

ESSENTIAL PROPERTIES REALTY TRUST, INC. WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, the "Company" or "EPRT"), is committed to conducting business in accordance with the highest ethical standards and complying with all applicable securities laws and regulations, accounting standards, accounting controls and audit practices.

In that regard, the Company has established procedures (these "Procedures"), which have been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, to ensure compliance with such standards and laws. In particular, the Procedures relate to (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters or possible violations of the federal securities laws, and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, as that term is used in these Procedures, or possible violations of the federal securities laws. The Company and the Audit Committee also want to ensure that any employee wishing to submit a report of the type contemplated by these Procedures shall be free to do so without fear of dismissal or retaliation.

As used in these Procedures, the term "*questionable accounting or auditing matters*" includes, without limitation, (i) fraud or deliberate error in the preparation, evaluation, review or audit of any financial statement of the Company, (ii) fraud or deliberate error in the recording and maintaining of financial records of the Company, (iii) deficiencies in or noncompliance with the Company's internal accounting controls, (iv) misrepresentation or false statements to or by a senior officer or accountant regarding a matter contained in the Company's financial records, financial reports or (v) deviation from full and fair reporting of the Company's financial condition.

1. <u>Statement of Policy</u>. It is the policy of the Company to encourage any person who has a reasonable basis to report a complaint or concern regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters to promptly submit that complaint or concern pursuant to the policy and procedures described herein.

2. <u>General; Filing Reports</u>. Any person who wishes to report a complaint or concern may submit a good faith report of suspected questionable accounting or auditing matters or possible violations of the federal securities laws related to the Company. Any such allegations may be based on first-hand, direct information, or on other information from any source that the reporting person reasonably believes to be credible. As described herein, any person wishing to make such a report may choose (i) the form of the report, (ii) the designated person to whom such report may be submitted and (iii) the manner in which the report may be submitted:

• <u>Form of Report</u>. A report of the type contemplated by these Procedures may be submitted orally or in writing, and may be submitted in person, by courier, or electronically (by telephone, voicemail, or email) or by any other means



reasonably likely to result in direct delivery of such report to a person designated under these Procedures to receive such a report. The report should provide as much detailed information as possible to assist the recipient with any investigation that may be initiated, including:

- A description of the alleged event(s), matter(s), or issue(s) that is/are the subject of report;
- Identification of any Company employees associated with the alleged event(s), matter(s), or issue(s) that is/are the subject of the report and their department;
- If the report pertains to a specific event or events, the approximate date of each such event and the location where such event occurred; and
- Any additional information, documentation, or other evidence available to support the report.
- <u>Submitting a Report</u>. A report may be submitted to the Company's (i) Audit Committee (or its designee) or (ii) any of the officers whose contact information is set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u>. Contact information for the Audit Committee Chair is also set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u>.

These Procedures are designed to complement normal communication channels between supervisors and employees. Employees are encouraged to continue to raise appropriate matters with their supervisors at any time. As an alternative, employees may submit information relating to misconduct in accordance with these Procedures.

Any person who receives a report under these Procedures that appears not to have been submitted directly to the Audit Committee shall promptly make the report or a summary of the report prepared in accordance with these Procedures available to the Chair of the Audit Committee.

• <u>Confidentiality of Submission</u>. A report may be submitted by any of the means described above (i) in the name of the party submitting the report without any limitation, (ii) in the name of the party submitting the report with a request for confidential treatment or (iii) anonymously. A request for confidential treatment means that the name of the party submitting the report will be revealed only to the person to whom the report has been submitted, to the members of the Audit Committee and to such other persons as the party receiving the report and the Audit Committee reasonably determine are advisable in order to carry out an appropriate and adequate evaluation or investigation of the matters described in the report. If a report is made anonymously, it would be a violation of these Procedures and any other applicable Company policy for the protection of



whistleblowers for any employee to seek to determine the identity of the party making the anonymous submission or, upon learning through any means the identity of the party making the anonymous submission, to divulge such information to any other party. Parties are cautioned that transmission of information by way of regular email systems typically reveals the identification of the sender, and that email services provided by the Company may be reviewed by Company personnel periodically to ensure compliance with any Company email and internet usage policy. As a result, submitting a report of the type contemplated by these Procedures by way of the Company's (or any other) regular email system may not be an effective means for submitting either a confidential or an anonymous report. In considering the manner of submitting any report under these Procedures, employees should also take into account the matters described under the heading "Handling of Reports – Notification of Others" under Paragraph 3.

3. <u>Handling of Reports</u>. The following steps shall be taken with respect to each report received:

- <u>Preservation.</u> Any person designated under these Procedures to receive a report and who receives a report in any written form (including by email) will take appropriate steps to ensure that a paper or electronic copy of the report is preserved, as the case may be. Any person designated to receive a report who receives a report by voicemail shall take appropriate steps to cause an accurate transcription to be made and to ensure that a paper copy of the transcription is preserved. Any person designated to receive a report who receives an oral report shall promptly prepare a reasonable summary of the report and shall take appropriate steps to ensure that a paper copy of the summary is preserved.
- <u>Response to Reporting Party</u>. Upon receipt of a report, the party to whom the report has been submitted will, unless the report has been submitted anonymously, promptly acknowledge receipt of the report from the sender in writing.
- <u>Audit Committee Review</u>. Upon receipt of a report of the type contemplated by these Procedures, the Audit Committee (or its designee) will be responsible for overseeing and directing the evaluation of the report. Such evaluation may be made independently of Company management if the Audit Committee so chooses under the circumstances. Any review and evaluation of a report will include consideration of whether the matters described in the report pertain to questionable accounting or auditing matters or possible violations of the federal securities laws, the merits of the report and whether further review and/or investigation is warranted. The Audit Committee (or its designee) shall have the authority to utilize the services of any Company personnel or retain (at the Company's expense) any third-party consultants and/or advisors it deems appropriate under the circumstances to assist in its evaluation. Any decision by



the Audit Committee to review or investigate any matter brought to its attention as a result of these Procedures will not in any way be, or be deemed to be, a determination by the Audit Committee or the Company that any actions or inactions that are the subject of the report have, in fact, occurred or constitute questionable accounting or auditing matters or possible violations of the federal securities laws. The Audit Committee (or its designee) will maintain a log of all reports of the type contemplated by these Procedures that are submitted and the status of any such reports, and the Audit Committee will establish and maintain regular procedures to review (no less frequently than quarterly) the status of reports received.

- <u>Conduct of Investigations</u>. If the Audit Committee (or its designee) determines that further review or investigation of the matters raised in a report would be appropriate under the circumstances, the Audit Committee (or its designee) will promptly notify those parties the Audit Committee deems appropriate, promptly have such a review or investigation undertaken and authorize the retention (at the Company's expense) of any third-party consultants and/or advisors it deems appropriate. At the conclusion of such review and/or investigation, the Audit Committee will determine by majority vote what, if any, remedial action is appropriate. The Audit Committee will consult with and coordinate with the full Board of Directors as the Audit Committee deems appropriate. All officers, directors, employees, and agents of the Company have an obligation to cooperate and comply with any review or investigation initiated by the Audit Committee pursuant to these Procedures.
- <u>Delegation</u>. The Audit Committee may delegate the responsibility to oversee, evaluate and investigate reports to one of its members or to any other designee as it deems appropriate. Such designee will provide a status update of reports received at Audit Committee meetings (no less frequently than quarterly).
- <u>Notification of Others</u>. At any time during a review and/or investigation of a report, the Chair of the Audit Committee may notify the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, directors or outside auditors of the receipt of a report and/or the progress or results of any review and/or investigation of the report and will provide such level of detail as may be necessary to allow for appropriate consideration by such parties of the Company's ongoing disclosure obligations, including with regard to any required officer certifications. The Audit Committee may also disclose the misconduct described in a report to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or other governmental authority as it deems appropriate.

4. <u>Non-Retaliation</u>. Neither the Company nor any officer, director, employee, contractor, subcontractor or agent of the Company will discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass or in any manner discriminate against any employee with regard to his or her employment (a) based upon any lawful action of that employee of the type contemplated by these Procedures,



Section 806 or Section 1107 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or Section 922(a) or Section 748 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, (b) because the employee has provided information to, or assisted in an investigation by (i) supervisory personnel of the Company, (ii) any federal regulatory or law enforcement agency or (iii) any member or committee of the Congress, regarding the activities the employee reasonably believes are a violation of federal fraud laws or any rule or regulation of the SEC, or (c) because the employee filed, testified, participated in or otherwise assisted in a proceeding that has been filed or is about to be filed relating to alleged fraudulent activities or violations of SEC rules and regulations. The Company further hereby prohibits its officers, directors, employees, contractors, subcontractors, and agents from taking any such retaliatory action. For the Company to implement this policy effectively, it is critical that all employees and other persons respond to and report any concerns of retaliatory behavior. If an employee or other person believes that he or she has been subject to retaliation because he or she has taken any of the actions referenced above, or an employee or other person is aware that any such retaliation may have been made against any other employee, the employee or other person should report such conduct to the persons designated to receive a report under these Procedures or to the Company's Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer.

The Company will review promptly any complaint of retaliatory or other similar behavior. Complaints and investigations will be handled in a confidential manner, consistent with any corrective action that the Company deems appropriate. Employees should note that they personally may be subject to criminal liability if they retaliate against a person because such person provided truthful information to law enforcement officials regarding the commission or possible commission of a federal offense.

5. <u>Destruction of Documents and Other Items</u>. If an employee receives a request concerning the alteration, concealment, or destruction of a document that the employee believes is improper, the employee is entitled to and should contact his or her supervisor, if appropriate, or any of the other persons who are designated to receive reports under these Procedures.

6. <u>Distribution of this Policy</u>. A copy of this policy shall be distributed to all employees of the Company annually and shall be given to a new employee of the Company on the new employee's first workday with the Company.

7. <u>Questions</u>. Employees are strongly encouraged to raise concerns they may have regarding any suspected violations of these Procedures. If you have a question about any aspect of these Procedures, you may submit it directly or through an intermediary to the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary. All such inquiries will be treated confidentially.

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 Adopted:
 June 25, 2018

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 July 27, 2022



<u>Exhibit A</u>

Contact Information

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Audit Committee Chair

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