

# BOND AGREEMENT

## (ESCROW FORM)

THIS AGREEMENT, (herein "Agreement"), is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

### \*\*\*\*\* PARTIES \*\*\*\*\*

**"APPLICANT":**

a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (corporation, partnership, individual),

address: \_\_\_\_\_,

telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_, facsimile: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_;

**"DEPOSITORY":**

address: \_\_\_\_\_,

telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_, facsimile: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_;

**"CITY": Layton City, a municipal corporation of the State of Utah,**

address: **437 North Wasatch Drive, Layton, Utah 84041**

telephone: **(801) 336-3590, facsimile: (801) 546-8535.**

### \*\*\*\*\* RECITALS \*\*\*\*\*

WHEREAS, APPLICANT desires the following permits and/or approvals (check and complete):

\_\_\_ a conditional use permit (permit # \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ subdivision recordation

\_\_\_ a building permit (permit # \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ final electrical inspection

\_\_\_ an occupancy permit (permit # \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ a business license

\_\_\_ Warranty Only

\_\_\_ OTHER (explain):

from CITY for

(description or name of project)

located at \_\_\_\_\_; and

(street address of project)

WHEREAS, the terms of the issuance of said permit(s)/approval require APPLICANT to complete the following improvements, (herein "the Improvements") (check one and complete):

\_\_\_ specified in Exhibit \_\_\_\_, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference;

- or -

\_\_\_ described \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ ; and

- or -

\_\_\_ in the case of the issuance of a building permit, a minimum \$500.00 bond is charged as a guarantee for the completion of all adjacent off-site improvements and structures and of the on-site improvement.

WHEREAS, CITY will not grant said permit(s)/approval(s) until adequate provision has been made to guarantee completion of the Improvements, if any, and to warrant the Improvements from any defects, which improvements and required warranty are estimated to cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and which improvements shall be installed under the direction and supervision of and in accordance with the specifications of CITY; and

WHEREAS, provision has been made by law whereby APPLICANT may file, in lieu of final completion of the Improvements prior to development approval, a guarantee acceptable to CITY to secure the actual construction of the Improvements in a manner satisfactory to CITY in order to obtain pertinent CITY approvals prior to the issuance of said permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

\*\*\*\*\* TERMS AND CONDITIONS \*\*\*\*\*

1. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. "APPLICANT", "DEPOSITORY," and "CITY," as used in this Agreement, shall also refer to the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns of APPLICANT and CITY respectively.
- 1.2. "Incidental Costs," as used in this Agreement, shall mean engineering and architect fees, administrative expenses, court costs, attorney's fees (whether incurred by in-house or independent counsel), insurance premiums, mechanic's or materialmen's liens, and/or any other cost and interest thereon incurred by CITY, occasioned by APPLICANT'S failure to perform any and/or all obligations under this Agreement.
- 1.3. "Failure to Perform" or "Fail to Perform," as used in this Agreement, shall mean, in addition to those acts specified previously, the non-performance in a timely manner by a party to this Agreement of any obligation, in whole or in part, required of such party by the terms of this Agreement or required by Layton City ordinance or other applicable law. The occurrence of such shall give the other party or parties the right to pursue any and all remedies available at law, in equity, and/or otherwise available pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

2. PURPOSE FOR AGREEMENT. The parties hereto expressly acknowledge that the purpose of this Agreement is not only to guarantee the proper completion of the Improvements named herein, but also, among other things, to eliminate and avoid the harmful effects of unauthorized subdivisions and other land developments which may leave property and/or improvements improperly completed, undeveloped and/or unproductive.

3. UNRELATED OBLIGATIONS OF APPLICANT. The benefits and protection provided by this Agreement shall inure solely to CITY and not to third parties, including, but not limited to, lot purchasers, contractors, subcontractors, laborers, suppliers, or others. DEPOSITORY and CITY shall not be liable to claimants or others for obligations of APPLICANT under this Agreement. CITY shall further have no liability for payment of any costs or expenses of any party who attempts to make a claim under this Agreement, and shall have under this Agreement no obligation to make payments to, give notices on behalf of, or otherwise have obligations to any alleged claimants under this Agreement.

4. AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS. All data which is used by CITY to compute the cost of or otherwise govern the design and installation of the Improvements is hereby made a part of this Agreement, and is incorporated herein by this reference. If this Agreement covers

improvements required in a subdivision, this Agreement then incorporates herein by reference the subdivision plat and all data required by Section 18.16.030 of the Layton City Code or its successor ordinance.

5. **COMPLETION DATE.** APPLICANT shall complete the Improvements: (check and complete)

\_\_\_ within a period of \_\_\_ years/months (circle one) from the date this Agreement was entered into;

- or -

\_\_\_ as specified in Exhibit \_\_\_\_, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

6. **SPECIFIC ENFORCEMENT.** APPLICANT and DEPOSITORY have entered into this Agreement with CITY for the purpose of guaranteeing construction of the Improvements. CITY shall be entitled to specifically enforce APPLICANT'S obligation under this Agreement to construct and install the Improvements in a manner satisfactory to CITY. CITY shall also be entitled to specifically enforce DEPOSITORY'S own performance required by this Agreement.

7. **APPLICANT'S INDEPENDENT OBLIGATION.** APPLICANT EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES, UNDERSTANDS, AND AGREES that its obligation to complete and warrant the Improvements and/or fulfill any other obligation under this Agreement, Layton City ordinances, or other applicable law is independent of any obligation or responsibility of CITY, either express or implied. APPLICANT agrees that its obligation to complete and warrant the Improvements is and shall not be conditioned upon the commencement of actual construction work in the subdivision or development or upon the sale of any lots or part of the subdivision or development. APPLICANT further acknowledges (a) that its contractual obligation to complete and warrant the Improvements pursuant to this Agreement is independent of any other remedy available to CITY to secure proper completion of the Improvements; (b) that APPLICANT may not assert as a defense that CITY has remedies against other entities or has other remedies in equity or at law that would otherwise relieve APPLICANT of its duty to perform as outlined in this Agreement or preclude CITY from requiring APPLICANT'S performance under this Agreement; and © that APPLICANT has a legal obligation, independent of this Agreement, to timely complete and pay for the Improvements in full.

8. **APPLICANT'S OBLIGATION FOR COSTS.** Should APPLICANT Fail to Perform its responsibilities under this Agreement in any degree, APPLICANT agrees to compensate CITY for all costs, including Incidental Costs, related to APPLICANT'S Failure to Perform its obligation to complete and warrant the Improvements to the extent that such costs are not adequately covered by the Proceeds.

9. **ESCROW ACCOUNT.** As an independent guarantee to CITY, for the purpose of insuring construction and installation of the Improvements, APPLICANT hereby assigns and sets over to CITY all its right, title, and interest in the principle of that certain Escrow Account held by DEPOSITORY in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, (herein the "Proceeds"),

entitled, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(insert name of Escrow Account)

(herein the "Account").

10. **EXTENT OF DEPOSITORY LIABILITY: INDEPENDENT OBLIGATION.** DEPOSITORY hereby acknowledges that it has, on deposit to the credit of APPLICANT in the account referenced above, the sum mentioned as the Proceeds; that it is aware of, understands, and agrees to each provision of this Agreement; that it agrees to make disbursement of the Proceeds of the account only within the terms as outlined in this Agreement; and that it will hold the Proceeds in the account indefinitely until such time as CITY, in writing, either demands the Proceeds be remitted to CITY or otherwise releases DEPOSITORY from its obligation to hold the Proceeds. Should DEPOSITORY fail to timely perform its obligations as outlined herein or as required by law, DEPOSITORY shall be liable to CITY for all costs incurred by CITY in completing and/or repairing the Improvements, along with any and all incidental costs incurred by CITY in attempting to enforce DEPOSITORY'S obligations under this Agreement or in completing and/or repairing the Improvements as a result of DEPOSITORY'S Failure to Perform its obligations under this Agreement. Furthermore, this paragraph shall not limit the right of CITY to pursue any and all remedies it may have in equity or at law as a result of DEPOSITORY'S Failure to Perform under this Agreement. DEPOSITORY EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGES, UNDERSTANDS, AND AGREES that its obligation under this Agreement is independent of any obligation of CITY, either express or implied. DEPOSITORY agrees that its performance is not and shall not be conditioned upon the commencement of actual construction work in the subdivision or development, or upon the sale of any lots or any part of the subdivision or development. DEPOSITORY further acknowledges (a) that its obligation to perform under this Agreement is independent of any other remedy available to CITY to secure proper completion of the Improvements; (b) that DEPOSITORY may not assert as a defense that CITY has remedies against other persons or entities or has other remedies in equity or at law that would otherwise relieve DEPOSITORY of its duty to perform as outlined in this Agreement, or preclude CITY from requiring DEPOSITORY'S performance under this Agreement; and © that DEPOSITORY may not assert as a defense that CITY has remedies against other entities or has other remedies in equity or at law that would otherwise relieve APPLICANT of its duty to perform as outlined in this Agreement, or preclude CITY from requiring APPLICANT'S performance under this Agreement.

11. **REDUCTION OF PROCEEDS.** As the Improvements are accepted by CITY, a portion of the Proceeds may be released to APPLICANT upon APPLICANT'S written request. Such requests may be made only once every 30 days. The amount of any requested release shall be determined in the sole discretion of CITY. No release shall be authorized until such time as CITY has inspected the Improvements and found them to be in compliance with CITY standards. Completion of Improvements, even if verified by CITY, shall not entitle APPLICANT to an automatic release of any part of the Proceeds. The release of any Proceeds shall be evidenced by the written authorization of CITY.

12. **FINAL ACCEPTANCE.** Notwithstanding the fact that certain of the Proceeds may be released upon partial completion of the Improvements, neither shall any partial release nor shall any full release of the Proceeds constitute final acceptance of the Improvements by CITY. Final acceptance of the Improvements shall be official only upon written notice to APPLICANT from CITY expressly acknowledging such.

13. **WARRANTY OF IMPROVEMENTS.** Following final acceptance of the Improvements, APPLICANT hereby warrants that the Improvements shall remain free from defects or damage as determined by CITY, such that the Improvements continue to meet CITY standards for one year following said final acceptance.

14. **RETAINAGE.** APPLICANT and DEPOSITORY expressly agree that, notwithstanding any partial release of any of the Proceeds requested by APPLICANT and/or granted by CITY, the Proceeds shall not be released below 90% of the estimated cost of the Improvements, (herein the "Retainage"), as specified herein, for one year following final acceptance of the Improvements. The Retainage shall be held to insure that the Improvements do not have any latent defects or damage as determined by CITY, such that the Improvements do not continue to meet CITY standards for one year after said final acceptance. Notwithstanding said Retainage, APPLICANT shall be responsible for any substandard, defective, or damaged Improvements if the Retainage is inadequate to cover any such Improvements. At the request of APPLICANT, the Retainage or any part thereof may be replaced with a performance bond of a type and form approved by CITY. APPLICANT, contractor, subcontractor, or other person providing the replacement bond shall be responsible for any substandard or defective Improvements if the Proceeds of said replacement bond are inadequate to cover any such Improvements.

15. **APPLICANT INDEMNIFICATION.** APPLICANT agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless CITY, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability which may arise as a result of the installation of the Improvements prior to CITY'S final acceptance of the Improvements as defined herein, and from and against any and all liability which may arise as a result of any improvements which are found to be defective during the one-year warranty period covered by this Agreement. With respect to APPLICANT'S agreement to defend CITY, as set forth above, CITY shall have the option to either provide its own defense, with all costs for such being borne by APPLICANT, or require that APPLICANT undertake the defense of CITY.

16. **RELEASE OF PROCEEDS.** In the event the Improvements have been installed to the satisfaction of CITY pursuant to this Agreement and Layton City ordinances within the above stated time period(s), CITY agrees, upon written request from the APPLICANT, to execute a written release of the remaining Proceeds. The CITY further agrees to notify APPLICANT of the release of Proceeds by sending a certified letter, return receipt requested, to the APPLICANT at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_ . The burden shall be upon the APPLICANT to keep the CITY informed of any change in address. For the purpose of this Agreement, the APPLICANT shall have been considered to have received notice if the CITY has sent the notice to the address indicated in this paragraph or at the new address indicated in writing by the APPLICANT. The APPLICANT shall have six (6) months from the date that notice of the release of proceeds was mailed to the APPLICANT to request release of the remaining bond Proceeds. At the expiration of six (6) months, the APPLICANT agrees that any remaining Proceeds shall be released to the CITY. APPLICANT expressly authorizes the release, to the CITY, of any remaining Proceeds, upon production to the Escrow Agent of a return receipt, showing that notice was sent to the address contained in this paragraph and showing the expiration of a six (6) month period of time.

17. **DEMAND FOR AND USE OF PROCEEDS.** In the event the Improvements are not installed to the satisfaction of CITY pursuant to this Agreement and Layton City ordinances within the above stated time period(s) and/or APPLICANT fails to perform any obligation under this Agreement or Layton City ordinances, DEPOSITORY shall remit to CITY, upon CITY'S written demand, the Proceeds. CITY may use and expend all the Proceeds or such lesser amount as may be estimated by CITY to be necessary to complete the Improvements as required herein.

18. **INADEQUATE PROCEEDS.** If the Proceeds are inadequate to pay the cost of the completion of the Improvements according to CITY standards, for whatever reason, including previous reductions, APPLICANT shall be responsible for the deficiency independent of DEPOSITORY. Additionally, no further permits or business license shall be issued, and/or any existing permits or business licenses applicable to the location of the Improvements may be immediately suspended or revoked by the City Manager until the Improvements are completed, or, until a new bond acceptable to CITY has been executed to insure completion of the remaining Improvements. Furthermore, the cost of completion of the Improvements shall include reimbursement to CITY for all costs including, but not limited to, construction costs and any Incidental Costs incurred by CITY in completing the Improvements and/or collecting the Proceeds.

19. **INCIDENTAL COSTS.** If upon CITY'S written notice to DEPOSITORY of APPLICANT'S Failure to Perform the Proceeds are not remitted to CITY within 30 days of demand, then CITY'S costs of obtaining the Proceeds and/or completing the Improvements and all incidental costs shall be added to the amount due CITY from DEPOSITORY, and shall be paid to CITY in addition to and with the Proceeds.

20. **ACCESS TO PROPERTY.** Should CITY elect to use the Proceeds to complete the Improvements, APPLICANT herein expressly grants to CITY, and any contractor or other agent hired by CITY, the right of access to the project property to complete the Improvements.

21. **SUBSTANDARD IMPROVEMENTS.** Should any Improvements prove to be substandard or defective within the one year warranty period discussed above, CITY shall notify APPLICANT in writing of such substandard or defective Improvements. APPLICANT shall then have 15 days from notice from CITY in which to commence repair of the Improvements, and a reasonable amount of time, as determined by CITY, which shall be specified in the notice, to complete repair of the Improvements. Should APPLICANT fail to either commence repair of the Improvements or complete repair of the Improvements within the required time periods, CITY may exercise its option to remedy the defects and demand payment for such from APPLICANT, should the Proceeds be insufficient to cover the costs incurred by CITY.

22. **INSURANCE.** Should CITY elect to install, complete, or remedy any defect in or damage to the Improvements, APPLICANT shall be responsible for the payment of the premium for an insurance policy covering any liability, damage, loss, judgment, or injury to any person or property, including, but not limited to, damage to APPLICANT or its property as a result of the work of any contractor or agent hired by CITY to complete or remedy the Improvements. The minimum dollar amount and the scope of coverage of the insurance policy shall be determined and set by CITY. APPLICANT shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY, its officers, employees, and agents for any liability which exceeds the insurance policy limit. CITY, at its option, may collect and expend the Proceeds to make the premium payments should APPLICANT fail to pay said premium. No permit, approval or business license shall be issued by CITY, and any existing permit, approval, or business license shall be suspended until said premium is initially paid and a bond is in place to cover subsequent payments. APPLICANT further expressly agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY, its officers, agents, and employees for or from any damage or loss suffered or any judgment resulting from the work of any contractor or agent hired by CITY to install, complete, or remedy any defect in or damage to the Improvements.
23. **NOTICE.** Notice to APPLICANT or CITY shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown in this Agreement. The date notice is received at the address shown in this Agreement shall be the date of actual notice, however accomplished.
24. **MECHANIC/MATERIAL LIENS.** Should CITY elect to complete or remedy the Improvements, APPLICANT shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY from and against any liability which exceeds the bond amount for the payment of any labor or material liens as a result of any work of any contractor (including subcontractors and materialmen of any such contractor or agent) hired by CITY or which may arise due to either a defect in or failure of this Agreement or insufficient Proceeds to cover such costs.
25. **FAILURE TO PERFORM.** In addition to those events previously or subsequently described herein, the following shall be considered Failure to Perform on the part of APPLICANT, the occurrence of which shall entitle CITY to invoke any and all remedies outlined in this Agreement or any and all remedies it may have in equity or at law: APPLICANT'S abandonment of the project as determined by CITY; APPLICANT'S insolvency, appointment of a receiver, or filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy; the commencement of a foreclosure proceeding against the project property; the project property being conveyed in lieu of foreclosure.
26. **WAIVER.** The failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement, or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a failure to perform thereof shall not constitute a waiver of any such failure to perform or any other covenant, agreement, term, or condition. No waiver shall effect or alter the remainder of this Agreement, but each and every other covenant, agreement, term, and condition hereof shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any other then existing or subsequently occurring failure to perform.
27. **ATTORNEYS FEES.** In the event there is a failure to perform under this Agreement and it becomes reasonably necessary for any party to employ the services of an attorney in connection therewith (whether such attorney be in house or outside counsel), either with or without litigation, on appeal or otherwise, the losing party to the controversy shall pay to the successful party reasonable attorneys fees incurred by such party, and, in addition, such costs and expenses as are incurred in enforcing this Agreement.
28. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** Time is of the essence of this Agreement. In case either party shall fail to perform the obligations on its part at the time fixed for the performance of such obligations by the terms of this Agreement, the other party may pursue any and all remedies available in equity or law.
29. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be interpreted pursuant to, and the terms thereof governed by, the laws of the State of Utah. This Agreement shall be further governed by Layton City ordinances in effect at the time of the execution of this Agreement. However, the parties expressly acknowledge that any subdivision or other development regulations enacted after the execution of this Agreement, which are reasonably necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of CITY, shall also apply to the subdivision or development which is the subject of this Agreement.
30. **INDUCEMENT; INTEGRATION; MODIFICATION; CAPTIONS; SEVERABILITY.**
- 30.1. The making and execution of this Agreement has been induced by no representations, statements, warranties, or agreements other than those herein expressed.
- 30.2. This Agreement embodies the entire understanding of the parties, and there are no further or other agreements or understandings, written or oral, in effect between the parties relating to the subject matter herein.
- 30.3. Except as otherwise authorized by this Agreement, this instrument may be amended or modified only by an instrument of equal formality signed by the respective parties.
- 30.4. The titles or captions of this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be deemed in any way to define, limit, extend, augment, or described the scope, content, or intent of any part or parts of this Agreement.
- 30.5. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

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WHEREUPON, the parties hereto have set their hands the day and year first above written.

"APPLICANT"

"DEPOSITORY"

By \_\_\_\_\_

By

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature must be notarized on following page.)

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature must be notarized on following page.)

"CITY"

MAYOR

CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY Community Development Department      Date

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY Public Works Department      Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY Attorney's Office      Date

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**APPLICANT NOTARY**

(Complete only if APPLICANT is an Individual.)

STATE OF )  
 : SS  
COUNTY OF )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_, the signer(s) of the foregoing instrument who duly acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC

Residing in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_.

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(Complete only if APPLICANT is a Corporation.)

STATE OF )  
 : SS  
COUNTY OF )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_, who being by me duly sworn did say that he/she is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ corporation, and that the foregoing instrument was signed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she acknowledged to me that said corporation executed the same.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC

Residing in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_.

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(Complete only if APPLICANT is a Partnership.)

STATE OF )  
 : SS  
COUNTY OF )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_, who being by me duly sworn did say that he/she/they is/are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, a partnership, and that the foregoing instrument was duly authorized by the partnership at a lawful meeting held or by authority of its by-laws and signed in behalf of said partnership.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_

NOTARY PUBLIC

Residing in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_.

