

ESCROW AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

THE CITY OF SHEPHERD, TEXAS,

AND



THE STATE OF TEXAS ⊃

COUNTY OF SAN JACINTO ⊃

This Escrow Agreement, is made and entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the CITY OF SHEPHERD, TEXAS, a body politic and a Texas general law municipality, created and operating under the general laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter called the "City"), and _____, a _____ Corporation, (hereinafter called the "Developer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Developer desires to acquire and develop all or part of a _____ acre tract of land located _____ San Jacinto County, Texas sometimes referred to as the _____ Tract, and being more particularly described in metes and bounds and map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

WHEREAS, the City policy requires the Developer to establish an Escrow Fund with the City to reimburse the City for engineering costs, legal fees, consulting fees and administrative expenses incurred during the preliminary and final platting phase and for construction management and inspection services to be provided for during the construction phase; and,

WHEREAS, City has determined that the estimated cost of providing such services should not exceed \$3500.00.

AGREEMENT

ARTICLE I

SERVICES REQUIRED

Section 1.01 The development of the _____ Tract will require the City to utilize its own personnel, its professionals and consultants; and the Escrow Fund will be used to reimburse the City its costs associated with these services.

Section 1.02 In the event other contract services are required related to the development from third parties, payment for such services will be made by the City and reimbursed by the Developer or paid directly by the Developer as the parties may agree.

ARTICLE II

FINANCING AND SERVICES

Section 2.01 All estimated costs and professional fees needed by City shall be financed by Developer. Developer agrees to advance funds to City for the purpose of funding such costs as herein set out in Exhibit "B."

Section 2.02 Developer agrees to submit payment(s) of the Escrow Fund to City no later than ten (10) days after the execution of this Escrow Agreement as detailed in Exhibit "C".

Section 2.03 In the event the funds advanced are insufficient to cover the City's costs and expenses, Developer agrees to tender additional sums upon request to cover such costs and expenses.

Any funds which may remain after the completion of the development described in this Escrow Agreement will be refunded to Developer.

ARTICLE III,
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 3.01 City reserves the right to enter into additional contracts with other persons, corporations, or political subdivisions of the State of Texas; provided, however, that City covenants and agrees that it will not so contract with others to an extent as to impair City's ability to perform fully and punctually its obligations under this Escrow Agreement.

Section 3.02 If either party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by *force majeure* to carry out any of its obligations under this Escrow Agreement, then the obligations of such party, to the extent affected by such *force majeure* and to the extent that due diligence is being used to resume performance at the earliest practicable time, shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused to the extent provided but for no longer period. As soon as reasonably possible after the occurrence of the *force majeure* relied upon, the party whose contractual obligations are affected thereby shall give notice and full particulars of such *force majeure* relied upon to the other party. Such cause, as far as possible, shall be remedied with all reasonable diligence. The term "*force majeure*," as used herein, shall include without limitation of the generality thereof, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, orders of any kind of the government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage, accidents to machinery, and other matters which are not within the control of the party claiming such inability, which such party could not have avoided by the exercise of due diligence and care.

Section 3.03 This Escrow Agreement is subject to all rules, regulations and laws which

may be applicable by the United States, the State of Texas or any regulatory agency having jurisdiction.

Section 3.04 No waiver or waivers of any breach or default (or any breaches or defaults) by either party hereto of any term, covenant, condition, or liability hereunder, or of performance by the other party of any duty or obligation hereunder, shall be deemed or construed to be a waiver of subsequent breaches or defaults of any kind, under any circumstance.

Section 3.05 Any notice, communication, request, reply or advice (hereafter referred to as "notice") herein provided or permitted to be given, made, or accepted by either party to the other (except bills) must be in writing and may be given or be served by depositing the same in the United States mail postpaid and registered or certified and addressed to the party to be notified, with return receipt requested, or by delivering the same to an officer of such party. Notice deposited in the mail in the manner herein above described shall be conclusively deemed to be effective, unless otherwise stated in this Escrow Agreement, from and after the expiration of seven (7) days after it is so deposited. Notice given in any other manner shall be effective only when received by the party to be notified. For the purpose of notice, the addresses of the parties shall, until changed as hereinafter provided, be as follows:

If to City, to:

City Mayor
City of Shepherd
16 North Liberty Street
Shepherd, Texas 77371

If to Developer, to:

The parties shall have the right from time to time and at any time to change their respective addresses, and each shall have the right to specify as its address any other address by at least fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party.

Section 3.06 This Escrow Agreement shall be subject to change or modification only in writing and with the mutual consent of the governing body of City and the management of Developer.

Section 3.07 This Escrow Agreement shall bind and benefit City and its legal successors and Developer and its legal successors but shall not otherwise be assignable, in whole or in part, by either party except as specifically provided herein between the parties or by supplemental agreement.

Section 3.08 This Escrow Agreement shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of City and Developer and is not for the benefit of any third party. Nothing herein shall be construed to confer standing to sue upon any party who did not otherwise have such standing.

Section 3.09 The provisions of this Escrow Agreement are severable, and if any provision or part of this Escrow Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall ever be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Escrow Agreement and the application of such provision or part of this Escrow Agreement to other person circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3.10 This Escrow Agreement and any amendments thereto, constitute all the agreements between the parties relative to the subject matter thereof, and may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original.

Section 3.11 This Agreement shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with, and subject to, the laws of the State of Texas without regard to the principles of conflict of

laws. This Agreement is performable in San Jacinto County, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Escrow Agreement in three (3) copies, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, as of the date and year first written in this Escrow Agreement.

CITY OF SHEPHERD, TEXAS

By: _____
Charles Minton, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
Debra Hagler, City Secretary

Developer

By:

Signature

Title: _____

STATE OF TEXAS {
COUNTY OF SAN JACINTO {

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CHARLES MINTON, Mayor of the City of Shepherd, Texas, a Texas general law municipality, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the capacity therein stated and as the act and deed of said municipality.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public, State of Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS {
COUNTY OF _____ {

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____, _____ of _____, a _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated and as the act and deed of said organization.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public, State of Texas