.** If any tax or fee other than federal or state income tax is imposed on us by any governmental agency due to our receipt of fees that you pay to us under this Agreement, then you agree to pay up the amount of such tax as so additional Continuing Franchise Fee.
- 5.7 Late Fees, Interest and Costs. If you are late in paying all or part of a fee due to us, then you must also pay us our then-current late fee and interest on the unpaid amount calculated from the date due until paid at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, or the highest rate allowed by law, whichever is less. You must also pay all collection charges, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by us to collect fees that are due.
- 5.8 Sales Reporting and Electronic Fund Transfer ("EFT"). You agree to participate in our specified program or procedure for sales reporting and payment of fees that are due, whether it is electronic fund transfer or some successor program, in accordance with our Standards. You agree to assume the costs resociated with maintaining your capability to report sales and transfer funds to us. In no event will you be required to pay any sums before the date they are due, as described above.

#### SECTION 6. ADVERTISING

- 6.0 We have established and administer The Dunkin' Donuts Advertising and Sales Promotion Fund (the "Fund"), and direct the development of all advertising, marketing and promotional programs for the System. We may use up to twenty percent (20%) of Continuing Advertising Fees but none of Additional Advertising Fees for the administrative expenses of the Fund and for programs designed to increase adles and further develop the reputation and image of the brand. The balance, including any interest earned by the Fund, will be used for advertising and related expenses. The content of all activities of the Fund, including the media selected and employed, as well as the area and restaurants targeted for such activities, will be determined by us.
- 6.1 We are not obligated to make expenditures for you that are equivalent or proportionate to your contributions to the Fund, or to ensure that you benefit directly or on a pro rate basis from the Fund's activities. Upon your request, we will provide you with an audited statement of receipts and disbursements for the Fund that is audited by an independent, certified public accountant, for each fiscal your of the Fund.
- 6.2 If you wish to use any advertising or promotional material that you have prepared or caused to be prepared, then you must submit the material and the proposed use for our prior written approval in advance of any use, and discontinue such use when we require. Our prior written approval may take the form of guidelines.

#### **SECTION 7. OPERATIONS**

- 7.0 Operating in Accordance with Our Standards. You agree to operate the Restaurant in accordance with all of our Standards, some of which are set forth in this section. Among other things, you agree to:
- 7.0.1 Keep the Restaurant open and in continuous operation for hours we prescribe, and use the Restaurant and Premises only as a Dunkin' Donuts business, unless we give written approval to do otherwise;

- 7.0.2 Install and use only equipment, furnishings, fixtures, and signage that we approve, replace them as we may require, and source them from approved suppliers, of which we may be ane:
- 7.0.3 Install and use a retail information system that we approve and whose information is continuously accessible to us through polling or other direct or remote means that we may specify;
- 7.0.4 Use only supplies, materials, and other items that we approve, and source them from approved suppliers, of which we may be one;
- 7.0.5 Sell all required products, sell only approved products, and source them from suppliers that we approve, of which we may be one, and maintain a sufficient supply of all approved products to meet customer demands at all times, unless year receive our written approved to do otherwise:
- 7.0.6 Use best efforts to hire employees of good character. Maintain a sufficient number of properly trained managers and employees to render quick, competent and courteous service to Restaurant customers in accordance with our Standards. Neither party will, during the term of this Agreement, directly or Indirectly solicit or employ any person who is employed by the other or any of their affiliated companies.
- 7.9.7 Use only employees that have literacy and fluency in the English language sufficient, in our reasonable opinion, to adequately communicate with customers if their duties include customer service:
- 7.0.8 Comply with all of our requirements relating to health, safety and sanitation;
- 7.0.9 Sell any products to a third party for subsequent resale only with our prior written approval;
- 7.0.10 Keep our confidential Manuals up-to-date and accessible in the Restaurant, and make them available ealy to those of your employeee who need access to item in order to operate the franchised business; and
- 7.0.11 Timely execute marketing windows.
- 7.1 **Obey All Laws**. You agree to comply with all civil and criminal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of public authorities pertaining to the occupancy, operation and maintenance of the Restaurant and Premises.
- 7.2 **Right of Inspection**. You agree that our employees and agents have the right to enter the Restaurant and Premises without notice during trasiness hours to determine your compliance with Standards and this Agreement. During the course of any such inspection, we may photograph or video any part of the Restaurant. We may select ingredients, products, supplies, equipment and other items from the Restaurant to evaluate whether they comply with our Standards. We may require you to immediately remove non-conforming items at your expense, and we may remove them at your expense if you do not remove them upon request.
- 7.3 **Determination of Prices**. Except as we may be permitted by law to require a particular price, you are free to determine the prices you charge for the products you self.

- 7.4 **Conditions of Employment**. You are solely responsible for all employment decisions, including hiring, promoting, discharging, and setting wages and terms of employment.
- 7.5 **Suppliers**. We have the right to approve or disapprove any supplier to your Restaurant or to the System. From time to time, we may enter into or require national or regional exclusive supply arrangements with one or more independent suppliers for certain approved products. In evaluating the need for an exclusive supplier, we may take into account, among other things, the uniqueness of the product; the projected price and required volume of the product; the investment required and the ability of the supplier to meet the required quality and quantity of the product; the availability of qualified, alternative suppliers; the duration of the exclusivity; and the dosirability of competitive bidding.
- 7.6 Complaints. You must submit to us copies of any customer complaints relating to the Restaurant or Premises. You must submit to us any communications from public authorities about actual or potential violations of laws or regulations relating to the operation or occupancy of the Restaurant or Premises. We will specify from time to time the manner of submission of this information to us.
- 7.7 Courtesy. The parties will continuously strive to treat each other with courtesy and respect in all aspects of the franchise relationship.

# SECTION 8. REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, REFLIRBISHMENT AND REMODEL

- 8.0 Repairs and Maintenance: You agree to continuously maintain the Restaurant and Premises, including all fixtures, furnishings, signs and equipment, in the degree of cleanliness, orderliness, sanitation and repair, as prescribed by our Standards. You agree to make needed repairs (and replacements) to the Restaurant and Premises, including all fixtures, furnishings, signs and equipment, on an ongoing basis to ensure that your use and occupancy of the Restaurant and Premises conform to our Standards at all times. You are responsible for the costs associated with maintenance, repairs and replacements, alterations and additions.
- 8.1 Reforbishment and Remodel: No later than the Refurbishment Dates described in the Contract Data Schedule, you must refurbish the Restaurant in accordance with our then-current refurbishment Standards as generally described below. No later than the Remodel Dates described in the Contract Data Schedule, you must remodel the Restaurant in accordance with our then-current remodel Standards as generally described below, including those relating to fixtures, furnishings, signs and equipment. You are responsible for the costs of Refurbishments and Remodels.

Our refurbishment Standards generally include, but are net limited to, enhancements, improvements or upgrades to: extertor lighting and signage, pre-order board or other drive-thru equipment and signage, landscape design, new size wall covering and countertops, current seating and great experience packages and/or production equipment or technology.

Our remodel Standards generally include, but are not limited to, enhancements, improvements or upgrades to the: site, building, equipment, technology and operational systems as necessary to bring the Restaurant up to the then-current Brand image and standards.

8.2 You may not defer your ongoing obligation to maintain, repair and replace because of a forthcoming refurbishment or remodel.

#### **SECTION 9. PROPRIETARY MARKS**

- 9.0 You agree to use only the Proprietary Marks we designate and in the manner that we approve. You may use and display such Proprietary Marks only in connection with the operation of the Restaurant and in compliance with our Standards.
- 9.1 You may not use the Proprietary Marks to advertise or sell products or services through the mail or by any electronic or other medium, including the Internet, without our prior written approval. Our right of approval of any Internet usage of our Proprietary Marks includes approval of the domain names and Internet addresses, website materials and content, and ail links to other sites. We have the sole right to establish an Internet "home page" using any of the Proprietary Marks, and to regulate the establishment and use of linked home pages by our franchisees.
- 9.2 You agree not to use the Proprietary Marks or the names "Dunkin' Donuts", "Dunkin", "DD", "Dunk" or anything confusingly similar as part of your corporate or other legal name, or as part of any e-mail address, domain name, or other identification of you or your business, in any medium. In all approved uses of the Proprietary Marks on your business forms such as your letterhead, invoices, order forms, receipts, and contracts, you must identify yourself as our franchisee and your business as independently owned and operated.
- 9.3 You have no cights in the Proprietary Marks or our System other than those explicitly granted in this Agreement, and you may not sublicense the Proprietary Marks.
- 9.4 You agree to natify us promptly of any litigation relating to the Proprietary Marks. In the event we undertake the defense or prosecution of any such litigation, you agree to execute any and all documents and do such acts and things as may be necessary, in the opinion of our counsel, to carry out such defense or prosecution.
- 9.5 We will save, defend, Indemnify and hold you and your successors and assigns hamnless, from and against (i) any and att claims based apon, alising out of, or in any way related to the validity of your approved une of the Proprietary Marks and (ii) any and all expenses and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by or on behalf of you in the defense against any and all such claims.

#### **SECTION 10. RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS**

- 10.0 You acknowledge that as our franchisee, you will receive specialized training, including operations training, in the System that is beyond your present skills and those of your managers and employees. You further acknowledge that you will receive access to our confidential and proprietary information, including methods, practices and products, which will provide a competitive advantage to you. As a condition of training you, sharing our confidential and proprietary information with you and granting you a license to operate the Restaurant within our System and use our intellectual property, we require the following covenants in order to protect our legitimate business interests and the interests of other franchisees in the Dunkin' Donuts System:
- 10.1 During the term of this Agreement, neither you nor any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guarantor of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the franchised

business, may have a direct or indirect interest in, perform any activities for, provide any assistance to, soll any approved products to, or receive any financial or other benefit from any business ar venture that sells products that are the same as or substantially similar to those sold in Dunlen' Donuts restaurante, except for i) other Dunkin' Denuts restaurants that we franchise to you or ii) real property owned by you; provided, however, no business located on the real property may either a) be a coffee or baked goods store or b) derive more that 15% of its overall revenue from products that are the same as or substantially similar to those sold in Dunkin' Donuts restaurants; divert or attempt to divert any Dunkin' Donuts business or customer away from the Restaurant or the System; oppose the issuance of a building permit, zoning variance or other governmental approval required for the development of another Dunkin' Donute restaurant; or perform any act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Proprietory Marks or System.

- 10.2 For the first twenty-four menths following the expiration or termination of this Agreement or transfer of an interest in the franchised business (the "Post-Term Period), neither you nor any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guarantor of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the franchised business, may have any direct or indirect interest in, perform any activities for, provide any assistance to or receive any financial or other benefit from any business or venture (other than an ownership interest in real property) that sells products that are the same as or substantially similar to those sold in Dunkin' Donuts restaurants and located within five (5) miles from the Rectaurant or any other Dunkin' Donuts restaurant that is open or under development. The restriction in the previous sentence does not apply to your ownership of loss than two percent (2%) of a company whose chares are listed and traded on a national or regional securities exchange. The Post-Term Period begins to run upon your compliance with all of your obligations in this Section.
- 10.3 During the term of this Agreement and at any time thereafter, neither you nor any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guarantor of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the franchised business, may contest, or assist others in contesting, the validity or ownership of the Proprietary Marks in any jurisdiction; register, apply to register, or otherwise seek to use ur in any way central time Proprietary Marks or any confusingly similar form or varistion of the Proprietary Marks; or reproduce, communicate or share any Confidential Information with anyone, or use for the benefit of anyone, except in carrying out your obligations under this Agreement.
- 10.4 You agree that a breach of the covenants contained in this Section will be deemed to threaten immediate and substantial irreparable injury to us and give us the right to obtain immediate injunctive relief without limiting any other rights we might have. If a court or other tribunal having jurisdiction to determine the validity or enforceability of this Section determines that, strictly applied, it would be invalid or unenforceable, then the time, geographinal area and scepe of activity restrained shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary such that the restrictions in the Section will be valid and enforceable.
- 10.5 For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Confidential Information" means information relating to us or the Dunkin' Donuts System that is not generally available to the public, including Manuals, recipes, products, other trade secrets and all other information and knowhow relating to the methods of developing, operating and marketing the Restaurant and the System. You must use best efforts to protect the Confidential Information.

- 10.6 If Franchisee is a legal entity, such entity's organizing documents shall provide that its purpose is limited to the following:
- 10.6.1 To develop, acquire, own and operate one or more Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins franchises, and to conduct all business and financing activities related to those franchises:
- 10.6.2 To develop, acquire, own and lease any real or personal property used in connection with such franchises, including the financing of same;
- 10.6.3 To guarantee, co-sign or lend credit, and to secure such obligations by mortgaging, pledging, or otherwise transferring a security interest in your assets (excluding the Franchise Agreement, except and only to the exterir and for so long as any applicable law requires that a franchisor permit a franchiso to grant a security interect in the Franchise Agreement) with respect to each of the following:
  - a. another Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins franchised business or Dunkin' Donuts management company that qualifies as an Affiliate (as defined in (10.6.4) below);
  - b. an entity, of which you are a member, that operates or owns or leases real estate or equipment to a Dunkin' Donuts central kitchen;
  - c. a real estate entity that both: (i) is an Affiliate or is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by you, by an Affiliate, by one or more of your shareholders, or by any person or organization that directly or irreliroctly owns shares in an Affiliate of yours, and (ii) owns, anquires and/or develops real estate used for Dunkin' Donute and/or Baskin-Robbins as part of a multi-use project, in addition to an Option to Assume, we require a non-disturbance agreement acceptable to us that permits us to operate or refranchise the restaurant in the event of a default under your loan, pledge, mortgage or similar instrument. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in no event may Franchisee guarantee, co-sign, lend credit, mortgage, pledge or otherwise transfer a security interest in your assets with respect to real estate that does not include a Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins business).
- 10.6.4 For purposes of this Agrasment, an Affiliate means a corporation, partnership or limited liability company whose equity is owned in whole in part by (a) one or more or your shareholders, (b) one or more parent, spouse, sibling, child or grandchild or another blood relation of a shareholder(s) of yours, (c) a trust, family limited partnership or similar organization that we have approved as a shareholder and of which at least one of your shareholders is a settlor, trustee or beneficiary (or equivalent), or (d) or another entity that we have approved to hold an equity interest in you.
- 10.7 We have the exclusive right to use and incorporate into our System all modifications, changes, and improvements developed or discovered by year employees, agents or you in candestion with the franchised business, without any liability or obligation to your employees, agents or you.

# SECTION 11. MAINTENANCE AND SUBMISSION OF BOOKS, RECORDS AND REPORTS

11.0 You are required to keep business records in the manner and for the time required by law, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. You are required to keep any additional business records that we specify from time to time, in the manner and for the time we

specify. All records must be in English, and whether on paper or in an electronic form, must be capable of being reviewed by us without special hardware or software. You must retain copies of each state and federal tax return for the franchised business for a serion of five years.

- 11.1 You must submit profit and loss statements to us on a monthly basis, and balance sheets for your fiscal half-year and year-end, all in the format and by the means that we specify from time to time. If we specify additional records for periodic reporting, you agree to submit those records as required.
- 11.2 Within fifteen days from our request and at our option, you agree to (a) photocopy and deliver to us those required records that we specify for examination acceptable to us, provide us access to any required records that we specify for examination and photocopying by us. You agree to grant us the right to examino the renords of your purchases kept by any of your suppliers or distributors, including the National DCP or any successor entities, and hereby authorize those suppliers and distributors to allow us to examine and copy those records at our own expense. If after we review your business records, which include your business tax returns, we believe that intentional underreporting of Gross Sales may have occurred, then upon request, you and any signatory and guarantor of this Agreement must provide us with personal federal and state tax returns and personal bank statements for the periods requested.
- 11.3 We will keep any records you provide to us that contain confidential infermation of yeurs confidential, provided such records are marked confidential and, by their nature, would be considered by a reasonable person to be confidential, but we may release information to any person entitled to it under any lease, to a prospective transferce of the Restaurant, is connection with anonymous general information disceminated to our franchisees and prospective franchisees, in the formulation of plans and policies in the interest of the System, or if required by law or any legal proceeding.

#### SECTION 12. INSURANCE

- 12.0 Prior to opening or operating the Restaurant for business, and prior to constructing the Restaurant in the event you are developing the Restaurant, you agree to acquire insurance coverage of the type and in the amounts required by law, by any lease or sublease, and by us, as prescribed in our Standards. You must maintain such coverage in full force and effect throughout the duration of this Agreement. We have the right to change requirements from time to time. All insurance must be placed and maintained with insurance companies with ratings that meet or exceed our Standards. At our request, you must provide us with proof of required insurance coverages.
- 12.1 We and any affiliated party we designate must be named as additional insureds as our respective interests appear, and all policies must contain provisions danying to the insurer acquieition of rights of recovery against any named insured by subregation. All policies shall include a prevision exchibiting cancellations or material changes without thirty days prior written notice to all named insureds. Policies may not be limited in any way by reason of any insurance that we (or any named party) may maintain. Upon our request, you must preduce proof that you currently have the insurance coverage described in this Agreement, with all of the aforementioned provisions. In the event that such insurance coverage is not in effect, we have the right to purchase the necessary coverage for the Restaurant at your expense and to bill you for any premiums.

12.2 Both you and we waive any and all rights of recovery against each other and our respective officers, employees, agents, and representatives, for damage to the waiving party or for less of its proporty or the property of others under its control, to the extent that the toss or damage is covered by insurance. To obtain the henefit of our waiver, you must have the required insurance coverage in effect. When you are obtaining the policies of insurance required by this subsection, you must give notice to your insurance carriers that the above mutual waiver of subrogation is contained in this Agreement. This obligation to maintain insurance is separate and distinct from your obligation to indemnify us under the provisions of Section 14.9.

#### SECTION 13. TRANSFERS

- 13.0 **Transfer by Us:** This Agreement inures to the benefit of our successors and assigns, and we may assign our rights to any person or entity that agrees in writing to assume all of our obligations. Upon transfer, we will have no further obligation under this Agreement, except for any accrued liabilities.
- 13.1 Transfer by You: We entered into this Agreement based on the qualifications of your owners and you. Any direct or indirect transfer of interest in this Agreement requires our prior written consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold. We may withhold consent if a proposed transferee does not meet our then-current criteria, if you have not satisfied all of your outstanding obligations to us, if the Restaurant and Premises are not in compliance will our Standards, or if we believe that the sale price of the interest to be conveyed is so high, or the terms of sale so graphilis, that it is likely the frantsforce would be unable to preparily operato, meintato, upgrade and promote the Restaurant and meet all financial and other abligations to us and to third parties. At the time of transfer, you and all of your shareholders, partners and members must execute a general release of us and our parent and affiliates, in our then-current standard form. If after an approved transfer, a shareholder, member or partner no longer has an interest in the franchised business, then such party is relieved of further obligations to us under the terms of this Agreement, except for money obligations through the date of transfer and obligations under Section 10.
- 13.2 Transfer Fee. At transfer, you must pay as a Transfer Fee as follows, whether or not we exercise our rights in Section 13.4:
- 13.2.1 If you have not operated the Restaurant for at least three full years before the transfer occurs, then the Transfer Fee will be the greater of: (i) six thousand dollars (\$6,000); or (ii) five percent (5%) of the Adjusted Sales Price of the Restaurant. "Adjusted Sales Price" means the total consideration to be received by you upon transfer of the Restaurant, less the amount, if any, you paid for the Restaurant, when purchased as an ongoing business from another franchisee or from us. No adjustment shall be made for amounts paid in connection with the development of a new Restaurant. The Adjusted Sales Price includes consideration in any form (including without limitation a covenant not to compete and personal services contract), however designated, and excitates only amounts reasonably allocated to land and butiding if owned by you. For purposes of datarmining the correct Transfer Fae, we reserve the eight to reclicate amounts you have allocated to the various assets if, in our opinion, the allocation is unreasonable in relation to the value of the business.
- 13.2.2 If the transfer occurs after the third full year of operation, you will pay the Transfer Fee stated below. We reserve the right to select another period or to make appropriate adjustments to such Gross Sales in the event extraordinary occurrences (e.g., road construction, fire or other casualty, etc.) materially affected the Rostaurant's sales during the trailing twelve month period.

Gross Sales for the Trailing 12 Month Period	Transfer Fee
Less than \$400,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
\$400,000.00 or more, but less than \$600,000.00	\$ 6,000.0 <u>0</u>
\$600,000.00 Ur more, but less than \$1,000,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
\$1,000,006.00 or more, but less than \$1,400,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$1,\$00,000.00 or more	\$20,000.00

- 13.2.3 In lieu of the Transfer Fee, we will only charge our then-current Fixed Documentation Fee if the original signatories to the Franchise Agreement retain more than fifty percent (50%) of the shares after the transfer, or if all of the intereste transfer to the speuse(s) or children of the original signatories or to beneficiaries or heirs of an owner who dies ur becomes mentally insepaciteted.
- 13.3 Transfer on Death: Within twelve months from the death of you or any of your owner(s) and notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, the deceased's legal representative must propose to us in writing to transfer the interest of the deceased in this Agreement to one or more transferees. Any such transfer must occur within twelve months from such individual's death, and is subject to our prior wriften consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold, in accordance with this Section. This Agreement shall automatically terminate if the transfer has not occurred within twelve menths, unless we great an extension in writing.
- 13.4 Right of First Refusal: We have o right of first refusal to be the purchaser in the event of any proposed direct er indirect sale of interest in this Agreement, under the same terms and conditions contained in the offer or purchase and sale document. You must provide us with a fully-executed copy of any offer or purchase and sale document (including any referenced documents) for the sale, and we will have sixty days from our receipt to notify you whether we are exercising our right. We may purchase the interest ourselves or assign our right without recourse to a nominee who will purchase the interest directly from you. In the event you modify the offer or terms of sale in any way, you must resubmit the modified effer or purchase and sale document, as modified, and we will again have sixty days to exercise the right of first refusal.

# SECTION 14. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

- 14.9 You will be in default under this Agreement under the fellowing conditions:
- 14.0.1 You breach an obligation under this Agreement, or an obligation under another agreement, which agreement is necessary to the operation of the Restaurant.
- 14.0.2 You file a petition in bankruptcy, are adjudicated a bankrupt, or a petition is filed against you and is either consented to by you or not dismissed within thirty days; or you become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or a bill in equity or other preceding for the appointment of a reneiver or other custodian for your business assets is filed and is either consented to by you or not dismissed within thirty days; or a receiver or other custodian is appointed for your business or business assets; or proceedings for composition with creditors is filed by or against you; or if your real or personal property is sold at levy.
- 14.0.3 You or your owners are convicted of or plead guilty or no contest to a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, or any other crime or offense that is injurious to our System or the goodwill enjoyed by our Proprietary Narks.

- 14.0.4 You or your owners commit a fraud upon us or a third party relating to a business franchised or liconsed by us.
- 14.0.5 You use or permit the use of any business franchised or licensed by us, including the Restaurant or Premises, for an unauthorized purpose.
- 14.0.6 We terminate any other franchise agreement with you or any affiliated entity by reason of a default under sections 14.0.3, 14.0.4 or 14.0.5.
- 14.1 You will have the following opportunities to cure a default under this Agreement.
- 14.1.1 **Thirty-Day Care Period**. Except as otherwike provided, you must cure any default under this Agreement within thirty days after delivery of notice of default to you in our then-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.2 **Seven-Day Cure Period**. If you do not pay the money owed to us or the Advertising Fund when due, or if you fail to maintain the insurance coverage required by this Agreement, you must cure that default within seven days after delivery of notice of default to you in our then-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.3 Twenty-Four Hoar Cure Period. If you violate any law, regulation, order on Standard relating to health, sanitiation or safety, or if you cease to operate the restaurant for a period of forty-eight hours without our prior written consent, you must cure that default within twenty-four hours after delivery of notice of default to you in our then-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.4 **Cure on Demand**. You must destroy any product or cure any situation that, in our opinion, poses an imminent risk to public health and safety, at the time we demand you do so.
- 14.2 No Cure Period. No cure period will be available if you are in default under paragraphs 14.0.2 through 14.0.6; If you abandon the Restaurant; if you intentionally under-report Gross sales or otherwise commit an act of froud with respect to your adquisition or performance of this Agreement; or if your lease for the Restaurant is terminated. In addition, no cure period will be available for any default if you already have exceived three or more previous notices-to-cure for the same or a substantially similar default (whether or not you have cured the default), within the immediately preceding twelve-month period.
- 14.3 Statutory Cure Period. If a default is curable under this Agreement, and the applicable law in the state in which the premises is located requires a longer cure period than that specified in this Agreement, the longer period will apply.
- 14.4 In addition to all the remedies provided at law or by statute for the breach of this Agreement, we also have the following remedies:
- 14.4.1 If we believe a condition of the Premises or of any product pose a threat to the health or safety of your customers, employees or other persons, we have the right to take such action as we deem necessary to protect these persons, and the goodwill enjoyed by our Proprietary Marks and System. Such actions may include any or all of the following: we may require you to immediately close and suspend operation of the Restaurant and correct such conditions; we may immediately remove or destroy any products that we suspect are contaminated; and, if you

fail to correct a hazardous condition on demand, and within a reasonable time, we and contractors we hire may enter the Restaurant without being guilty of, or liable for, trespass or tort, and correct the condition. You are solely responsible for all losses or expenses incorred in complying with the provisions of this subsection. Further, if you should discover a hazardous condition as described above, you agree to notify us immediately.

- 14.4.2 If after proper notice and opportunity to cure, you have not complied with a Standard involving the condition of the Restaurant, including maintenance, repair, and cleanliness, we and contractors we hire may enter the Restaurant without being guilty of, or liable for, trespass or tort, and correct the condition at your expense.
- 14.4.3 If you are repeatedly in default of this Agreement, we may disapprove your participation in the sale of new products or new programs until you cure your defaults and demonstrate to our reasonable satisfaction that you can maintain compliance with Standards.
- 14.4.4 You will pay to us all costs and expenses, including reasonable payroll and travel expenses for our employees, and reasonable investigation and attorneys' fees, incurred by us in successfully enforcing (which includes achieving a settlement) any provisions of this Agreement.
- 14.5 Because of the importance of your compliance with Standards to protect our System, other franchisees, and the goodwill enjoyed by eur Proprietary Marks, you agree that the remedies described elsewhere in this Agreement, as well as monetary damages or termination at a future date, may be ineufficient remedy for a breach of our Standarde. Accordingly, you agree not to contest the appropriateness of injunctive relief for such breaches, and consent to the grant of an injunction in such cases without the shewing of actual damages, irreparable harm or the lack of an adequate remedy at law. In order to obtain an injunction, we must show only that the Standard in issue was adopted in good faith, that it is a Standard of general applicability in that DMA or "region" (as that term is defined by us), and that you are violating or are about to violate that Standard. A Standard of general applicability is one that applies to all franchisees in the DMA or region, or throughout the Durlkin' Donuts System.
- 14.6 Termination and Expiration. If you commit a default referenced in section 14.2 or if you fail to timoly some any default that may be noted, we may terminate this Agreement. Termination will be effective immediately upon receipt of a written notice of termination unless a notice period is required by law, in which case that notice period will apply. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, you no longer have any rights granted by this Agreement. If we suffer your continued operation of the Restaurant while we seek judicial enforcement of our election to terminate, conducting business as if the Agreement had not been terminated in order to preserve the reputation of our System and goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks, our adherence to the judicial process is neither a waiver of our election to terminate nor an extension of the termination date.
- 14.7 In site event of termination or expiration of this Agreement:
- 14.7.1 You must pay all monies owed under this Agreement, including any fees and interest, within ten days.
- 14.7.2 You must immediately cease operation of the Restaurant and no longer represent yourself to the public as our franchisee.

- 14.7.3 You must immediately cease all use of our Proprietary Marks, trade secrets, confidential information, and reunuals, and cease to participate directly or indirectly in the use or benefits of our System.
- 14.7.4 You must, within ten days, return all originals and copies of our operating manuals, plans, specifications, and all other materials of ours in your possession relating to the operation of the Restaurant, all of which you acknowledge to be our property. The remaining materials are your property.
- 14.7.5 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination due to default, you agree to sell to us any or all of the furniture, fixtures, and equipment at its then-current fair market value, less any indebtodness on the equipment, and indebtedness to ue;
- 14.7.6 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination or expiration, you must assign to us any leasehold interest you have in the Restaurant and Premises or any other agreement related to the Premises.
- 14.7.7 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination due to default or expiration, you must remove from the Restaurant and Premises and return to us all indicia of our Proprietary Marks. Further, you must make such modifications or alterations to the Restaurant and Premises as we require in accordance with our Standards to distinguish the Restaurant and Premises from the premises of other rectaurants to the System. You must also disconnect any talephone listings that contain der name, and withdraw any fictilinus name registration containing any part of our Proprietary Marks. You hereby appoint us as your attorney-in-fact, and in your name, to do any ast necessary to accomplish the intent of this section. In the event you fail or refuse to comply with the requirements of this section, we have the right to enter upon the Premises, without being guilty of trespass or any other tort, for the purpose of making such changes as may be required, at your expense, which you agree to pay upon demand.
- 14.8 You agree that the existence of any claims against us, whether or not arising from this Agreement, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by us of any provision of this Agragment
- 14.9 Indemnification. You will indemnify and hold us, our parent, subsidiarias and affiliates, including our and their respective members, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns, harmless from all claims related in any way to your operation, possession or ownership of the Restaurant or the Premises, or any debt or obligation of yours. This indemnification covers all fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees), costs and other expenses incurred by us or on our behalf in the defense of any claims, and shall not be limited by the amount of insurance required under this Agreement. Our right te indemnity shall be valid notwithstanding that joint or concurrent liability may be imposed on us by statute; ordinance, regulation or other law. We will notify you of any claims covered by this paragraph, and you shall have the apportunity to assume the defense of the matter. We shall have the right to participate in any defense that is assumed by you, at our own cost and expense. No settlement of any claim against us shall be made without our prior written consent if we would be subjected to any liability not covered by you or your insurer.

#### **SECTION 15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 15.0 Waiver of Rights: Both we and you waive and agree not to include in any pleading or arbitration demand: class action claims; demand for trial by jary; claims for lost profits; or claims for punitive, multiple, or exemplary damages. If any pleading is filed that contains any of these claims or a jury demand, or if a court determines that all or any part of the waivers are ineffective, then the pleading shall be dismissed with prejudice, leaving the pleading party to its arbitration remedy. No claim by either of us can be consolidated with the claims of any other party. If such claims and demands cannot be waived by law, then the parties agree that any recovery will not exceed two (2) times actual damages.
- 15.1 Arbitration: Eithen of us, as plaintiff, may choose to submit a dispute to a court or to arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its Commercial Arbitration Rules (or by another nationally established arbitration association acceptable to you and up) and under the Federal Rules of Evidence. The plaintiff's election to arbitrate or to submit the dispute to the court system, including any compulsory counterclaims, is binding on the parties except that we shall have the option to submit to a court any of the following actions: to collect fees due under this Agreement; for injunctive relief; to protect our intellectual property, including Proprietary Marks; and to terminate this Agreement for a default. For any arbitration, the arbitrator(s) shall issue a reasoned award, with findings of fact and conclusions of law. The arbitration award and the decision on any appeal will be conclusive and binding on the parties. Actions to enforce an express obligation to pay money may be brought under the Expedited Procedures of the AAA's Commorcial Arbitration Rules. The place of arbitration shall be in the stote in which the Reptaurant is located. The Federal Arbitration Act shall govern, excitating all stote arbitration law. Massachusetts's law shall govern all other issues.
- 15.2 **Scope of Arbitration**: Disputes concerning the validity or scope of this Section, including whether a dispute is subject to arbitration, are beyond the authority of the arbitrator(s) and shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1 et seq., as amended from time to time. The provisions of this Section shall continue in full force and effect subsequent to any expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 15.3 Appeals: Either of us may appeal the final award of the arbitrator(s) to the appropriate U.S. District Court. The Court's review of the arbitrator's findings of fact shall be under the clearly arroneous standard, and the Court's review of all legal rulings shall be on novo. If it is determined that this provision for federal court review is not enforceable, then either party may appeal the arbitrator's final award to a panel of three arbitrators chosen under AAA procedures, employing the same standards of review stated immediately above.

### SECTION 16. MISCELLANEOUS

- 16.0 If you directly or indirectly acquire ownership or control of the Premises, you must promptly give us written notice of south ownership or control and exocute our then-standard agreement giving us the option to lease the Premises from you if you default under this Agreement or under any lease relating to the Restaurant or Premises. The lease will be for the then-remaining term of this Agreement, including any extension or renewal, at "triple-net" fair market value rent for comparable Dunkin' Donuts locations with arms-length leases. If the parties cannot agree on the fair market value, they will consult a mutually-acceptable real estate professional.
- 16.1 You are an independent contractor of ours and not our agent, partner or joint venturer. Neither party has the power to bind the other. Nothing in this Agreement contemptates a

fiduciary relationship. Neither party is liable for any act, omission, debt or any other obligation of the other, and you and we agree to indemnify and save each other harmless from any such claim and the onst of defending such glaim.

- 16.2 Our waiver of your breach of any term of this Agreement applies only to that one breach and that one term, and not to any subsequent breach of any term. Acceptance by us of any payments due under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver by us of any preceding breach by you of any term. If we accept payments from any person or entity other than you, such payments will be deemed made by such person as your agent and not as your successor or assignee. We may waive or modify any obligation of other franchisees under agreements similar to this Agreement, without any obligation to grant a similar waiver or modification to you. If, for any reason, any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or to conflict with an existing or future law, then the remaining provisione will continue to blind the parties and the invalid or conflicting provision will be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.
- 16.3 The parties' rights and remedies are cumulative. Neither you nor your successor may create or assert any security interest or lien in this Agreement, without our prior written approval. You represent and warrant that you have established your operating agreement, by-laws or partnership agreement in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict between a provision in this Agreement and a provision in your operating agreement, by-laws or partnership agreement, the provision of this Agreement will control.
- 16.4 Captions, paragraph designations and section or subsection headings are included in this Agreement for convenience only, and in no way define or limit the scope or intent of the provisions. Wherever we use the word "including", it means "including but not limited to."
- 16.5 **Notices**. All notices shall be sent by prepaid private courier or certified mail to the addresses set forth in the Contract Data Schedule, or to such other addresses as you and we provide each other in writing. All notices to us shall be sent to "Attention: Legal Department."
- 16.6 This Agreement and the documents referred to heroin shall be the entire, full and complete agreement between you and us concerning the subject matter of this Agreement, which supersedes all prior agreements. Nothing in this Section, however, is intended to disolaim the representations we made in the franchise disclosure document that we furnished to you. This Agreement is made in the Commonwealth of Messachusetts, USA, and shall be interpreted, construed and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counter-parts by facsimile or otherwise. This Agreement may only be modified in a writing signed by you and us.
- 16.7 Your success in this business is speculative and depends, to an important extent, upon your ability as an independent business owner. We do not represent or warrant that the Restaurant will achieve a ceribin level of sales or be profitable, notwithstanding our approvel of the locaties. By your signoture below, you acknowledge that you have entered into this Agreement after making an independent investigation of the Dunkin' Donuts System.

Intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties have duly executed and delivered this agreement in duplicate, as of the date and year first written above. You hereby ecknowledge receipt of this Franchise Agreement, including any addenda referenced in Itam J, at least seven (7) calendar days (or such longer period as is required by state law) prior to the date hereof. You further acknowledge having carefully read this agreement in its entirety, including all addenda identified above and the Personal Guarantee below (if applicable).

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# **PERSONAL GUARANTEE**

The undersigned represent and warrant that they hold a direct or an indirect interest in FRANCHISEE ENTITY NAME ("Franchisee") organized under the laws of the State/Province of		
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# **CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you received our Franchise Disclosure Document ("FDD") and have had the opportunity to review it and obtain the advice of an attorney. Your answers to the questions below will provide us with an opportunity to correct any possible misunderstandings prior to entering into this agreement with you ("Agreement"). Therefore, your certification is important and we will act in reliance upon your answers below in signing this Agreement.

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS © MARCH 2011

#### **SECTION 1. PARTIES**

1.0 This Agreement is a non-exclusive license to operate a Baskin-Robbins business granted by us and to you. The franchisee, location and term are as specified in the accompanying Contract Data Schedule.

#### SECTION 2. GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE

- 2.0 As a result of the expenditure of time, effort and money, we have acquired experience and skill in the continued development of the Baskin-Robbins System (the "System"), which involves the conceptualization, design, epeolfication, development, operation, marketing, franchising and licensing afterestaurants and associated concepts for the sale of proprietary and non-proprietary food and beverage preducts.
- 2.1 In connection with the System, we own or have the right to license certain intellectual property. This property includes trademarks, service marks, logos, emblems, trade dress, trade names, including Baskin-Robbins®, and other indicia of origin (collectively, the "Proprietary Marks"), as well as patents and copyrights. The Proprietary Marks include trademarks on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. From time to time we may supplement or modify the list of Proprietary Marks associated with the System.
- 2.2 As franchisor, we have the right to establish "Standards" for various aspects of the System that include the location, physical characteristics and quality of operating systems of restaurants and other concepts; the products that are sold; the qualifications of suppliers; the qualifications, organization and training of franchisees and their personnel; the timely marketing of products and our brand, including execution of marketing windows; and all other things affecting the experience of consumers who patronize our System. We make those Standards available to you in our Manuals and in other forms of communication, which we may update from time to time. Complete uniformity may not be possible or prastical throughout the System, and we may from time to time vary Standards as we deem necessary or desirable for the System.
- 2.3. As franchiseo, you are responsible for the conduct of your employees and for otherwise exercising day-to-day control over your franchised business. You also have the responsibility to adhere to the Standards of the System as they now exist and may from time to time be modified, and you acknowledge that at the heart of the System and this franchise relationship is your commitment to that responsibility. Furthermore, you acknowledge that your commitment is important to us, to you, and to other franchisees in order to promote the goodwill associated with our System and Proprietary Marks, and that this Agreement should be interpreted to give full offect to this paragraph.
- 2.4 (a) Accordingly, for the Term of this Agreement, we grant you the license, and you accept the obligation, to operate a Restaurant (the "Restaurant") within our System, using our intellectual property, only in accordance with our Standards and the other terms of this Agreement. This license is non-exclusive and relates solely to the single Restaurant location set forth in the Contract Data Schedule. We retain the right to operate or license others to operate Baskin-Robbins restaurants and other concepts, and to grant other licenses relating to the Proprietary Marks, at such locations and on such terms as we choose. We may use or license

others to use the Proprietary Marks in ways that compete with your location and that draw customers from the same area as your Restaurant.

- 2.4 (b) Conditional Renewal of Franchise. This Agreement shall not automatically renew upon the expiration of the Term. You have an option to renew the Franchise upon the expiration of the Term for one (1) additional term of twenty (20) years (the "Renewal Term") if, and only if, each and every one of the following conditions have been satisfied:
- (i) You give us written notice of your desire to renew the Franchise at least twelve months, but not more than eighteen months (the "Renewal Notice Period") prior to the end of the Term.
- (ii) You have maintained the Standards and otherwise sustained compliance with the terms and conditions of your Franchise Agreement (and lease with our affiliate or us, if applicable) over the term of the Franchise Agreement; you must not have any uncured defaults under this Agreement at the time you provide notice; all your debts and obligations to us under this Agreement (and any lease if we are your landlord) or otherwise must be current through the expiration of the Term; including your Continuing Advertising Fee obligations to the Fund (as defined in Section 6) and we have not issued more than three (3) Notices to Cure or other default notices over the course of the ten (10) year period directly preceding expiration of the Term;
- (iii) You raust execure and delives to us, within 14 days (nr any longer period required by law) after delivery to you, the then-current form of Franchise Agreement being offered to new franchisees at the time of renewal, including all exhibits and our other then-current ancillary agreements. The terms and conditions and fee structures in the then-current Franchise Agreement may differ from this Agreement;
- (iv) We approve the site and the terms of any lease extension or new lease covering the Renewal Term, whether the lease for the Premises is with our affiliate or us or with a third party, including a third party in which you have an interest.
  - (v) You pey us our then-current renerval fee;
- (vi) You execute and deliver a termination of franchise agreement and mutual general release, in the form we prescribe from time to time that releases all claims that we may have against each other, and our respective parents, affiliates and subsidiaries, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders and employees in both their corporate and individual capacities; provided, however, that each parties' indemnification obligations for claims arising in connection with this Agreement shall survive termination of this agreement and shall not be subject to the general release;
- (vii) You Remodel the Restaurant on or before the expiration of the Tetm, in accordance with Section 8.1 of this Agreement;
- (viii) If you lease the Premises from our affiliate or us, you agree that we have no obligation to exercise any lease option, if available, or otherwise extend the term of any prime lease for the Renewal Term to accommodate this Conditional Renewal Term, however, in the event we decide not to exercise our lease option, we will use reasonable efforts to effect a transfer of the lease to you as prime tenant;

- 2.5 We will maintain a continuing advisory relationship with you by providing such assistance as we deem appropriate regarding the development and operation of the Restaurant. We may require that you designate a fully-trained person as our primary contact. We will advise on the selection of the Restaurant's nite as well as its construction, design, leyout, equipment, maintenance, repair and remodeling. We will advise on the training of managers and crew personnel; on marketing and merchandising; on inventory control and record-keeping; and on all aspects of Restaurant operations. In support of our advisory relationship, we will make available to you our then-current Manuals setting out our Standards, together with explanatory policies, procedures and other materials to assist you in complying with those Standards. We shall continue our efforts to maintain high and uniform standards of quality, cleanliness, appearance and service at all Baskin-Robblis restaurants.
- 2.6 We have established a fraechisen advieory council comprised of members elected by franchisees in accordance with an election process prescribed by us as well as members appointed by us. We will consult with this group from time to time. This council will serve solely in an advisory capacity.

#### SECTION 3. DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESTAURANT

3.0 You agree that the Restaurant and any real estate controlled by you and appurtenant to the Restaurant (the "Premises") must be designed, laid out, constructed, furnished, and equipped to meet our Standards and specifications, and you must satisfy any conditions to our approval of the development. Any deviations from our plane, specifications and requirements must have our arinr written approval. Any plans that we provide to you, and our approval of any plans you submit to us, relate solely to compliance with our Standards and should not as construed as a representation or warranty that the plans comply with applicable laws and regulations. That responsibility is solely yours. At our written request, you must promptly correct any unapproved deviations from our Standards in the development of the Restaurant or Premises. If you lose the use and enjoyment of the premises before the end of the Term, this Agreement will automatically terminate without further notice.

#### SECTION 4. TRAINING

- 4.0 Before the Restaurant opens for business, and from time to time thereafter, we will make various mandatory and optional training programs regarding Standards that we have developed or obtained available to you, your management and other Restaurant personnel to assist you in meeting Standards. We will conduct training programs regarding Standards, and we may require you to conduct training programs through your own properly certified (by us) trainers or supervisors. These programs may be conducted, at our option, in a Restaurant or other site, or through the Internet or other electronic media. You agree to timely and successfully complete, and to require your management and other employees to timely and successfully complete, all training that we designate as mandatory regarding Standards. Some training programs or systems may require the payment of fees.
- 4.1 You are responsible for your costs incurred in receiving any Standards training and in conducting your own training, including the cost of any materials and the salaries and travel expenses of yourself, your management, and your employees. In the event that the Restaurant repeatedly fails to meet Standards, in addition to whatever other remedies we may have, we may require you, your management and other Restaurant personnel to participate in additional training programs at your expense, and you may be required to reimburse us for the costs of providing such training.

4.2 If you are a new franchisee and you are entering the System through the acquisition of an existing lacation or you need to have additional individuals attend training, you will need to pay the Initial Training Fee set forth in the Contract Deta Schedule.

#### SECTION 5. FEES. PAYMENTS AND REPORTING OF SALES

- 5.0 Initial Franchise Fee. The amount and timing of payment of the Initial Franchise Fee is specified in the Store Development Agreement ("SDA") relating to the location. If there is no SDA, the amount is specified in the Contract Data Schedule, and payment is due upon the signing of this Agreement, which must occur prior to commencing construction of the Restaurant.
- 5.1 **Marketing Start-Up Fee.** In connection with a material branding or re-branding event such as the opening, re-opening or remodel of the Restaurant or any other event set forth in our Standards, you agree to undertake promotional activities in the manner and to the extent that we prescribe in accordance with our Standards. We will advise you in writing of the manner and timing of payment of such activities. If we have established a minimum dollar expenditure for your Restaurant opening promotional activities, that amount will be set forth on the Contract Data Schedule.
- 5.2 Continuing Franchise Fees. You agree to pay us a Continuing Franchise Fee on or before Thursday of each week, for the seven-day period ending at the close of business on Saturday, twelve days previous. The amount due should be calculated by *multiplying* (a) the Gross Sales of the Restaurant for that seven-day period by (b) the Continuing Franchisa Fee percentage stated in the Contract Data Schedule. We will specify the means and manner of payment from time to time, in writing.
- 5.3 Continuing Advertising Fee. You agree to pay us a Continuing Advertising Fee on or before Thursday of each week, for the seven-day period ending at the close of business on Saturday, twelve days previous. The amount due should be calculated by *multiplying* (a) the Gross Sales of the Restaurant for that seven-day period by (b) the Continuing Advertising Fee percentage stated in the attached Contract Data Schedale. The Continuing Advertising Fee should be paid at the sarae time and in the same manner as the Continuing Franchisa Fee, unless we specify otherwise, in writing.
- 5.4 Additional Advertising Fee. If two-thirds of the Restaurants in the Designated Market Area ("DMA") in which the Restaurant is located, or two-thirds of the restaurants in the continental United States, vote to support payment of Additional Advertising Fees for, respectively, a market-based or nationally-based program, you agree to pay such fees and your Restaurant will participate in that program. Any Additional Advertising Fees will be used only for the related program voted on by the restaurants. We will specify the means and manner of payment from time to time, in writing.
- 5.5 "Gress Sales" means all revenue related to the sale of approved products and services through the operation of the Restaurant, but does not include money received for the sale of stored value cards and deposited into a central account maintained for the benefit of the System; taxes collected from customers on behalf of a governmental body; or the sale of approved products to another entity franchised or licensed by us for subsequent resale. All sales are considered to have been made at the time the product is delivered to the purchaser, regardless of timing or form of payment. Revenues lost due to employee theft are not deductible

from Gross Sales. You must submit any wholesale account for our prior approval using the procedure we specify from time to time. We may withdraw our approval at any time.

- 5.6 **Taxes on Fees.** If any tax or fee other than federal or state income tax is imposed on us by any governmental agency due to our receipt of fees that you pay to us under this Agreement, then you agree to pay us the amount of such tax as an additional Continuing Franchise Fee.
- 5.7 Late Fees, Interest and Costs. If you are late in paying all or part of a fee due to us, then you must also pay us our then-current late fee and interest on the unpaid amount calculated from the date due until paid at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, or the highest rate allowed by law, whichever is less. You must also pay all collection charges, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by us to collect fees that are due.
- 5.8 Seles Reporting and Electronic Fund Transfer ("EFT"). You agree to porticipate in our specified program or procedure for sales reporting and payment of fees that are due, whether it is electronic fund transfer or some successor program, in accordance with our Standards. You agree to assume the costs associated with maintaining your capability to report sales and transfer funds to us. In no event will you be required to pay any sums before the date they are due, as described above.

#### SECTION 6. ADVERTISING

- 6.0 We have established and administer The Baskin-Robbins Advertising and Sales Promotion Fund (the "Fund"), and direct the development of all advertising, marketing and promotional programs for the System. We may use up to twenty percent (20%) of Continuing Advertising Fees but some of Additional Advertising Fees for the administrative expenses of the Fund and for programs designed to increase sales and further develop the reputation and image of the brand. The balance, including any interest earned by the Fund, will be used for advertising and related expenses. The content of all activities of the Fund, including the media selected and employed, as well as the area and restaurants targeted for such activities, will be determined by us.
- 6.1 We are not obligated to make expenditures for you that are equivalent or proportionate to your contributions to the Fund, or to ensure that you bennfit directly on on a pro rata basis from the Fund's activities. Upon your request, we will provide you with an audited statement of receipts and disbursements for the Fund that is audited by an independent, certified public accountant, for each fiscal year of the Fund.
- 6.2 From time to time, we may create a national or local promotional program(s) that, for a limited time, involves the giveaway of a specified product, or its sale at some specified price. We also may create programs for frequency and loyalty cards, and redemption of gift certificates, coupons, and vouchers the duration of which will be determined by us. If we designate any such program as mandatory, you agree to participate fully in that program.
- 6.3 If you wish to use any advertising or promotional material that you have propared or caused to be prepared, then you must submit the material and the proposed use for our prior written approval in advance of any use, and discontinue such use when we require. Our prior written approval may take the form of guidelines.

#### **SECTION 7. OPERATIONS**

- 7.0 Operating in Accordance with Our Standards. You agree to operate the Restaurant in accordance with all of our Stændards, some of which are set forth in this section. Among other things, you agree to:
- 7.0.1 Keep the Restaurant open and in continuous operation for hours we prescribe, and use the Restaurant and Premises only as a Baskin-Robbins business, unless we give written approval to do otherwise;
- 7.0.2 Install and use only equipment, furnishings, fixtures, and signage that we approve, replace them as we may require, and source them from approved suppliers, of which we may be one;
- 7.0.3 Install and use a retail information system that we approve and whose information is continuously accessible to us through polling or other direct or remote means that we may specify;
- 7.0.4 Use only supplies, materials, and other Items that we approve, and source them from approved suppliers, of which we may be one;
- 7.0.5 Sell all required products, sell only approved products, and source them from suppliers that we approve, of which we may be one, and maintain a sufficient supply of all approved products to meet customer demands at all times, unless you receive our written approval to do otherwise:
- 7.0.5.1 You will place orders with us or our designated supplier at such times and in such manner as we or our designated supplier prescribes from time to time. You will provide us or our designated supplier with means of access to the Restaurant's frozen storage facility for delivery in accordance with regular route schedules as we or our designated supplier prescribes from time to time. We or our designated supplier may refuse to process orders or to impose a reasonable late or delivery charge for orders that are not placed timely.
- 7.0.6 Use best efforts to hire employees of good nharacter. Maintain a sufficient number of properly trained managers and employees to render quick, competent and courteous service to Restaurant customers in accordance with our Standards. Neither party will, during the term of this Agreement, directly or indirectly solicit or employ any person who is employed by the other or any of their affiliated companies.
- 7.0.7 Use only employees that have literacy and fluency in the English language sufficient, in our reasonable opinion, to adequately communicate with customers if their duties include customer service;
- 7.0.8 Comply with all of our requirements relating to health, safety and sanitation;
- 7.0.9 Sell any products to a third party for subsequent resale only with our prior written approval;
- 7.0.10 Keep our confidential Manuals up-to-date and accessible in the Restaurant, and make them available only to those of your employees who need access to them in order to operate the franchised business; and

- 7.0.11 Timely execute marketing windows.
- 7.1 **Obey All Laws**. You agree to comply with all civil and criminal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of public authorities pertaining to the occupancy, eperation and maintenance of the Restaurant and Premises.
- 7.2 **Right of Inspection**. You agree that our employees and agents have the right to enter the Restaurant and Premises without notice during business hours to determine your compliance with Standards and this Agreement. During the course of any such inspection, we may photograph or video any part of the Restaurant. We may select ingredients, products, supplies, equipment and other Items from the Restaurant to evaluate whether they comply with our Stasdards. We may require you to immediately remove non-conforming items at your expense, and we may remove them at your expense if you do not semove them upon request.
- 7.3 **Determination of Prices**. Except as we may be permitted by law to require a particular price, you are free to determine the prices you charge for the products you sell.
- 7.4 Conditions of Employment. You are solely responsible for all employment decisions, including hiring, promoting, discharging, and setting wages and terms of employment.
- 7.5 **Suppliers**. We have the right to approve or disapprove any supplier to your Restaurant or to the System. From time to time, we may enter into or require national or regional exclasive supply arrangements with one or more independent suppliers for certain approved products. In evaluating the need for an exclusive sapplier, we may take into account, among either things, the uniqueness of the product; the projected price and required volume of the product; the investment required and the ability of the supplier to meet the required quality and quantity of the product; the availability of qualified, alternative suppliers; the duration of the exclusivity; and the desirability of competitive bidding.
- 7.6 Complaints. You must submit to us coptes of any customer complaints relating to the Restaurant or Premises. You must submit to us any communications from public authorities about actual or potential violations of laws or regulations relating to the operation or occupancy of the Restaurant or Premises. We will specify from time to time the manner of submission of this information to us.
- 7.7 **Courtesy.** The parties will continuously strive to treat each other with courtesy and respect in all aspects of the franchise relationship.

# SECTION 8. REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, REFURBISHMENT AND REMODEL

- 8.0 Repairs and Maintenance: You agree to continuously maintain the Restaurant and Premises, including all fixtures, furnishings, signs and equipment, in the degree of cleanliness, orderliness, sanitation and repair, as prescribed by our Standards. You agree to make needed repairs (and replacements) to the Restaurant and Premises, including all fixtures, furnishings, signs and equipment, on an ongoing basis to ensure that your use and occupancy of the Restaurant and Premises conform to our Standards at all times. You are responsible for the costs associated with maintenance, repairs and replacements, alterations and additions.
- 8.1 Refurbishment and Remodel: No later than the Refurbishment Dates described in the Contract Data Schedule, you must refurbish the Restaurant in accordance with our then-current

refurbishment Standards as generally described below. No later than the Remodel Dates described in the Contract Data Schedulo, you must remodel the Restaurant in accordance with our then-corrent remodel Standards as generally described below, including those relating to fixtures, formishings, signs and equipment. You are responsible for the costs of Refurbishments and Remodels.

Our refurbishment Standards generally include, but are not limited to, enhancements, improvements or upgrades to: exterior lighting and signage, pre-order board or other drive-thru equipment and signage, landscape design, new style wall covering and countertops, current seating and guest experience packages and/or production equipment or technology.

Our remedel Stendards generally include, but are not limited to, ehhancements, improvements or upgrades to the: site, building, equipment, technology and operational systems as necessary to bring the Restaurant up to the then-ourrent Brand image and standards.

8.2 You may not defer your ongoing obligation to maintain, repair and replace because of a forthcoming refurbishment or remodel.

#### SECTION 9. PROPRIETARY MARKS

- 9.0 You agree to use only the Proprietary Marks we designate and in the manner that we approve. You may use and display such Proprietary Marks only in connection with the operation of the Restaurant and in compliance with our Standards.
- 9.1 Yeu may not use the Proprietary Marks to advertise or sell products or services through the mail or by any electronic or other medium, including the Internet, without our prior written approval. Our right of approval of any Internet usage of our Proprietary Marks includes approval of the domain names and Internet addresses, website materials and content, and all links to other sites. We have the sole right to establish an Internet "home page" using any of the Proprietary Marks, and to regulate the establishment and use of linked home pages by our franchisees.
- 9.2 You agree not to use the Proprietary Matrix or the names "Easkin-Rabbins", "Baskin", "BR", "31 Flavors" or anything coafuringly similar as part of your corporate or other legal name, or as part of any e-mail address, domain name, or other identification of you or your business, in any medium. In all approved uses of the Proprietary Marks on your business forms such as your letterhead, invoices, order forms, receipts, and contracts, you must identify yourself as our franchisee and your business as independently owned and operated.
- 9.3 You have no rights in the Proprietary Marks or our System other than those explicitly granted in this Agreement, and you may not sublicense the Proprietary Marks.
- 9.4 You agree to notify as promptly of any litigation relating to the Prondetary Marks. In the event we undertake the defense or prosecution of any such litigation, you agree to execute any and all documents and do such acts and things as may be necessary, in the opinion of our counsel, to carry out such defense or prosecution.
- 9.5 We will save, defend, indemnify and hold you and your successors and assigns harmless, from and against (i) any and all claims based upon, arising out of, or in any way related to the validity of your approved use of the Proprietary Marks and (ii) any and all expenses and costs

(including reasonable attorney's fees) incurred by or on behalf of you in the defense against any and all such daths.

#### **SECTION 10. RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS**

- 10.0 You acknowledge that as our franchisee, you will receive specialized training, including operations training, in the System that is beyond your present skills and those of your managers and employees. You further acknowledge that you will receive access to our confidential and proprietary information, including methods, practices and products, which will provide a competitive advantage to you. As a condition of training you, sharing our confidential and proprietary information with you and granting you a liconse te operate the Restaurant within our System and use our intellectual property, we require the following covenants in order to pretect our legitimate business interests and the interests of other franchiseed in the Baskin-Roboine System:
- 10.1 During the term of this Agreement, neither you nor any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guarantor of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the franchised business, may have a direct or indirect interest in, perform any activities for, provide any assistance to, sell any approved products to, or receive any financial or other benefit from any business or venture that sells products that are the same as or substantially similar to those sold in Baskin-Robbins restaurants, except for i) other Baskin-Robbins restaurants that we franchise to you or ii) real preperty owned by you; provided, bewever, no business located on the real property may either a) be an ice coam or frozen treat store or b) derive more that 15% of its overall revenue from products that are the same as or substantially similar to those seld in Baskin-Robbins restaurants; divert or attempt to divert any Baskin-Robbins business or customer away from the Restaurant or the System; oppose the issuance of a building permit, zoning variance or other governmental approval required for the development of another Baskin-Robbins restaurant; or perform any act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks or System.
- 10.2 For the first twenty-four moaths following the expiration or termination of this Agreement or transfer of an interest in the franchines business (the "Rost-Term Period), neither you can any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guarantor of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the franchised business, may have any direct or indirect interest in, perform any activities for, provide any assistance to or receive any financial or other benefit from any business or venture (other than an ownership interest in real property) that sells products that are the same as or substantially similar to those sold in Baskin-Robbins restaurants and located within five (5) miles from the Restaurant or any other Baskin-Robbins restaurant that is open or under development. The restriction in the previous sentence does not apply to your ownership of less than two percent (2%) of a company whose shares are listed and traded on a national or regional sacutities exchange. The Pest-Term Period begins to run open your compliance with all of your obliqations in this Seation.
- 10.3 During the term of this Agreement and at any time thereafter, neither you ner any shareholder, member, partner, officer, director or guarantor of yours, or any person or entity who is in active concert or participation with you or who has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the franchised business, may contest, or assist others in contesting, the validity or ownership of the Proprietary Marks in any jurisdiction; register, apply to register, or otherwise seek to use or in any way control the Proprietary Marks or any confusingly similar form or

variation of the Proprietary Marks; or reproduce, communicate or share any Confidential Information with anyone, or use for the benefit of anyone, except in carrying out your obligations under this Agreement.

- 10.4 You agree that a breach of the covenants contained in this Section will be deemed to threaten immediate and substantial irreparable injury to us and give us the right to obtain immediate injunctive relief without limiting any other rights we might have. If a court or other tribunal having jurisdiction to determine the validity or enforceability of this Section determines that, strictly applied, it would be invalid or unenforceable, then the time, geographical area and scope of activity restrained shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary such that the restrictions in the Section will be valid and enforceable.
- 10.5 Flor purposes of this Agreeroent, the term "Confidential Information" means infarntation relating to us or the Baskin-Robbins System that is not generally available to the public, including Manuals, recipes, products, other trade secrets and all other information and know-how relating to the methods of developing, operating and marketing the Restaurant and the System. You must use best efforts to protect the Confidential Information.
- 10.6 If Franchisee is a legal entity, such entity's organizing documents shall provide that its purpose is limited to the following:
- 10.6.1 To develop, acquire, ewe and operate one or more Durkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins franchismo, and to conduct all business and financing activities related to those franchises;
- 10.6.2 To develop, acquire, own and lease any real or personal property used in connection with such franchises, including the financing of same;
- 10.6.3 To guarantee, co-sign or lend credit, and to secure such obligations by mortgaging, pledging, or otherwise transferring a security interest in your assets (excluding the Franchise Agreement, except and only to the extent and fer so long as any applicable law requires that a franchisor permit a franchisee to grant a security interest in the Franchise Agreement) with respect to each of the following:
  - a. another Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Rebbins franchised business or Dunkin' Donuts management company that qualifies as an Affiliate (as defined in (10.6.4) below);
  - b. an entity, of which you are a member, that operates or owns or leases real estate or equipment to a Dunkin' Donuts central kitchen;
  - c. a real estate entity that both: (i) is an Affiliate or is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by you, by an Affiliate, by one or more of your shareholders, or by any person or organization that directly or indirectly owns shares in an Affiliate of yours, and (ii) owns, acquires and/or develops real estate used for Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins as port of a multi-use praject, in addition to an Option to Assume, we require a non-disturbance agreement acceptable to us that permits us to operate or refranchise the restaurant in the event of a default under your lean, pledge, mortgage or similar instrument. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in no event may Franchisee guarantee, co-sign, lend credit, mortgage, pledge or otherwise transfer a security interest in your assets with respect to real estate that does not include a Dunkin' Donuts and/or Baskin-Robbins business).

- 10.6.4 For purposes of this Agreement, an Affiliate means a corporation, partnership or limited liability company whose equity is owned in whole in part by (a) one or more or your shareholders; (b) one or more parent, spouse, sibling, child or grandchild or another bleed relation of a shareholder(s) of yours, (c) a trust, family limited partnership or aireliar organization that we have approved as a shareholder and of which at least one of your shareholders is a settlor, trustee or beneficiary (or equivalent), or (d) or another entity that we have approved to hold an equity interest in you.
- 10.7 We have the exclusive right to use and incorporate into our System all modifications, changes, and improvements developed or discovered by your employees, agents or you in connection with the franchised business, without any liability or obligation to your employees, agents er you.

#### SECTION 11. MAINTENANCE AND SUBMISSION OF BOOKS, RECORDS AND REPORTS

- 11.0 You are required to keep business records in the manner and for the time required by law, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. You are required to keep any additional business records that we specify from time to time, in the manner and for the time we specify. All records must be in English, and whether on paper or in an electronic form, must be capable of being reviewed by us without special hardware or software. You must retain copies of each state and federal tax return for the franchised business for a period of five years.
- 11.1 You must submit profit and less statements to us on a monthly basis, and balance sharets for your fiscal half-year and year-end, all in the format and by the maans that we specify from time to time. If we specify additional records for periodic reporting, you agree to submit those records as required.
- 11.2 Within fifteen days from our request and at our option, you agree to (a) photocopy and deliver to us those required records that we specify, or (b) at a location acceptable to us, provide us access to any required records that we specify for examination and photocopying by us. You agree to grant us the right to examine the records of your purchases kept by any of your suppliers or distributors, including the National DCP or any successor entities, and hereby authorize those suppliers and distributors to allow us to examine and copy those moords at our own expense. If after we review your business records, which lacked your business tex returns, we believe that intentional underreporting of Gross Saies may have occurred, then upon request, you and any signatory and guarantor of this Agreement must provide us with personal federal and state tax returns and personal bank statements for the periods requested.
- 11.3 We will keep any records you provide to us that contain confidential information of yours confidential, provided such records are marked confidential and, by their nature, would be considered by a reasenable person to be confidential, but we may release information to any person entitled to it under any lease, to a prespective transferse of the Restaurant, in connection with anonymous general information disseminated to our franchisees and prospective franchisees, in the fermulation of plans and policles in the interest of the System, or if required by law or any legal preceeding.

#### **SECTION 12. INSURANCE.**

12.0 Prior to opening or operating the Restaurant for business, and prior to constructing the Restaurant in the event you are developing the Restaurant, you agree to acquire insurance coverage of the type and in the amounts required by law, by any lease or sublease, and by us,

as prescribed in our Standards. You must maintain such coverage in full force and effect throughout the duration of this Agreement. We have the right to change requirements from time to time. All insurance attack be placed and maintained with insurance companies with radings that maet or exceed our Standards. At our request, you ranst provide us with proof of exquired insurance coverages.

- 12.1 We and any affiliated party we designate must be named as additional insureds as our respective interests appear, and all policies must contain provisions denying to the insurer acquisition of rights of recovery against any named insured by subrogation. All policies shall include a provision prohibiting cancellations or material changes without thirty days prior written notice to all named insureds. Policies may not be limited in any way by reason of any insurance that we (or any named party) may maintain. Upon our request, you must produce proof that you currently have the insurance coverage described in this Agreement, with all of the afterementioned provisions to the event that such insurance coverage is not in effect, we have the right to purchase the necessary coverage for the Restaurant at your expense and to bill you for any premiums.
- 12.2 Both you and we waive any and all rights of recovery against each other and our respective officers, employees, agents, and representatives, for damage to the waiving party or for loss of its property or the property of others under its control, to the extent that the loss or damage is covered by insurance. To obtain the benefit of our waiver, you must have the required insurance coverage in effect. When you are obtaining the policies of inserance required by this subsection, you must give notice to your insurance corriers that the above mutual waiver of subrogation is contained in this Agreement. This obligation to maintain insurance is separate and distinct from your obligation to indemnify us under the provisions of Section 14.9.

# **SECTION 13. TRANSFERS**

- 13.0 **Transfer by Us**: This Agreement inures to the benefit of our successors and assigns, and we may assign our rights to any person or entity that agrees in writing to assume all of our obligations. Upon transfer, we will have no further obligation under this Agreement, except for any accrued liabilities.
- 13.1 Transfer by You: We entered into this Agreement based on the qualifications of your owners and you. Any direct or indirect transfer of interest in this Agreement requires our prior written consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold. We may withhold consent if a proposed transferee does not meet our then-current criteria, if you have not satisfied all of your outstanding obligations to us, if the Restaurant and Premises are not in compliance with our Standards, or if we believe that the sale price of the interest to be conveyed is so high, or the terms of sale so onerous, that it is likely the transferee would be unable to properly operate, maintain, upgrade and promote the Restaurant and meet all financial and other obligations to us and te third parties. At the time of transfer, you and all of your shareholders, partners and members must execute a general release of as and war parent and affiliates, in our there-current standard form. If after an approved transfer, a shareholder, member or partner at longer has an interest in the franchised business, then such party is rollaved of further obligations to us under the terms of this Agreement, except for money obligations through the date of transfer and obligations under Section 10.
- 13.2 Transfer Fee. At transfer, you must pay us a Transfer Fee of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), whether or not we exercise our rights in Section 13.4.

- 13.2.1 In lieu of the Transfer Fee, we will only charge our then-current Fixed Documentation Fee if the original signatories to the Franchise Agreement extain more than fifty percent (50%) of the shares after the transfer, or if all of the interests transfer to the appuse(s) or obtideer of the original signatories or to beneficiaties or heire of an maner who dies or becomes mentally incapacitated.
- 13.3 **Transfer on Death**: Within twelve months from the death of you or any of your owner(s) and notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, the deceased's legal representative must propose to us in writing to transfer the interest of the deceased in this Agreement to one or more transferees. Any such transfer must occur within twelve months from such individual's death, and is subject to our prior written consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold, in accordance with this Section. This Agreement shall automatically terminate if the transfer has not occurred within twelve months, unless we grant en extension is writing.
- 13.4 Right of First Refusal: We have a right of first refusal to be the purchaser in the event of any proposed direct or indirect sale of interest in this Agreement, under the same terms and conditions contained in the offer or purchase and sale document. You must provide us with a fully-executed copy of any offer or purchase and sale document (including any referenced documents) for the sale, and we will have sixty days from our receipt to notify you whether we are exercising our right. We may purchase the interest ourselves or assign our right without recourse to a nominee who will purchase the interest directly from you. In the event you modify the offer or terms of eale in any way, you must resubmit the modified offer or purchase and sale document, as modified, and we will again have sixty days to exercise the right of first refusal.

#### SECTION 14. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

- 14.0 You will be in default under this Agreement under the following conditions:
- 14.0.1 You breach an obligation under this Agreement, or an obligation under another agreement, which agreement is necessary to the operation of the Restaurant.
- 14.0.2 You file a petition in bankruptcy, are adjudicated a bankrupt, or a petition is filed against you and is either concented to by you or nut diamissed within thirty days; or you become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver or other custodian for your business assets is filed and is either consented to by you or not dismissed within thirty days; or a receiver or other custodian is appointed for your business or business assets; or proceedings for composition with creditors is filed by or against you; or if your real or personal property is sold at levy.
- 14.0.3 You or your owners are convicted of or plead guilty or no contest to a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, or any other crime or offense that is injurious to our System or the goodwill enjoyed by our Proprietary Marks.
- 14.0.4 You or your owners commit a fraud upon us or a third party relating to a business franchised or licensed by us.
- 14.0.5 You use or permit the use of any business franchised or licensed by us, including the Restaurant or Premises, for an unauthorized purpose.
- 14.0.6 We terminate any other franchise agreement with you or any affiliated entity by reason of a default under sections 14.0.3, 14.0.4 or 14.0.5.

- 14.1 You will have the following opportunities to cure a default under this Agreement.
- 14.1.1 Thirty-Day Cure Period. Except as otherwise provided, you must cure any default under this Agreement within thirty days after delivery of notice of default to you in our than-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.2 Seven-Day Cure Period. If you do not pay the money owed to us or the Advertising Fund when due, or if you fail to maintain the insurance coverage required by this Agreement, you must cure that default within seven days after delivery of notice of default to you in our then-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.3 Twentty-Four Hour Cure Period. If you violate any law, regulation, order or Standard relating to health, sanitation or safety, or if you cease to operate the restaurant for a period of forty-eight hours without our prior written consent, you must cure that default within twenty-four hours after delivery of notice of default to you in our then-standard form or forms of communication.
- 14.1.4 **Cure on Demand**. You must destroy any product or cure any situation that, in our opinion, poses an imminent risk to public health and safety, at the time we demand you do so.
- 14.2 No Cure Period. No oure period will be available if you are in default under paragraphs 14.0.2 through 14.0.6; if you abandon the Restaurant; if you intentioned under-report Grose Sales or otherwise commit an act of fraud with respect to your acquisition or performance of this Agreement; or if your lease for the Restaurant is terminated. In addition, no pure period will be available for any default if you already have received three or more previous notices-to-cure for the same or a substantially similar default (whether or not you have cured the default), within the immediately preceding twelve-month period.
- 14.3 **Statutory Cure Period.** If a default is curable under this Agreement, and the applicable law in the state in which the premises is located requires a longer cure period than that specified in this Agreement, the longer period will apply.
- 14.4 In addition to all the remedies previded at lew or by etatute for the breach of this Agreement, we also have the following remedies:
- 14.4.1 If we believe a condition of the Premises or of any product pose a threat to the health or safety of your customers, employees or other persons, we have the right to take such action as we deem necessary to protect these persons, and the goodwill enjoyed by our Proprietary Marks and System. Such actions may include any or all of the following: we may require you to immediately close and suspend operation of the Restaurant and correct such conditions; we may immediately remove or dostroy any products that we suspect are contaminated; and, if you fail to correct a hazerdode condition and detriand, and within a reasonable time, we and contracters we him may enter the Restaurant without being guilty of, or liable for, trespass or tort, and correct the condition. You are solely responsible for all losses or expenses incurred in complying with the provisions of this subsection. Further, if you should discover a hazardous condition as described above, you agree to notify us immediately.
- 14.4.2 if after proper notice and opportunity to cure, you have not complied with a Standard involving the condition of the Restaurant, including maintenance, repair, and cleanliness, we

and contractors we hire may enter the Restaurant without being guilty of, or liable for, trespass or tort, and correct the condition at your expense.

- 14.4.3 If you are repeatedly in default of this Agreement, we may disapprove your participation in the sale of new products or new programs until you cure your defaults and demonstrate to our reasonable satisfaction that you can maintain compliance with Standards.
- 14.4.4 You will pay to us all costs and expenses, including reasonable payroll and travel expenses for our employees, and reasonable investigation and attorneys' fees, incurred by us in successfully enforcing (which includes achieving a settlement) any provisions of this Agreement.
- 14.5 Because of the importance of your compliance with Standards to protect our System, other franchisees, and the goodwill enjoyed by our Proprietary Marks, you agree that the remedies described elsewhere in this Agreement, as well as monetary damages or termination at a future date, may be insufficient remedy for a breach of our Standards. Accordingly, you agree not to contest the appropriateness of injunctive relief for such breaches, and consent to the grant of an injunction in such cases without the showing of actual damages, irreparable harm or the lack of an adequate remedy at law. In order to obtain an injunction, we must show only that the Standard in issue was adopted in good faith, that it is a Standard of general applicability in that DMA or "region" (as that term is defined by us), and that you are violating or are about to violate that Standard. A Standard of general applicability is one that applies to all franchisees in the DMA or region, or thoughout the Baskin-Robbins System.
- 14.6 Termination and Expiration. If you commit a default referenced in section 14.2 or if you fail to timely cure any default that may be cured, we may terminate this Agreement. Termination will be effective immediately upon receipt of a written notice of termination unless a notice period is required by law, in which case that notice period will apply. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, you no longer have any rights granted by this Agreement. If we suffer your continued operation of the Restaurant while we seek judicial enforcement of our election to terminate, conducting business as if the Agreement had not been terminated in order to preserve the reputation of our System and goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks, our adherence to the judicial process is neither a waiver of our election to terminate nor an extension of the termination date.
- 14.7 In the event of termination or expiration of this Agreement:
- 14.7.1 You must pay all monies owed under this Agreement, including any fees and interest, within ten days.
- 14.7.2 You must immediately cease operation of the Restaurant and no longer represent yourself to the public as our franchisee.
- 14.7.3 You must immediately cease all use of our Proprietary Marks, trade secrets, confidential information, and manuals, and cease to participate directly or indirectly in the use or benefits of our System.
- 14.7.4 You must, within ten days, return all originals and copies of our operating manuals, plans, specifications, and all other materials of ours in your possession relating to the operation of the Restaurant, all of which you acknowledge to be our property. The remaining materials are your property.

- 14.7.5 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination due to default, you agree to sell to us any or all of the furniture, tixtures, and equipment at its then-current fair market value, less any intebteriress on the equipment, and indebteriress to us;
- 14.7.6 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination or expiration, you must assign to us any leasehold interest you have in the Restaurant and Premises or any other agreement related to the Premises.
- 14.7.7 Upon our request within thirty days from the date of termination due to default or expiration, you must remove from the Restaurant and Premises and return to us all indicia of our Proprietary Merks. Further, you must make such modifications or alterations to the Restaurant and Premises as we require in accordance with our Standards to distinguish the Restaurant and Premises from the premises of other restaurants in the System. You must also disconnect any telephone tistings that contain our name, and withdraw any fictitious name registration containing any part of our Proprietary Merks. You hereby appoint us as your atterney-in-fact, and in your name, to do any act necessary to accomplish the intent of this section. In the event you fail or refuse to comply with the requirements of this section, we have the right to enter upon the Premises, without being guilty of trespass or any other tort, for the purpose of making such changes as may be required, at your expense, which you agree to pay upon demand.
- 14.8 You agree that the existence of any claims against us, whether or not arising from this Agreement, simili not constitute a defense to the enforcement by us of any provision of this Agreement
- 14.9 Indemnification. You will indemnify and hold us, our parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, including our and their respective members, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns, harmless from all claims related in any way to your operation, possession or ownership of the Restaurant or the Premises, or any debt or obligation of yours. This indemnification covers all fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees), costs and other expenses incurred by us or on our behalf in the defense of any claims, and shall not be limited by the arrount of insurance required under this Agraement. Our right to indemnity shall be valid notwithstanding that joint are concurrent liability may be imposed on as by statute, ardinance, regulation or other law. We will notify you of any claims covered by this paragraph, and you shall have the opportunity to assume the defense of the matter. We shall have the right to participate in any defense that is assumed by you, at our own cost and expense. No settlement of any claim against us shall be made without our prior written consent if we would be subjected to any liability not covered by you or your insurer.

#### SECTION 15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

15.0 Walver of Rights: Betts we and you waive and agree not to include in any pleading or arbitration command: class action claims; demand for total by jury; claims for lost profits; or claims for punitive, multiple, or exemplary damages. If any pleading is filed that contains any of these claims or a jury demand, or if a court determines that all or any part of the waivers are ineffective, then the pleading shall be dismissed with prejudice, leaving the pleading party to its arbitration remedy. No claim by either of us can be consolidated with the claims of any other party. If such claims and demands cannot be waived by law, then the parties agree that any recovery will not exceed two (2) times actual damages.

- 15.1 Arbitration: Either of us, as plaintiff, may choose to submit a dispute to a court or to arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its Coremercial Arbitration Ruleo (or another nationally established arbitration association acceptable to you and us) and under the Federal Rules of Evidence. The plaintiff's election to arbitrate er to submit the dispute to the court system, including any compuleory counterclaims, is hinding on the parties except that we shall have the option to submit to a court any of the following actions: to collect fees due under this Agreement; for injunctive relief; to protect our intellectual property, including Proprietary Marks; and to terminate this Agreement for a default. For any arbitration, the arbitrator(s) shall issue a reasoned award, with findings of fact and conclusions of law. The arbitration award and the decision on any appeal will be conclusive and binding on the parties. Actions to enforce an express obligation to pay money may be brought under the Expedited Procedures of the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rulés. The place of arbitration shall be in the state in which the Restaurant is located. The Federal Arbitration Act shall govern, excluding all state arbitration law. Massachusetts's law shall govern ell other issuae.
- 15.2 **Scope of Arbitration**: Disputes concerning the validity or scope of this Section, including whether a dispute is subject to arbitration, are beyond the authority of the arbitrator(s) and shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1 et seq., as amended from time to time. The provisions of this Section shall continue in full force and effect subsequent to any expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 15.3 Appeals: Either of ue may appeal the final award of the arbitrator(s) to the appropriate U.S. Diselct Court. The Ceert's review of the arbitrator's findings of fact shall be under the clearly erroneous standard, and the Court's review of all legal rulings shall be *de novo*. If it is determined that this provision for federal court review is not enforceable, than either party may appeal the arbitrator's final award to a panel of three arbitrators chosen under AAA procedures, employing the same standards of review stated immediately above.

# **SECTION 16. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 16.0 If you directly or indirectly acquire ewnership or control of the Promises, you must promptly give us written notice of such ownership or control and execute our then-standard agreement giving us the option to lease the Premises from you if you default under this Agreement or under any lease relating to the Restaurant or Premises. The lease will be for the then-remaining term of this Agreement, including any extension or renewal, at "tripla-net" fair market value rent for comparable Baskin-Robbins locations with arms-length leases. If the parties cannot agree on the fair market value, they will consult a mutually-acceptable real estate professional.
- 16.1 You are an independent contractor of ours and not our agent, partner or joint venturer. Neither party has the power to bind the other. Nothing in this Agreement contemplates a fiduciary relationship. Neither party is liable for any aut, emission, debt or any other obligation of the other, and you and we agree to indemnify and save each other harmless from any such claim and the cost of defending such claim.
- 16.2 Our waiver of your breach of any terro of this Agreement applies only to that one breach and that one term, and not to any subsequent breach of any term. Acceptance by us of any payments due under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver by us of any preceding breach by you of any term. If we accept payments from any person or entity other than you, such payments will be deemed made by such person as your agent and not as your successor or assignee. We may waive or modify any obligation of other franchisees under agreements similar to this Agreement, without any obligation to grant a similar waiver or modification to you.

- If, for any reason, any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or to conflict with an existing or future law, then the remaining previsions will continue to bind the parties and the invalid or conflicting provision will be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.
- 16.3 The parties' rights and remedies are cumulative. Neither you nor your successor may create or assert any security interest or lien in this Agreement, without our prior written approval. You represent and warrant that you have established your operating agreement, by-laws or partnership agreement in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict between a provision in this Agreement and a provision in your operating agreement, by-laws or partnership agreement, the provision of this Agreement will control.
- 16.4 Captions, paragraph designations and section or subsection headings are included in this Agreement for convenience only, and in no way define or limit the scope or intent of the provisions. Wherever we use the word "including", it means "including but not limited to."
- 16.5 **Notices.** All notices shall be sent by prepaid private courier or certified mail to the addresses set forth in the Contract Data Schedule, or to such other addresses as you and we provide each other in writing. All notices to us shall be sent to "Attention: Legal Department."
- 16.6 Tiris Agreement and the documents referred to Herein shall be the entire, full and complete agreement between you and us concerning the subject matter of this Agreement, which supersedes all prior agreements. Nothing in this Section, however, is intended to disclaim the representations we made in the franchise disclosure document that we fundahed to you. This Agreement is made in the Commenwealth of Massachesetts, USA, and shall be interpreted, construed and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counter-parts by facsimile or otherwise. This Agreement may only be modified in a writing signed by you and us.
- 16.7 Your success in this business is speculative and depends, to an important extent, upon your ability as an independent business owner. We do not represent or warrant that the Restaurant will achieve a certain level of sales or be profitable, notwithstanding our approval of the location. By your signature below, you acknowledge that you have entered into this Atenement after making an independent investigation of the Baskin-Robbins System.

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Intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties have duly executed and delivered this agreement in duplicate, as of the date end year first written above. You hereby ecknowledge receipt of this Franchise Agreement, including any addenda referenced in Item J, at least seven (7) calendar days (or such longer period as is required by state law) prior to the date hereof. You further acknowledge having carefully read this agreement in its entirety, including all addenda identified above and the Personal Guarantee below (if applicable).

# **BASKIN-ROBBINS FRANCHISING LLC**

	Ву:
	Assistant Secretary
This Agreement is not binding upon the above entit	ty(ies) until executed by an authorized representative.
FOR YOUR EXPRESS WAIVER OF RIGHT CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS, TO OBTAIN	E TERMS & CONDITIONS, WHICH PROVIDES S TO A JURY TRIAL, TO PARTICIPATE IN PUNITIVE, MULTIPLE OR EXEMPLARY ACTION LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER SE TO SUCH GLAIM OR ACTION.
WITNESS/ATTEST:	FRANCHISEE Entity
	Ву:
Print Name:	Print Name:

# **PERSONAL GUARANTEE**

The undersigned represent and warrant that they hold a direct or an indirect interest in FRANCHISEE ENTITY NAME ("Franchisee") organized under the laws of the State/Province of		
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# **CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you received our Franchise Disclosure Document ("FDD") and have had the apportunity to review it and obtain the advice of an attorney. Your answers to the questions below will provide us with an opportunity to correct any possible misunderstandings prior to entering into this agreement with you ("Agreement"). Therefore, your certification is important and we will act in reliance upon your answers below in signing this Agreement. Other than what is written in this Agreement or FDD, describe below any information provided by any employee or agent of our company that has influenced your decision to sign this Agreement. If the answer is "none," please write "NONE" below. Other than the historical information that is provided in Items 7 or 19 (including the Notes sections) of our FDD, describe below any information provided by any employee or agent of our company about your future financial performance, including sales, costs or profits, that has influenced your decision to sign this Agreement. If the answer is "none," please write "NONE" below. If you do not complete and sign this page, we will not counter-sign this Agreement (or, if that has already taken place, we have the right to void this Agreement). I certify that the above information is true, as of the same date as that on which this Agreement was signed. FRANCHISEE: Witness/Attest: By:

Witness

Witness

Witness

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_