

## MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE

1. **Parties:** The parties to this Maintenance Guarantee ("the Guarantee" or "Guarantee") are \_\_\_\_\_ ("the Developer") and the City of Grand Junction, Colorado ("the City" or "City"). Collectively the Developer and the City may be referred to as the Parties.

FOR valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

2. **Effective Date:** The Effective Date of the Guarantee will be the date that it is signed and accepted by the City.

### RECITALS

The Developer has constructed, installed and is required to warrant and maintain certain improvements ("Improvements" or "the Improvements") which were made necessary by virtue of development on property within the City. The Property, known as \_\_\_\_\_ has been reviewed and approved under Public Works & Planning file # \_\_\_\_\_ and as necessary or required to construe this guarantee, that file(s) is incorporated by this reference.

The City seeks to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the community by requiring that the Improvements, once constructed, be maintained. The purpose of this guarantee is to protect the City from having to repair the Improvements at its cost. The Agreement is not executed for the benefit of materialmen, laborers or others providing work, services or material to the Developer and/or the Property or for the benefit of the owners, purchasers or users of the Property. The mutual promises, covenants and obligations contained in this guarantee are authorized by law, the Colorado Constitution, the Charter and the City's ordinances.

### DEVELOPER'S OBLIGATION

3. **Improvements:** The Developer or its successor(s) or assign(s) shall maintain and guarantee the Improvements, at his/her/its own expense, against defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from the date of City acceptance of the Improvements. The Developer's obligation is and will be independent of any obligations of the City.

4. **Security:** To secure the performance of its obligations the Developer is required to post security in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Line G2, Exhibit B, City Security).

4a. The Developer has posted security to guarantee the Improvements in an amount, form and with terms acceptable to the City.

4b. In addition to that security all warranties and/or guarantees (those incident to construction or as provided by the contractor and/or manufacturer of installed equipment) are hereby assigned to the City.

4c. The Developer shall to the extent necessary or required by the City take whatever action is necessary or required to assign all warranties and/or guarantees (those incident to construction or as provided by the contractor and/or manufacturer of installed equipment) to the City. A copy of those warranties or a memorandum of the same is attached as Exhibit A.

4d. The Developer for itself, its successors and assigns agrees that if the Improvements are not maintained to City standards that the City shall notify the Developer in writing of the defect(s) in accordance with paragraph 8 hereof.

5. **Standards:** The Developer shall maintain the Improvements according to the standards and specifications required by the City or as otherwise established by the City Engineer.

6. **Warranty:** The Developer hereby warrants that the Improvements, each and every one of them, will be maintained in accordance with the Standards in paragraph 5 for the period of this guarantee.

7. **Compliance with Law:** The Developer shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations in effect at the time of final approval when fulfilling its obligations under this guarantee. When necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare, the Developer shall be subject to laws, ordinances and regulations that become effective after acceptance of the Improvements.

8. **Notice of Defect/Default:** The City shall provide timely notice to the Developer whenever routine inspection reveals that an Improvement and/or maintenance of the same does not conform to City standards and any specifications approved or required in or by the development or that an Improvement(s) is otherwise defective.

8a. As provided herein the City shall provide written notice to the Developer at the address stated in paragraph 22. Notice is and shall be deemed effective

two calendar days after mailing thereof by first class United States mail, postage prepaid.

8b. The Developer will have twelve (12) calendar days from the date of the notice to correct the defect.

8c. The City may grant reasonable extensions in writing to the time for correction of defect(s), however, it is not obligated to do so nor is it obligated to provide any notice of a defect(s) if it becomes aware of the defect(s) in or during an emergency. Furthermore, the City is not obligated to inspect the Improvements but may do so as it would any other improvement.

**9. Acceptance:** Prior to acceptance of any Improvement(s), the Developer shall demonstrate in writing to the satisfaction of the City Attorney that it owns the Improvements in fee simple or that there are no liens, encumbrances or other restrictions other than those that have been accepted by the City Attorney on the Improvements. Approval and/or acceptance of any Improvements does not constitute a waiver by the City of any rights it may have on account of any defect in or failure of the Improvement or maintenance of the same that is detected or which occurs after approval and/or acceptance. All warranties and/or guarantees shall be for a period of no less than 12 months from the date of acceptance of the Improvements.

**10. Funds:** Funds drawn, guaranteed or collected by the City under this agreement shall be used for the purpose of correcting defects in and/or repairing or replacing failure(s) of the Improvement(s).

**11. Defect/Default Events:** The following conditions, occurrences or actions will constitute a defect and/or default:

11a. Developer's failure to maintain each and every one of the Improvements in conformance with this guarantee and/or as required by code, law, rule, ordinance or regulation;

11b. Developer's failure to correct defective construction of any Improvement within the applicable guarantee period;

11c. Developer's failure to maintain security in a form and amount required/provided by this guarantee.

11d. As provided herein the City shall provide written notice to the Developer at the address on file with the development application. Notice is and shall be deemed effective two calendar days after mailing thereof by first class United States mail, postage prepaid.

**12. Measure of Cost/Expenses:** The measure of costs and or expenses chargeable by the City under this guarantee will be the reasonable cost of satisfactorily repairing and/or replacing the Improvements plus reasonable City administrative expenses (in the amount of 20% of the repair, replacement and/or warranty work) all of which may exceed the amount of the security provided for in paragraph 4. The amount of the security provided for in paragraph 4 does not set, limit, establish or provide the Developer's maximum financial obligation.

12a. City administrative expenses for which the Developer is obligated to pay include but are not limited to personnel costs, including benefits, overtime, callback, standby and other extraordinary compensation, materials, equipment, third-party contracting costs, collection costs and the value of engineering, legal and administrative staff time devoted to the repair and/or replacement of the Improvements and/or enforcement of this guarantee and all initial warranty(ies) or guarantee(s) assigned to the City by the Developer.

**13. City's Rights:** When any defect or default occurs, the City may after notice and the Developer's failure and/or refusal to repair or replace the Improvements, proceed to collect the amount of the cost or expense incidental or necessary to affect the repair or replacement of the Improvements. The City will have the right to reconstruct, rebuild or otherwise maintain Improvements itself or it may contract with a third party for completion and the Developer grants to the City, its successors, assigns, agents, contractors, and employees, a nonexclusive right and easement to enter the Property for the purposes of constructing, reconstructing, maintaining and repairing such Improvements. This remedy is cumulative in nature and is in addition to any other remedy the City has at law or in equity.

**14. Indemnification:** The Developer expressly agrees to indemnify and hold the City, its officers, employees, agents and assigns harmless from and against all claims, costs and liabilities of every kind and nature, for injury or damage received or sustained by any person or entity in connection with, or on account of the performance or non-performance of work at the Property pursuant to this Agreement. The Developer further agrees to aid and defend the City in the event that the City is named as a defendant in an action concerning the performance or non-performance of work pursuant to this guarantee. The Developer further agrees to aid and defend the City in the event that the City is named as a defendant in an action concerning the performance of work pursuant to this guarantee except where such suit is brought by the Developer against the City. The Developer is, however, not an agent or employee of the City.

15. **No Waiver:** No waiver of any provision of this Agreement by the City will be deemed to or constitute a waiver of any other provision, nor will it be deemed to or constitute a continuing waiver unless expressly provided for by a written amendment to this Agreement signed by both the City and the Developer; nor will the waiver of any defect or default under this guarantee be deemed a waiver of any subsequent defect(s) or default(s) of the same type. The City's failure to exercise any right under this Agreement will not constitute the approval of any wrongful act by the Developer or the acceptance of any defect(s), defaults(s) or Improvement(s).

16. **Amendment or Modification:** The Parties may amend or modify the Agreement only by written instrument executed on behalf of the City by the Public Works and Utilities Director or his designee and by the Developer or his authorized officer. Such amendment or modification shall be properly notarized before it may be deemed effective.

17. **Attorney's Fees:** Should either party be required to resort to litigation to enforce the terms of this guarantee, the prevailing party, plaintiff or defendant, will be entitled to costs, including reasonable attorney's fees and expert witness fees, from the opposing party. If relief is awarded to both parties, the attorney's fees may be equitably divided between the parties by the decision-maker. The value of the City's in-house legal counsel is agreed to be \$125.00 per hour.

18. **Integration:** This guarantee, together with the exhibits and attachments thereto constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and no statement(s), promise(s) or inducement(s) that is/are not contained in this agreement will be binding on the parties.

19. **Third Party Rights:** No person or entity who or which is not a party to this agreement will have any right of action under this agreement.

20. **Severability:** If any part, term or provision of this guarantee is held by a court or courts of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or otherwise unenforceable, such illegality or unenforceability will not affect the validity of any other part, term, or provision and the right of the parties will be construed as if the part, term or provision was never part of the agreement.

21. **Benefits:** The benefits of this agreement to the Developer are personal and may not be assigned without the express written approval of the City. Such approval may not be unreasonably withheld, but any unapproved assignment is void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the burdens of this agreement are

personal obligations of the Developer and also will be binding on the heirs, successors and assigns of the Developer and shall be a covenant(s) running with

the Property. There is no prohibition on the City to assign its rights under this agreement. The City will expressly release the original Developer's guarantee or obligations if it accepts new security from any Developer or lender who obtains the Property; however, no other act of the City will constitute a release of the original Developer from his liability under this agreement.

22. **Notice:** Any notice required or permitted by this Agreement will be deemed effective two calendar days after deposit with the United States Postal Service, first class, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

If to Developer: \_\_\_\_\_ Name -Developer/Company  
\_\_\_\_\_ Address (Street and Mailing)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip Code  
(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone and Fax Numbers  
(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail

If to City: Office of the City Attorney  
250 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Cc: Public Works and Planning Department  
250 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

23. **Recordation:** Developer will pay for all costs to record a memorandum of this guarantee in the Clerk and Recorder's Office of Mesa County, Colorado.

24. **Immunity:** Nothing contained in this agreement constitutes a waiver of the City's sovereign or other immunity under any applicable law.

25. **Personal Jurisdiction and Venue:** Personal jurisdiction and venue for any action commenced by either party to this agreement whether arising out of or relating to the agreement, will be deemed to be proper only if such action is commenced in Mesa County, Colorado. The Developer expressly waives his right to bring such action in or to remove such action to any other court whether state or federal.

