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Instructor: Rather than all of you frantically trying to look at the list or remember, on our website you're able to sort forms by category. Here's a screen shot of where to find that.

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Instructor: Before we begin talking about the forms, I want to briefly talk about a new feature Virginia REALTORS® has been rolling out with our forms. When looking at the fillable PDFs on our website, when you hover the mouse over a particular field ... [click] ... a little window will pop up with information about that field. [click] So this particular field says "Fill in the name of the firm or broker." Our intention is to provide a little more information about fields. When there is a particular statute or regulation that is relevant, we'll reference that. We try to be neutral in the information provided, incase you share the form with a client or they are there when the window pops up, but we will provide information about why fields are important for your protection when appropriate.

Because this is a feature in Adobe, you'll only be able to use it from the fillable PDFs on our website – but if you use a transaction management program, you can look at the fillable PDF on our site for the info, then use the form in your program.

| Slide 6 | New VIRGINIA REALTORS®<br>Standard Forms   | Most property management related forms are updated in July of the given year. Redline versions, along with an explanation of the changes are posted on the Virginia REALTORS® website in advance of the release any changes go live on our website, ZipForms, Instanet, dotloop, and Docusign on July 1. So lets take a look at the forms that have been added over the past 18 months. |
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| Slide 7 | April 2020 New Forms  Form 200-RR - COVID-19 Rules & Regs Form 200-Rent Alteration Request - COVID-19 Rent Alteration Request Form Form 200-Rent Alteration Form - COVID-19 Rent Alteration Form | In April 2020, we released 3 new forms to help property managers dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.  |

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The first form that Virginia REALTORS® released for property managers during the COVID-19 pandemic was the COVID-19 Rules & Regulations (Form 200-RR). Rather than putting out an amendment to the lease, which would require signatures from landlords & tenants to be effective, we went the route of updated Rules & Regulations, which are allowed to be changed at any time with notice to the tenant so long as the essential bargain struck in the lease isn't altered.

This is the text of the form – the first paragraph acknowledges what is going on and why this form is needed.

The second paragraph defines a "COVID-19 Condition" as "unforeseen circumstances related to COVID-19, including but not limited to: a lack of maintenance or other service provider; Tenant being subject to a mandatory quarantine; closings of or delays in related government and business services; a declaration of state of emergency by the Governor of Virginia prohibiting travel; or otherwise." This is intentionally very broad language as we had no idea what could happen as the pandemic developed further.

The point of all of these rules was to try and anticipate any questions or concerns related to social distancing and minimize in-person contact between tenants and property managers as much as possible.

## Slide 9 Instructor: Another new form was the ${ m I\!R}$ 宜 Rent Alteration Request. This form was created as a simple and standard way for tenants to request some form of rent alteration from the landlord. uested dates for alteration: Start Date: We intentionally left things broad so that this form can continue to be used after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, if necessary. We also did not go into detail about what type of supporting documentation should be included as that may vary by situation and landlord/tenant. We recommend that if your landlords agree to the concept of rent alteration due to a disaster, like the pandemic, you discuss what parameters they would like to set and then provide something to the tenants letting them know what types of requests will be considered, what type of documentation is needed, etc. This way, the tenant can fill out the form with the information needed. Otherwise, you'll end up going back and forth several times.

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Instructor: The companion to the rent alteration request form is this amendment to the lease. In this case, we did specifically reference COVID-19, and if we find that the form is useful, we will update it to make it a more general form in the future. Part of the reason for tying this to the COVID-19 pandemic was to make it clear that this was a limited period of adjustment, and if the cause of the hardship lifts, then the alteration agreement will come to an end.

Under paragraph 2, there are two options. The first option is for a flat out temporary rent reduction. There is no obligation for the tenant to pay any of the rent that is abated during this period. The second option creates a few different options. It allows the rent payment period to be adjusted from monthly to weekly; change the amount to be paid; and addresses how any back-rent has been repaid. Let's give a quick example here. Let's say that that the landlord is willing to reduce the monthly rent of \$1200 by \$400 and is willing to allow the tenant to pay weekly to keep cash more available for groceries and other essentials. You would check the second paragraph [click], then the box before "weekly" [click] and fill in "200" [click]. We're filling in 200 because the rent is \$1200, minus the 400 the landlord is willing to reduce during the pandemic, making the current reduced rent \$800. Since the rent will be paid weekly, each week the tenant will pay \$200. Then, let's say the landlord agrees to allow the tenant to continue to pay the back-rent over time, rather than a lump sum. We'd

check the first box [click]. In this example, that means the tenant would continue to pay \$200 per week, in addition to the \$1200 on the first of each month until the back rent was made up. If the rent alteration period lasted for 2 months, the total back rent owed would be \$800, so the tenant would pay \$200 for 4 weeks. The second option for paying back rent calls for a lump sum payment at the next regular rent due date that is at least 30 days from the end of the rent adjustment period. We did this in case the rent adjustment period ended on, say, the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> – that could be a lot of money the tenant would have to come up with in a VERY short amount of time.

Paragraph 3 requires the tenant to continue to provide documentation throughout the rent adjustment period. This is here to minimize tenant abuse of this rent adjustment. If, for example, the tenant is able to document that they were not receiving any pay at the start of the agreement, but then their employer got funds through the paycheck protection program and started paying the tenant again, the tenant would need to go back to paying regular rent. The documentation would need to come in at the same frequency as the payments – if the tenant is paying monthly, then they would provide documentation monthly. If the tenant is paying weekly, they would need to provide documentation weekly. We did give some examples of what could be appropriate documentation here, but this list is not exhaustive.

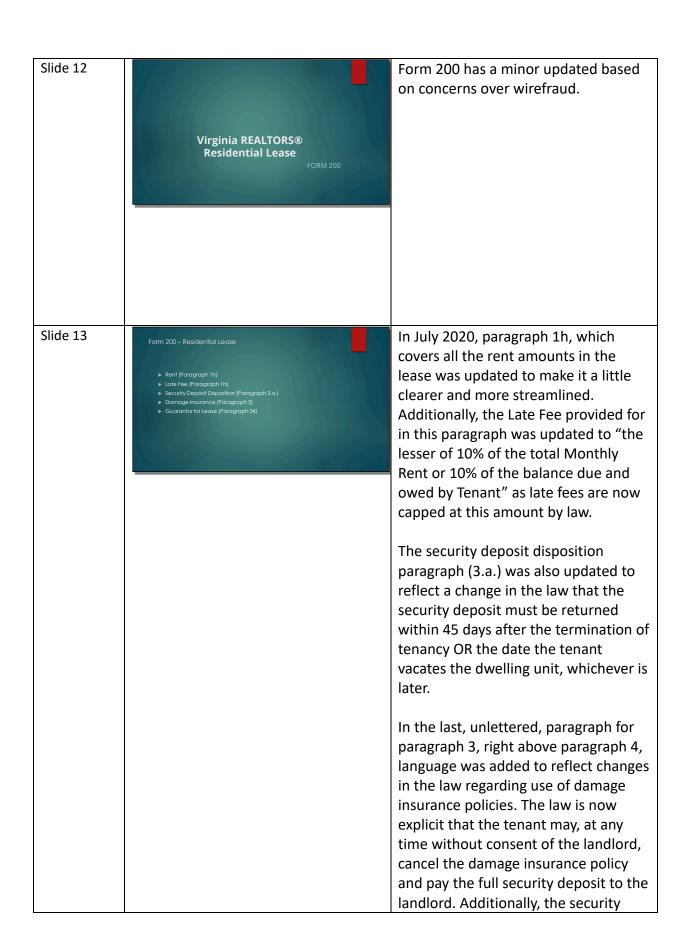
Paragraph 4 makes it clear that the rent is being accepted with reservation and the agreement does not automatically waive the landlord's right to pursue legal action in the future. We included this in case there was fraud on the part of the tenant.

Finally, we did include an additional terms paragraph. If you want to include any other requirements or modify any of the exiting terms, you can do so here.

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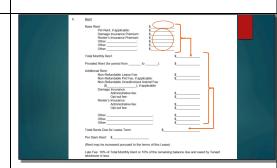
In July 2020, we added a new clause to the Standard Clause Booklet that can be used if the tenant gets a pet after the lease is signed. Currently, the Pet Addendum (Form 220) has a few provisions that reference the lease. If a pet was not contemplated at the start of the lease, these provisions may not be filled in. This additional language is intended to help address that and can be included in the additional terms portion of the pet addendum form.



deposit, damage insurance coverage, or combination cannot exceed 2 months rent.

In January 2020, the lease was updated in paragraph 34 (optional provisions) to include a check box and language that the landlord and tenant agree that a specific, named person guarantees the lease per the attached Guaranty of Lease Form. We did this because the Guaranty of Lease Agreement form did not have a place for the landlord or tenant to agree to guarantor.

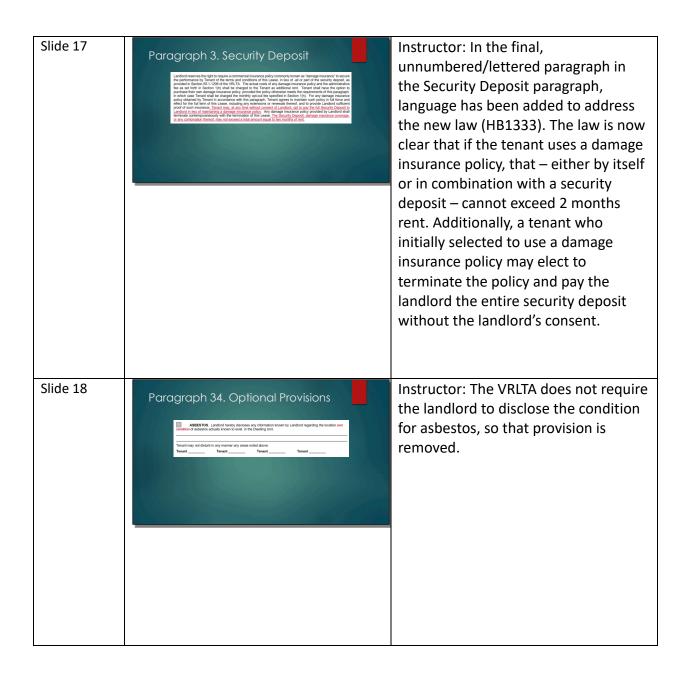
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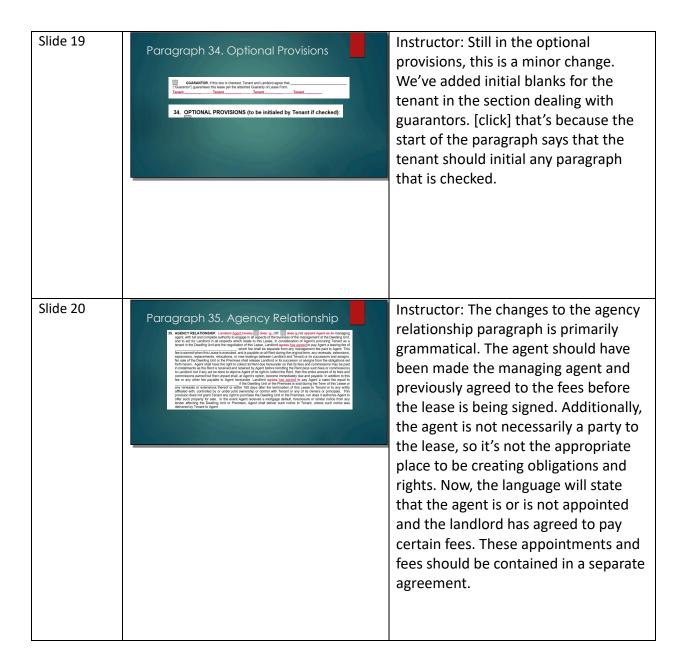


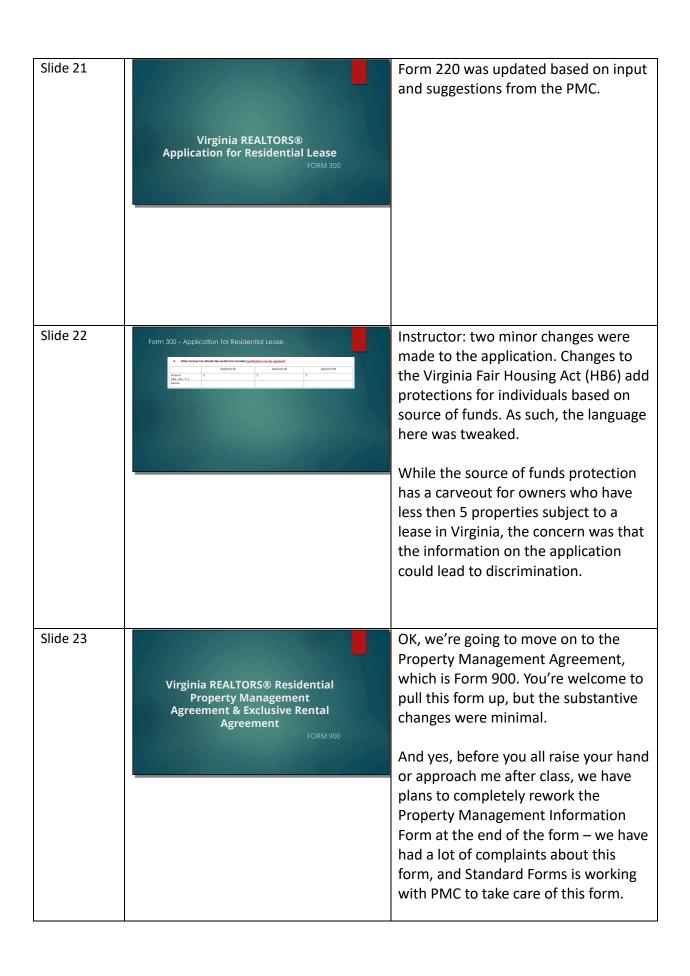
Instructor: Here's what the new rent paragraph looks like. So you'll see at the top, we have the "Base Rent" [click] This is the base amount of the monthly rent. If there are additional recurring charges, those would go below [click]. The total of all of these [click] make up the "Total Monthly Rent." This amount is what you expect to be paid on the first of each month. We then have a number of blanks for one-time fees like pro-rated rent, nonrefundable fees, or any other fees. Together, [click] these make up the "Total Rents Due for Lease Term." This is the total amount you expect the tenant to pay over the entire course of the lease, assuming they do not have any late fees.

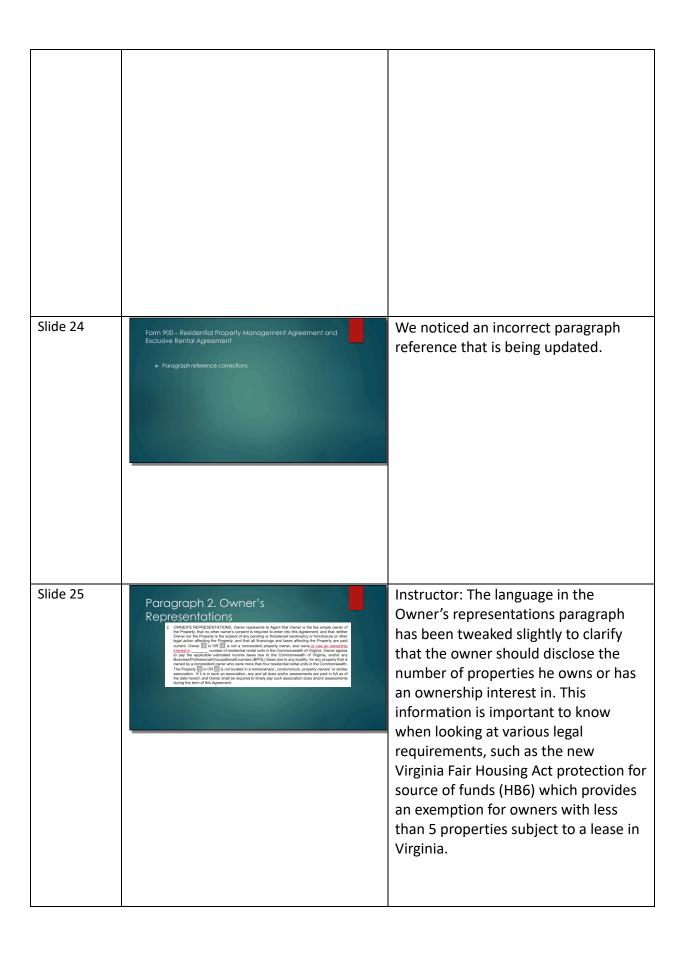
You'll also notice a change to the late fee provision at the bottom of this paragraph. This change is due to a change in the VRLTA from the 2020 General Assembly Session which caps late fees at the lesser of 10% of the

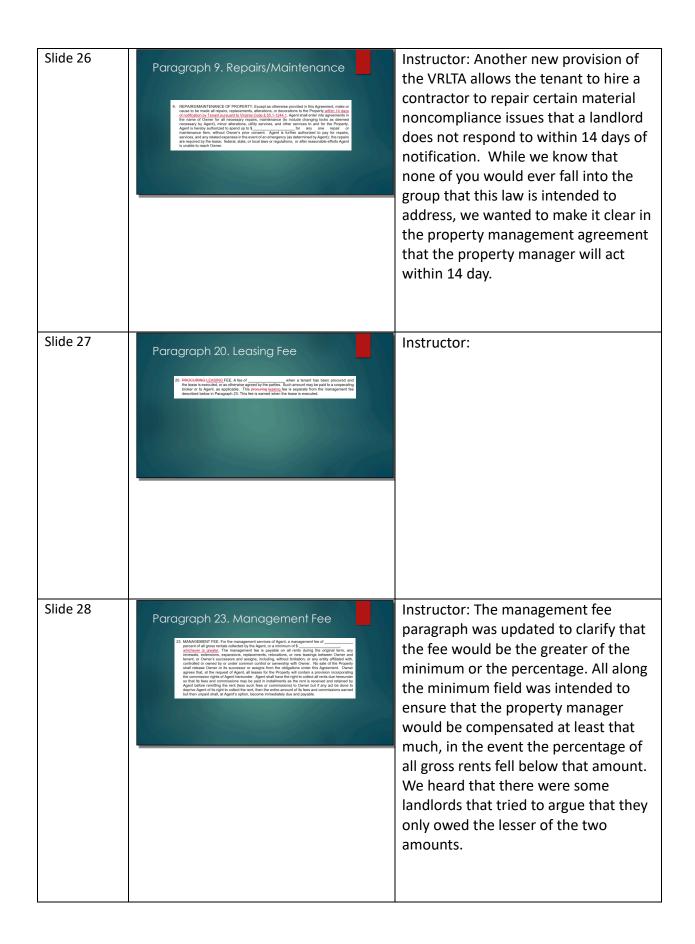
|          |  | monthly rent or 10% of the balance, whichever is lesser.  |
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| Slide 16 | Paragraph 3.d. Move-Out Inspection  d. Move-Mariacide. Under the VRLT, Landourshall provide written reduct to Treast or finance right to be present of the r | Instructor: We have a slight tweak to the move-out inspection language. The law does not require the tenant to schedule the moveout inspection and this language was creating some level of confusion, so we've removed it.   |











## Paragraph 24. Non-Management Fees. In the control of the control

Instructor: This paragraph was reworked, including the title of the paragraph, to make it clear what this covers. Technically the lease fee, set up fee, renewal fee, and sale fee are all non-management fees. This paragraph is intended to cover any non-management services. Now, the paragraph explains that nonmanagement services are those performed by the agent not related to tenant occupancy. The paragraph gives examples of what nonmanagement services could be, and makes it clear that the agent is not obligated to provide these services.

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Instructor: Two words were added to this paragraph to try and prevent a creative attorney from winning. With the new provision in the Virginia fair housing act which prohibits discrimination based on source of funds, but provides an exemption for owners with less than 5 properties subject to a lease in Virginia, it would be possible for a property manager to intentionally violate the law without doing so knowingly. Let's say at the time the property management agreement is signed, the owner only has 4 properties subject to a lease in Virginia. 4 months later, the owner decides to rent a portion of his house - that he lives in - to bring in some extra money, and uses a lease with his new tenant. Since he lives there, he thinks "I'll just manage the property myself. No need to pay for a property manager." and doesn't tell the property manager. The property manager, still thinking that the owner

only has 4 properties subject to a lease, denies an application of a tenant who would be using a government subsidy program for rent. This is an intentional act, which the property manager believes is lawful, since he believes the owner only has 4 properties subject to a lease.

The two little words "knowingly and" are intended to address this situation and others like it. The property manager acted intentionally, but did not know that the action was a violation of the law.

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Paragraph 35. Updated
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Instructor: This paragraph requires the landlord to provide the agent with any updates to the information provided in the agreement. Like with the indemnification & release paragraph, it is intended to ensure that the property manager has the most current and correct information about the owner and the property.

# Slide 32 Paragraph 40. Termination/Automatic Renewal

Instructor: The termination/automatic renewal paragraph was updated to make it explicit that all services will terminate on the date of termination unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties.

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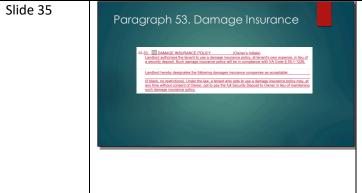


Instructor: The VRLTA removed the caveat that a non-resident landlord only needed to have a resident agent if the property consisted of more than four units. The law (effective 7/1/19) requires all non-resident owners to have a resident agent.

Additionally, the VRLTA talks about a "resident agent" rather than a "registered agent." Under Virginia law, a "registered agent" must be someone who is involved in the management of the business entity or an attorney, who is registered with the state corporation commission. The VRLTA requires that a non-resident owner have a resident agent, which must be filed in the office of the clerk of the court in which deeds are recorded where the property is located. If the resident agent is a person, he must be a resident of Virginia, if a corporation, it must be authorized to do business in Virginia. The resident agent must also have a business office within Virginia.

The change from "registered agent" to "resident agent" ensures that the requirements of the VRLTA are

|          |  | followed without creating additional requirements for maintaining a registered agent.  |
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| Slide 34 | Paragraph 50. Lead Pipes  48-50_DRYWALLEAD PIPES Agent a does not have actual knowledge of the research to be doesn't start our start of the start o | Instructor: The law (54.1-2133) was updated this year (HB1161) to change the disclosure requirements for licensees engaged by landlords to lease property. Now, rather than disclosing defective drywall, licensees must disclose any known lead pipes to prospective tenants. The key word there is "known" – there is no obligation to test or in any way try to discover if the pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting, fixture, solder, or flux meets the federal Safe Drinking Water Act definition of "lead free" – if you have actual knowledge, you must disclose. |



Instructor: A new provision in the VRLTA (55.1-1266 / HB1333) allows the landlord to decide whether or not to allow a tenant to use a damage insurance policy in lieu of a security deposit, and if allowed, designate one or more damage insurance companies that the landlord will accept damage insurance policies from. This new paragraph allows the landlord to authorize the use of a damage insurance policy and list what companies he will accept policies from.