



COMMERCIAL TREE MAINTENANCE BOND

Bond Amount: _____

Bond Number: _____

Project Name: _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT _____ (as DEVELOPER, hereinafter referred to as the “Principal” located at [*INSERT ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER*]), and _____ (as SURETY COMPANY, hereinafter referred to as the “Developer’s Surety”), are held and firmly bound unto Cherokee County, Georgia (as OWNER, hereinafter referred to as the “County”), for the use and benefit of the County for maintenance of Trees as described below in the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____), lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which the Principal and the Developer’s Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Occupancy for [*Name of Project*] has been approved by the County, under the terms that a tree maintenance bond is required, for a minimum of 15 months after the date of recording of the Final Plat, of said Principal and good and sufficient surety payable to the County, and conditioned that the Principal shall, until the later of both: a) the County’s written determination regarding the applicable bond punchlist that all Trees are complete and can be released; and b) the County’s issuance to Principal of a release letter regarding this bond confirming that all Trees (“Trees”) shown on the approved site plan are installed in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and with all applicable County regulations, including but not limited to the Cherokee County Zoning Ordinance, the Code of Ordinances, Cherokee County, Georgia, and the Development Ordinance of Cherokee County, Georgia in force as of the date of said approval and on file with and available from the Cherokee County Department of Engineering.

NOW THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are as follows:

- (1) That if the Principal shall maintain the Trees as described above; and if the Principal and the Developer's Surety shall indemnify and hold harmless the County from any and all losses, liability and damages, claims, judgments, liens, costs and fees of every description, including but not limited to, any damages for costs of maintenance of Trees, which the County may incur, sustain or suffer by reason of the failure or default on the part of the Principal in the performance of any and all of the terms, provisions and requirements described herein, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect;

- (2) In the event of a failure of performance by the Principal;
 - (a) The Developer's Surety shall commence performance of its obligations and undertakings under this Bond no later than thirty (30) days after written notice from the County to the Developer's Surety; and
 - (b) The means, method or procedure by which the Developer's Surety undertakes to perform its obligations under this Bond shall be subject to the advance written approval of the County.

The Principal and Developer's Surety agree that a failure of performance by the Principal shall occur in the event that the County does not accept the Trees within the 15 month period after the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. The Parties further expressly agree that any action on this Bond may be brought within the time allowed by Georgia law for suit on contracts under seal.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and Developer's Surety have hereunto affixed their corporate seals and caused this obligation to be signed by its duly authorized officers, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

BY: _____
Signature of Principal
_____ Title of Signatory

Printed Name of Principal

ATTEST: _____
Signature of Witness for Principal
_____ Date

Printed Name of Attest for Principal

BY: _____
Signature of Developer's Surety
_____ Title of Signatory

Printed Name of Developer's Surety

ATTEST: _____
Signature of Witness for Developer's Surety
_____ Date

Printed Name of Attest for Developer's Surety

[ATTACH PLAT AND SURETY'S POA]