



Assignment of Savings
Landscaping Maintenance Guarantee
Agreement and Understanding in Lieu of Surety Bond

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, _____, by and between _____, hereinafter referred to as "Developer" and Bank, _____ Branch, located at address _____ hereinafter referred to as "Bank".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Developer has cause to be deposited in a restricted interest bearing account the total sum of: _____ Dollars (\$_____), representing Landscaping Maintenance Guarantee as defined by Whatcom County permit number _____, and

WHEREAS, the Bank and Developer have agreed that the funds may be withdrawn only in accordance with this Agreement and Understanding in Lieu of Surety Bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

1. The Developer has deposited the sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) in an interest bearing account, account number _____, in the name of _____ for the express purpose of guaranteeing the upkeep and maintenance of the landscape plant material per the approved landscape drawings made a part of Whatcom County Permit number _____ which is hereby incorporated by reference.
2. The funds held in account number _____ are restricted in that the Developer may not withdraw any part thereof until Whatcom County has provided the Bank with a written release of funds.

3. If said landscape plant material is not maintained pursuant to terms and conditions of said Whatcom County Permit the funds held in account number _____ may be withdrawn by Whatcom County and utilized to complete said landscape maintenance requirements in accordance with said terms. Moreover, if Whatcom County determines that the Developer has committed a violation, the funds held in said account may be withdrawn by Whatcom County to repair any damages. Expiration date may be extended at the County's discretion.
4. The Property Owner agrees to hold Whatcom County harmless from any loss, cost, or damage caused by its failure to maintain said improvements.
5. The Bank is responsible for holding the funds in account number _____ in accordance with applicable laws and banking regulations, and to release said funds only in accordance with this agreement.
6. Upon completion of the requirements, _____ dollars (\$ _____) of the funds, held in account number _____, shall be held in said account for an additional period of _____ to ensure satisfactory performance of maintenance and monitoring. At the end of this period, Whatcom County shall provide to the Bank a release of the remaining funds in this account.

Developer

Financial Institution

Signature of Developer
On this _____ day of _____, _____ before me personally appeared

Signature of Bank (Authorized Personnel)
On this _____ day of _____, _____ before me personally appeared

known to be the person individually or jointly described in and who executed the above instrument and acknowledged to be the act of signing and sealing thereof.

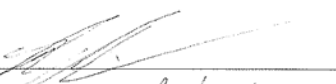
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NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington, Residing at

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Printed Name

Printed Name



Royce Buckingham
Attorney for Whatcom Co.

Attorney for Whatcom County
Approved as to Form