



Department

Public Works

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TREE MAINTENANCE BOND

Know all men by these presents that we, _____, the property owner, as Principal, and _____, a corporation authorized to transact surety business in the State of Georgia, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City of Decatur, Georgia, as obligee (hereinafter the "City"), in the sum of _____ Dollars (\$____) for the payment of which the Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the City has approved the Tree Conservation plan dated ____/____/____ for the project known as _____ located at _____, Decatur GA 300____ (the "Tree Conservation Plan"); and

WHEREAS, prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy (CO), the property owner is required by Section 9.1.10 of the Unified Development Code of the Code of Ordinances to furnish the City a 3-year tree maintenance bond or other financial security for trees planted outside the planting season or for trees impacted beyond the approved tree plan limits, in an amount equal to 125% of tree removal and replacement tree planting expenses, including materials and labor; and

WHEREAS, this tree maintenance bond is held and firmly bound unto the City of Decatur for the use and benefit of the City of Decatur for potential required removal and replacement of the following Tree/s: _____ located at _____, Decatur GA 300____, as shown on the Tree Conservation Plan (the "Subject Tree"/ the "Subject Trees"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the Arborist for the City of Decatur shall deem the Subject Tree or any of the Subject Trees to be poor or declining requiring removal and replacement during the period of three (3) years from the date of issuance of the CO, the Arborist shall notify Principal in writing to remove and replace the poor or declining tree(s). The Principal shall then, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, remove and replace the poor or declining tree(s) pursuant to the direction and written approval of the Arborist. If the Principal fails to take such actions within the required time, the Surety shall, within thirty (30) days of demand of the Arborist, either: (a) remedy the Principal's default itself, pursuant to the direction and written approval of the Arborist and with reasonable diligence pursuant to a time schedule approved by the Arborist or (b) tender to the City the amount necessary, as determined by the Arborist, for the City to remedy the default, up to the bond amount. The Principal hereby authorizes the City, its employees and agents to enter onto the subject



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property in order to perform removal and replacement in the event the Principal fails to remove or replace the poor or declining trees within the required time and the Surety elects not to undertake the work itself.

SIGNED AND SEALED, this ____ day of _____, 202_

Owner:

Print Name: _____

Print Title (if an entity): _____

Additional Owner:

Print Name: _____

Surety:

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____