



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
FROM: GREGORY J. ORAVEC, CITY MANAGER *GJO*
DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2012
SUBJECT: LEASE OF CITY HALL OFFICE TO CONGRESSMAN-ELECT MURPHY

As you are aware, Congressman-elect Patrick Murphy, Florida District 18, has expressed an interest in having his district office in City Hall. After evaluating our office space utilization at City Hall, the staff and I found that we could accommodate a very nice office suite within the City Clerk's Office. The office suite would consist of the current front entry to the Clerk's Office, the mail meter room and the Deputy Clerk's Office, comprising approximately 745 square feet. The City Clerk functions currently located in those identified spaces can be relocated to the remaining City Clerk's Office, and Congressman-elect Murphy's proposed office could be prepared for him at minor expense. Some minor drywall work and painting, to be completed by in-house forces, is all that would be necessary.

Attached, please find a boilerplate "District Office Lease" from the US House of Representatives. As you will note, Pam Booker, Senior Assistant City Attorney, has approved the document to form and pointed out that the blanks will have to be filled in if you approve this proposal and request the lease come back to you in the form of an ordinance. As to filling in those blanks, please find the following recommendations which have been discussed with Michael Kenny of Congressman-elect Murphy's office:

- Term: January 3, 2013 to December 31, 2014.
- Rent: The monthly rent shall be \$250 and is payable on or before the last day of each calendar month.
- Early Termination: Prior written notice of 30 days.
- Other: Lessee is responsible for phones, computers and any accessory equipment.

If this proposal meets your approval, the lease will be presented to you as part of an ordinance in January, and we will allow Congressman-elect Murphy to utilize the office in the interim. I would like to thank Karen Phillips, City Clerk, for being so accommodating and giving. She has been remarkable on this project.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

TO: GREGORY J. ORAVEC, CITY MANAGER

FROM: PAM E. BOOKER, SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY 

DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2012

SUBJECT: DISTRICT OFFICE LEASE / U.S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I have had an opportunity to review the proposed District Office Lease Agreement and District Office Lease Attachment for Patrick E. Murphy, as the Congressman for the House of Representatives, for lease space at City Hall. The Agreement is approved as to form. As to sufficiency, the blank spaces as to the parties' proper names, address, and rent will need to be completed upon return to the City Council with an Ordinance in January. The term of the Agreement is provided in the instructions along with payment provisions. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 871-5165.

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City Manager's Office

District Office Lease – Instructions

NO LEASE OR ATTACHMENT CAN BE SIGNED BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSEL.

The term for a District Office Lease for the 113th Congress may not commence prior to January 3, 2013.

Members should endeavor to lease space through the last day of a congressional term rather than the last day of a calendar year. For the 113th Congress, leases should end on January 2, 2015, not December 31, 2014.

- The preamble has three blank lines to be filled in: (1) Landlord's name; (2) Landlord's address; and (3) Member/Member-Elect's name.
- Section 1 has three blank lines to be filled in: (1) Square footage of office that is being leased (optional); (2) Street address of office being leased; and (3) City, state and ZIP code where office is being leased.
- Section 2 has four boxes that can be checked on whether any parking is included in the lease – two of the options each have a blank line to be filled in if the lease includes any assigned and/or unassigned parking spaces.
- Section 3 has two blank lines to be filled in: (1) Date lease begins (must be on or after January 3, 2013); and (2) Date lease ends (must be on or before January 2, 2015).
- Section 4 has one blank line for the monthly rent amount (write "zero" if no rent is to be paid).
- Section 5 has one blank line – the number of days' notice required for either party to terminate the lease before the end of the term. A standard period is 30 days, but any figure is acceptable. If the lease may not be terminated early, enter "N/A" in this blank.
- Sections 1–10, other than filling in the blanks, may not be altered or deleted.
- Section 11 has space provided to list any additional lease provisions.
- **Prior to either party signing a lease, the Member/ Member-Elect must submit the proposed lease, accompanied by a copy of the District Office Lease Attachment for the 113th Congress, to the Administrative Counsel for review and approval.** If the proposed terms and conditions of the lease are determined to be in compliance with applicable law and House Rules and Regulations, the Administrative Counsel will notify the Member/Member-Elect that (s)he may proceed with the signing of the lease. Please submit the proposed lease and District Office Lease Attachment either by e-mail in PDF form (leases@mail.house.gov) or fax (202-225-6999).
- **The Member/ Member-Elect is required to personally sign the documents. A signed and dated District Office Lease Attachment must accompany this lease.**
- Once signed by both parties, the Lease and the District Office Lease Attachment must be submitted to the Administrative Counsel for final approval. They may be sent by email in PDF form or faxed to 202-225-6999, but the originals still must be submitted by inter office mail (217 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515) after emailing or faxing.
- If approved, Administrative Counsel will send them to Finance so that payment can begin. If there are errors, you will be contacted and required to correct them before the lease is approved.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 57, and the Regulations of the Committee on House Administration (as modified from time to time by Committee Order) relating to office space in home districts, _____

(Lessor), and _____ (Landlord's name), _____ (Landlord's street address, city, state, ZIP code), a Member/Member-Elect of the U.S. House of Representatives ("Lessee"), agree as follows:

1. **Location.** Lessor shall lease to Lessee _____ square feet of office space located at _____
(Office street address)
in the city, state and ZIP code of _____
(Office city, state and ZIP)
2. **Parking.** The Lease includes (please check any and all that apply):
 - _____ parking spaces that are assigned
 - _____ parking spaces that are unassigned
 - General off-street parking on an as available basis
 - No off-street parking
3. **Term.** Lessee shall have and hold the leased premises for the period beginning _____, 20____ and ending _____, 20____. The term of this District Office Lease ("LEASE") may not exceed two years and may not extend beyond January 2, 2015, which is the end of the constitutional term of the Congress to which the Member is elected.
4. **Rent.** The monthly rent shall be _____, and is payable in arrears on or before the last day of each calendar month. Rent payable under this LEASE shall be prorated on a daily basis for any fraction of a month of occupancy.
5. **Early Termination.** This Lease may be terminated by either party giving _____ days' prior written notice to the other party. The commencement date of such termination notice shall be the date such notice is delivered or, if mailed, the date such notice is postmarked.
6. **Payments.** During the term of this Lease, rent payments under Section 4 shall be remitted to the Lessor by the Chief Administrative Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives ("CAO") on behalf of the Lessee.
7. **District Office Lease Attachment for 113th Congress.** The District Office Lease Attachment attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference, and this Lease shall have no force or effect unless and until accompanied by an executed District Office Lease Attachment for the 113th Congress.
8. **Counterparts.** This Lease may be executed in any number of counterparts and by facsimile copy, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

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9. **Section Headings.** The section headings of this Lease are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.
10. **Modifications.** Any amendments, additions or modifications to this Lease inconsistent with Sections 1 through 9 above shall have no force or effect to the extent of such inconsistency.
11. **Other.** Additionally, the Lessor and the Lessee agree to the following:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this District Office Lease as of the later date written below by the Lessor or the Lessee.

Print Name (Lessor/Landlord)

Print Name (Lessee)

Lessor Signature

Lessee Signature

Date

Date

This District Office Lease must be accompanied by an executed District Office Lease Attachment.

District Office Lease Attachment- Instructions

The District Office Lease Attachment ("Attachment") is a four-page document that must accompany *every* Lease or District Office Lease Amendment ("Amendment") that is submitted for a Member/Member-Elect's District Office.

NO LEASE, AMENDMENT OR ATTACHMENT CAN BE SIGNED BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSEL.

The term of a District Office Lease or Amendment for the 113th Congress may not commence prior to January 3, 2013.

Members should endeavor to lease space through the last day of a congressional term rather than the last day of a calendar year. For the 113th Congress, leases should end on January 2, 2015, not December 31, 2014.

Four things are required:

1. The signature of the Landlord and date;
2. The signature of the Member/ Member-Elect of Congress and date;
3. Contact information for the person in the Member/ Member-Elect's office whom we should call if there are any problems or questions (scheduler, etc.); and
4. The signature from the Office of the Administrative Counsel.

A few things to keep in mind:

- **The Member/ Member-Elect is required to personally sign the documents.**
- **The Attachment SHALL NOT have any provisions deleted or changed.**
- Even if rent is zero, an Attachment is still required.
- **Prior to either party signing a Lease or Amendment, the Member/ Member-Elect must submit the proposed Lease or Amendment, accompanied by a copy of the Attachment, to the Administrative Counsel for review and approval.** If the Administrative Counsel determines that the proposed terms and conditions of the Lease or Amendment are in compliance with applicable law and House Rules and Regulations, the Administrative Counsel will notify the Member/Member-Elect that (s)he may proceed with the execution of the Lease or Amendment. Please submit the proposed Lease or Amendment and Attachment either by e-mail in PDF form (leases@mail.house.gov) or by fax (202-225-6999).
- Once signed by both parties, the Lease or Amendment and the Attachment must be submitted to the Administrative Counsel for final approval. The Attachment should be submitted at the same time the Lease or Amendment is sent to the Administrative Counsel. They may be sent by email in PDF form or faxed to (202-225-6999), but the originals still must be submitted by interoffice mail (217 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515) after emailing or faxing.
- Without a properly signed and submitted Attachment, the Lease or Amendment cannot be approved and payments will not be made.
- The parties agree that any charges for default, early termination or cancellation of the Lease or Amendment which result from actions taken by or on behalf of the Lessee shall be the sole responsibility of the Lessee, and are not reimbursable from the Member's Representational Allowance.

District Office Lease Attachment

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1. **Incorporated District Office Lease Attachment.** Lessor (Landlord) and Lessee (Member/Member-Elect of the U.S. House of Representatives) agree that this District Office Lease Attachment (“Attachment”) is incorporated into and made part of the Lease (“Lease”) and, if applicable, District Office Lease Amendment (“Amendment”) to which it is attached.
2. **Performance.** Lessor expressly acknowledges that neither the U.S. House of Representatives (“House”) nor its Officers are liable for the performance of the Lease. Lessor further expressly acknowledges that payments made by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House (“CAO”) to Lessor to satisfy Lessee’s rent obligations under the Lease – which payments are made solely on behalf of Lessee in support of his/her official and representational duties as a Member of the House – shall create no legal obligation or liability on the part of the CAO or the House whatsoever. Lessee shall be solely responsible for the performance of the Lease and Lessor expressly agrees to look solely to Lessee for such performance.
3. **Modifications.** Any amendment to the Lease must be in writing and signed by the Lessor and Lessee. Lessor and Lessee also understand and acknowledge that the Administrative Counsel for the CAO (“Administrative Counsel”) must review and give approval of any amendment to the Lease prior to its execution.
4. **Compliance with House Rules and Regulations.** Lessor and Lessee understand and acknowledge that the Lease shall not be valid, and the CAO will not authorize the disbursement of funds to the Lessor, until the Administrative Counsel has reviewed the Lease to determine that it complies with the Rules of the House and the Regulations of the Committee on House Administration, and approved the Lease by signing on page 4 of this Attachment.
5. **Payments.** The Lease is a fixed term lease with monthly installments for which payment is due in arrears on or before the end of each calendar month. In the event of a payment dispute, Lessor agrees to contact the Office of Finance of the House at 202-225-7474 to attempt to resolve the dispute before contacting Lessee.
6. **Void Provisions.** Any provision in the Lease purporting to require the payment of a security deposit shall have no force or effect. Furthermore, any provision in the Lease purporting to vary the dollar amount of the rent specified in the Lease by any cost of living clause, operating expense clause, pro rata expense clause, escalation clause, or any other adjustment or measure during the term of the Lease shall have no force or effect.
7. **Certain Charges.** The parties agree that any charge for default, early termination or cancellation of the Lease which results from actions taken by or on behalf of the Lessee shall be the sole responsibility of the Lessee, and shall not be paid by the CAO on behalf of the Lessee.
8. **Death, Resignation or Removal.** In the event Lessee dies, resigns or is removed from office during the term of the Lease, the Clerk of the House may, at his or her sole option, either: (a) terminate the Lease by giving thirty (30) days’ prior written notice to Lessor; or (b) assume the obligation of the Lease and continue to occupy the premises for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days following the certification of the election of the Lessee’s successor. In the event the Clerk elects to terminate the Lease, the commencement date of such thirty (30) day termination notice shall be the date such notice is delivered to the Lessor or, if mailed, the date on which such notice is postmarked.

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18. **Limitation of Liability.** Lessor agrees that neither Lessee nor the House nor any of the House's officers or employees will indemnify or hold harmless Lessor against any liability of Lessor to any third party that may arise during or as a result of the Lease or Lessee's tenancy.
19. **Compliance with Laws.** Lessor shall be solely responsible for complying with all applicable permitting and zoning ordinances or requirements, and with all local and state building codes, safety codes and handicap accessibility codes (including the Americans with Disabilities Act), both in the common areas of the building and the leased space of the Lessee.
20. **Electronic Funds Transfer.** Lessor agrees to accept monthly rent payments by Electronic Funds Transfer and agrees to provide the Office of Finance, U.S. House of Representatives, with all banking information necessary to facilitate such payments.
21. **Refunds.** Lessor shall promptly refund to the CAO, without formal demand, any payment made to the Lessor by the CAO for any period for which rent is not owed because the Lease has ended or been terminated.
22. **Conflict.** Should any provision of this Attachment be inconsistent with any provision of the attached Lease or attached Amendment, the provisions of this Attachment shall control, and those inconsistent provisions of the Lease or the Amendment shall have no force and effect to the extent of such inconsistency.
23. **Construction.** Unless the clear meaning requires otherwise, words of feminine, masculine or neuter gender include all other genders and, wherever appropriate, words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
24. **Fair Market Value.** The Lease or Amendment is entered into at fair market value as the result of a bona fide, arms-length, marketplace transaction. The Lessor and Lessee certify that the parties are not relatives nor have had, or continue to have, a professional or legal relationship (except as a landlord and tenant).
25. **District Certification.** The Lessee certifies that the office space that is the subject of the Lease is located within the district the Lessee was elected to represent unless otherwise authorized by Regulations of the Committee on House Administration.
26. **Counterparts.** This Attachment may be executed in any number of counterparts and by facsimile copy, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
27. **Section Headings.** The section headings of this Attachment are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

[Signature page follows.]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this District Office Lease Attachment as of the later date written below by the Lessor or the Lessee.

Print Name (Lessor)

Print Name (Lessee)

Lessor Signature

Lessee Signature

Date

Date

From the Member's Office, who is the point of contact for questions?
Name _____ Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____@mail.house.gov

This District Office Lease Attachment and the attached Lease or Amendment have been reviewed and are approved, pursuant to Regulations of the Committee on House Administration.

Signed _____ Date _____, 20_____
(Administrative Counsel)

Send completed forms to: Administrative Counsel, 217 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.
Copies may also be faxed to 202-225-6999

