

## **BASIC CHECKLIST OF ISSUES FOR A TEMPORARY ORDER AGREEMENT**

The general purpose of a temporary order agreement is to resolve financial issues and establish procedures for parenting until a final Separation Agreement can be worked out, without inhibiting any progress toward the final outcome of the divorce agreement. The temporary order agreement does not establishing any precedent or pre-determine any terms or conditions of the final divorce agreement.

This checklist is intended as a guide to help you incorporate the most important considerations, it is not intended as a complete list. You should include additional terms that are unique to your situation and ignore issues that don't apply to you.

### Parenting

- Who has day-to-day physical custody?
- Where do the children reside day by day?
- Who transports the children to and from school, daycare, sports, activities, and visits?
- How are major decisions about the children made, i.e., medical or educational?
- How are school and religious holidays handled?

### Financial Issues

- Who pays the bills? (Home, mortgage, utility, credit cards, loans, car loans, medical, insurance etc.)
- Is there temporary child support?
- Is there temporary child alimony (spousal support)?
- How often is support paid?
- How is support paid (by check, direct deposit, etc.)
- How will extraordinary expenses be handled? (emergency home repairs, car repairs, medical bills, etc.)
- Does life insurance, health insurance, homeowner's insurance all stay in effect?
- Who pays uninsured medical expenses of spouse and children?
- How are extra expenses of children paid? (i.e., tuition, sports fees, music lessons, etc.)

### Property

- Are assets frozen so that no sale or transfer will occur without the consent of the other?
- Can ordinary investment and asset management continue?
- Does the spouse moving out take any furniture or belongings?

### Physical Separation

- Who moves out?
- When?
- Dating, especially around children

### Dispute Resolution

- How will disputes be resolved?