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JOHN DOE : J.D. OF NEW HAVEN

V. : AT NEW HAVEN

JANE DOE : AUGUST \_\_, 20

**PARENTING AGREEMENT**

**Legal Custody**

**Option 1 (joint legal):** The parties shall share joint legal custody of their minor children.

**Option 2 (joint legal final decision-making):** The parties shall share joint legal custody of their minor children, final decision-making to the Mother.

**Option 3 (sole legal):** The Mother shall have sole legal custody of the minor children.

**Generic Joint Legal Custody Language**

 The Father and Mother agree that they will confer with reference to matters of policy involving the children, as to topics such as health and medical care, religion, education, camps and activities, and the parties agree that they will attempt to adopt a harmonious policy best suited to the interests of the children. Except as may be otherwise set forth herein, routine “day to day” decisions shall be made by each parent during the times that the children are with him or her.

 All major decisions affecting the children shall be made by the parties jointly, with each parent to have an equal voice in such decisions. In addition, the parties shall confer whenever differences arise or decisions are to be made or changes brought about affecting the children’s life with respect to such non-routine matters such as their education, financial matters, religious training, illness and operations, and other matters of similar importance. Each party shall have an equal voice in making a decision on such matters.

 The parties shall exert reasonable effort to maintain free access and unhampered contact between the children and each of the parties and to foster a feeling of affection between the children and the parties. Neither party shall make any comment that tends to denigrate the other parent to or in the presence or hearing of the children. Neither party shall do anything that may estrange the children from the other party, nor injure the opinions of the children as to the other parent, nor act in such a way as to hamper the free and natural development of the children’s love and respect for the other parent.

 Each of the parties agrees to keep the other informed as to the whereabouts of the children, including their address and phone number, while the child is with the Father or Mother. Each party will, similarly notify the other of the location, phone number and names of supervisory adults where the children will be staying in the event the child is spending the night away from the residence of either parent.

 If either party has knowledge of any illness or accident or other circumstances seriously affecting the health or welfare of the children, that party will promptly notify the other. Each party will, similarly, notify the other of any other change in the children’s medical status, including visits to any doctor or dentist or prescription medications.

 In the event or illness or personal injury to the children, the first party to learn of such illness or injury shall notify the other immediately and each party shall keep the other informed at all times of the whereabouts of the children. For the purposes of this paragraph, the word “illness” shall mean any sickness or ailment that requires the services of a physician. The word “injury” shall mean any injury that requires the services of a physician.

**Parenting Schedule Options**

 **Option 1 (primary one parent):** The Father shall have parenting time with the minor children every Wednesday from school pick up (or 3:00 p.m. if no school) until 8:00 p.m., and every other Friday through Monday from school pick up (or 5:00 p.m. if no school) until school drop off (or 9:00 a.m. if no school).

 **Option 2 (shared physical custody):** The Mother shall have parenting time every Monday from school pick up (or 5:00 p.m. if no school) through Wednesday school drop off (or 5:00 p.m. if no school). The Father shall have parenting time every Wednesday from school pick up (or 5:00 p.m. if no school) through Friday school drop off (or 5:00 p.m. if no school. The parties shall alternate every other Friday school pick up (or 5:00 p.m. if no school) through Monday school drop off (or 5:00 p.m. if no school).

 **Option 3 (no set schedule):** The parties shall have reasonable and flexible parenting time with the children at times mutually agreed upon by the parties.

**Phone/Facetime Contact**

 The parent who is not with the children on a given night shall have a short bedtime call with the children.

**Transportation**

 **Option 1:** The Father shall be responsible for all transportation relating to his visits

 **Option 2:** With the exception of school drop off and pick up, the Mother shall drop the children off at the beginning of the Father’s visits and the Father shall drop the children off at the end of his visits

**Holidays/Vacations**

 The parties shall have holiday parenting time with the children as follows:

 **Mother’s/Father’s Day:** The Father shall enjoy every Father’s Day and Mother shall enjoy every Mother’s Day, from 2 pm on Saturday until 6 pm on Sunday.

 **Birthdays:** The parties shall share parenting time with the minor children on the birthdays of the children by mutual agreement.

 **Easter:** The Mother shall have parenting time on Easter of odd years from 9:00 a.m. until school drop off (or 5:00 p.m. if no school) on Monday. The Father shall have this time on even years.

 **Memorial Day:** Whichever parent has parenting time that weekend, their time shall extend until Tuesday school drop off (or 5:00 p.m. if no school)

 **July 4th**: The Father shall have parenting time on the July 4th of odd years from 9:00 a.m. until July 5th at 9:00 a.m. The Mother shall have this time on even years.

 **Labor Day:** Whichever parent has parenting time that weekend, their time shall extend until Tuesday school drop off (or 5:00 p.m. if no school)

 **Thanksgiving:** The Mother shall have parenting time on Thanksgiving of odd years from Wednesday school pick up (or 5:00 p.m. if no school) until Monday school drop off (or 5:00 p.m. if no school). The Father shall have this time on even years.

 **Christmas Holiday:** On odd years, the Father shall parenting time from Christmas Eve school pick up (or noon if no school) until 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day, after which the Mother shall have parenting time until 9:00 a.m. the day after Christmas. This schedule shall reverse on even years.

 **New Year’s:** The Mother shall have the New Year’s Holiday on odd years from noon New Year’s Even until January 1st at noon. The Father shall have this time on even years.

Vacations

 **Winter Vacation:** The Mother shall have the winter school break between the Christmas and New Year’s holidays on odd years. The Father shall have this time on even years.

 **Spring Break:** The Mother shall have spring break on odd years and the Father shall have spring breat of even years.

 **Summer Vacation:** The parties shall each be entitled to two non-consecutive weeks (7 days) of parenting time with the children each and every summer. The parties shall exchange their summer parenting time dates by May 1 each and every year. In the event that the parties cannot reach an agreement on the timing of the aforementioned parenting time, the Father shall have final say on even years, and the Mother shall have final say on odd years. Each shall provide the other parent with an itinerary and contact numbers during the vacation.