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City Clerk, City of Missoula  
435 Ryman  
Missoula, MT 59802

## **Private Stormwater Facility Maintenance Covenant and Right to Access**

Geocode \_\_\_\_\_

This Maintenance Covenant and Right to Access (“Agreement”) is made this [INSERT DAY] day of [INSERT MONTH], [INSERT YEAR], between [INSERT OWNER NAME HER] (“Owner”) whose address is [INSERT OWNER ADDRESS HERE] and the City of Missoula, 435 Ryman, Missoula, Montana 59802, a municipal corporation under the laws of the state of Montana (the “City”).

### **RECITALS**

- A. Owner is the owner and developer of certain real property located in the City of Missoula, Missoula County, Montana, legally described as follows, and commonly known as (the “Development”):
- B. Owner has developed or will develop at the Development, private stormwater management facilities as further described below:

List the type, quantity, and location of all private stormwater facilities proposed and constructed within the development.

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- C. The City has approved construction plans submitted by Owner for the Development, including the on-site stormwater facilities as described above (together with any other stormwater facilities that may hereafter be constructed on the Development, the “Stormwater Facilities”).
- D. To protect future lot owners in the Development, as well as owners of neighboring property, the City requires Owner to enter into this Agreement as a condition to the City’s approval of construction plans, building permit(s), if applicable, and the final plat, if applicable, for the Development.
- E. The Stormwater Facilities enable development of property while mitigating the adverse impacts of additional surface water and pollutants associated with stormwater runoff prior to discharge from the property to the public stormwater system. The consideration for this Agreement is connection to the City’s stormwater system.
- F. The Stormwater Facilities are designed by a registered professional engineer to accommodate the anticipated volume of runoff and to detain and treat runoff in accordance with the City’s regulations, engineering standards, administrative rules, and amendments.
- G. Failure to inspect and maintain the Stormwater Facilities can result in an unacceptable impact to the public stormwater system.

**AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and Owner agree as follows:

**1. Covenant to Maintain and Repair**

Owner shall, at its sole expense, itself or through qualified independent contractors, at all times maintain the Stormwater Facilities in good working order, condition and repair, clear of all debris, and in compliance with all applicable state and local rules, regulations, and guidelines (including those adopted from time to time by the City and including the City’s engineering standards).

**2. Covenant to Inspect**

The Owner shall perform annual inspections of all Stormwater Facilities covered by this agreement annually. Any work necessary to repair or maintain the facilities in good working order that is discovered during the annual inspection shall be completed by the Owner within a reasonable period of time after the annual inspection. Owner shall apply for renewed coverage under the City stormwater permit as required by City Code.

### **3. Right to Access**

Owner hereby grants the City, its employees, independent contractors, and designees, a nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress over, across, and under the Development from time to time at the City's sole discretion to inspect, sample, and monitor components of the Stormwater Facilities and discharges therefrom, as well as allow the City to take the actions described in Sections 4 and 5 of the Agreement. Owner understands and agrees that this easement limits the ability of Owner, its successors, and assigns from constructing any permanent buildings, structures, landscaping, or other improvements that would interfere with the functioning of the Stormwater Facilities or the City's access to perform the inspection and maintenance required under this Agreement.

### **4. Failure to Perform Covenant**

If the City, in its sole discretion, determines that the Owner is not in compliance with the covenant described in Sections 1 and 2, except in the case of an emergency, the City or its designee shall give the Owner written notice to perform the maintenance and/or repair work specified in the notice. If such work is not performed to the City's satisfaction within twenty (20) days after the date of such notice, or such other time as the City may, in its sole discretion, determine, the City, its employees, independent contractors, and designees may exercise their right under the Easement described in Section 3 of this Agreement to enter the Development to perform any and all work required bringing the Stormwater Facilities into compliance with this Agreement.

### **5. Emergency**

If the City, in its sole discretion, determines that there exists or will likely exist an emergency on or about the Development with respect to the Stormwater Facilities, the City, its employees, independent contractors, and designees may immediately exercise their rights under the Easement described in Section 3 of this Agreement to immediately enter the Development to perform any and all work required to bring the Stormwater Facilities into compliance with the Agreement, and in such case the City shall use reasonable efforts to notify the Owner prior to entering the Development. Notwithstanding the above, the work performed may consist only of avoiding or mitigating the emergency and/or cleaning and repairing the Stormwater Facilities to their original condition and standards.

### **6. City Under No Obligation**

Owner, for itself or its successors and assigns (including all owners of lots in the Development), agrees that the City, as well as its department, employees, independent contractors, and/or designees shall have no obligation to exercise its rights under this Agreement, including the right under Sections 4 and 5 of this Agreement to perform the work required of the Owner, or to perform any other maintenance or repair of the Stormwater Facilities. Owner also agrees that none of the City, as well as its departments, employees, independent contractors, and/or designees shall have any liability to Owner or any of

Owner's successors or assigns (including owners of lots in the Development) in connection with the exercise or non-exercise of such rights, the maintenance or repair of the Stormwater Facilities, or the failure to perform the same.

## **7. Owner Obligation**

In addition to the covenants and easement described above, Owner agrees to the following additional obligation:

- a. Owner shall construct the Stormwater Facilities as shown on City-approved construction plans.
- b. Prior to the sale of any portion of the Development, Owner shall provide to the City's Development Services Department, a copy of the Operations and Maintenance Manual for the Stormwater Facilities, which shall include detailed diagrams and descriptions identifying the components and operations of the Stormwater Facilities.
- c. Prior to final approval of the Development, Owner shall record this document in the deed records of Missoula County and provide a copy of the recorded documents to the City.
- d. Owner shall notify the City's Public Works Director in writing of the person responsible for compliance with Owner's obligations under this covenant ("Owner Designee"), and of any change in the Owner Designee. Owner expressly agrees that the Owner Designee shall have the authority to bind Owner, its successors, and assigns with respect to the matters described in this Agreement.
- e. Upon sale or transfer of the Development, or any portion thereof, including any lots in a subdivision, the Owner shall inform the purchaser of the obligations required under this Agreement.

## **8. Reimbursement**

If the City exercises its right to enter the Development pursuant to the Easement described in Section 3 of this Agreement, Owner shall reimburse the City for all of its costs and expenses incurred in connection with any work performed pursuant to Section 4 or 5 of this Agreement within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice. If Owner fails to pay the invoiced amount within such period, such amount shall thereafter accrue interest at the statutory rate. The City may pursue any available means to collect such amount, together with interest, including placing a lien on the Development (and each of the lots contained therein). If the Development is owned by more than one person (i.e., multiple lot owners), each such owner shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of the amounts provided for in this Section.

## **9. Indemnification**

Owner agrees to indemnify, defend (with legal counsel acceptable to the City), and hold harmless the City, its employees, independent contractors, and designees from and against any liability, losses, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorney fees), claims, or suits



REVIEWED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Keene, PE, Public Works Director

CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jordan Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marty Rehbein, City Clerk

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