

QUESTION 1

Zena placed an advertisement in a local newspaper: “Wanted: Someone to clean my four-bedroom, four-bath house (2500 square feet) once a week for the next month; pay \$35 per hour. No interview or references necessary. The first to apply will be accepted.” She included her phone number.

Carl called her the next day and said, “I accept on the terms you have offered.” Zena said, “You should know there was a mistake in the advertisement. The pay will be the same, but my house is actually 3000 square feet.”

Carl said, “Let me think a moment.”

Zena replied, “I have a call on another line, and I’ll call you right back.” When she called Carl two minutes later, Carl said, “I agree to clean for you on the terms you described. An extra 500 square feet does not matter to me.”

Zena told Carl, “I’m sorry, but I’ve changed my mind and I think I’ll do my own cleaning.”

Carl sues Zena for breach of contract.

Is Zena liable to Carl? Discuss.