

**Building Restriction Agreement
To Ensure Structures are Reasonably Safe From Flooding**

THIS BUILDING RESTRICTION AGREEMENT to Ensure Structures are Reasonably Safe From Flooding is entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 2002, by and between _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as "City").

RECITALS

I.

Owner is the owner of _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Property."

II.

The Property is located in an area shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the City of Lincoln issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a special flood hazard area (SFHA) and is a designated floodplain subject to the requirements of the City's floodplain ordinance (Chapter 27.55 of the Lincoln Municipal Code).

III.

Lincoln Municipal Code § 27.55.030 provides in part that:

(b) Residential Construction. All new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures within the designated floodplain shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least one foot above the base flood level. Garages and storage buildings used exclusively for the storage of motor vehicles, and storage of other items readily removable in the event of a flood warning may have their lowest floor below flood elevation, provided the building structure is capable of withstanding hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces caused by the 100-year flood and, further, provided that no utilities are installed in the building except elevated or floodproofed electrical fixtures. If the building is converted to another use, it must be brought into full compliance with the requirements of this title governing such uses.

(c) Nonresidential Construction. All new construction and substantial improvements of commercial, industrial, and other nonresidential structures within the designated floodplain shall either have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least one foot above the base flood level or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be floodproofed so that below the base flood level plus one foot the structure is watertight in accordance with the performance standards set forth in the city's building code. A registered professional engineer or architect shall develop or review structural design, specifications, and plans for the construction, and shall certify that the design and methods of construction meet the watertight performance standards. The certification shall be provided to the city as set forth in § 27.55.040 of this chapter.

(d) For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or must meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

(1) A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided;

(2) The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade; and

(3) Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices; provided, that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

IV.

FEMA regulations found in 44 CFR 65.5 and 65.6 authorize the issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) or a Letter of Map Revision based on fill (LOMR-F) to remove land from the area of a SFHA (i.e. designated floodplain) provided in part that the participating community has determined that the land and any existing or proposed structures to be removed from the SFHA are "reasonably safe from flooding."

V.

FEMA defines "reasonably safe from flooding" to mean "base flood waters will not inundate the land or damage structures to be removed from the special flood hazard area (Floodplain) and that any subsurface waters related to the base flood will not damage existing or proposed buildings. 44 CFR 65.2(c).

VI.

After FEMA has revised the FIRM to show that the (filled) land is outside the floodplain (SFHA) the participating community is no longer required to apply the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplain management standards to any structures built on the land and FEMA's mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements no longer apply, although flood insurance may still be required contractually by banks and other lenders if the structure is used as collateral to secure a loan.

VII.

Land removed from the designated floodplain pursuant to a LOMR or LOMR-F is not subject to the City's floodplain ordinance and in particular the requirements of Lincoln Municipal Code § 27.55.030(b) and (c).

VIII.

FEMA believes that residual flood hazards may exist in areas elevated above the base flood elevation, including subsurface flood conditions and flooding from events which exceed the base flood. Therefore, FEMA will not process an application for nor approve a LOMR or a LOMR-F removing land from the floodplain unless the participating community, here the City, certifies that the area is reasonably safe from flooding according to criteria set forth in FEMA's Technical Bulletin 10-01 "Ensuring that structures built on fill and that are near special flood hazard areas are reasonably safe from flooding in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program."

IX.

Currently the City of Lincoln Municipal Code does not have any regulations that control development of flood prone areas outside of the designated floodplain that would ensure that any construction in such areas is reasonably safe from flooding. Therefore, the City cannot make the required certification to FEMA required for the processing or issuance of a LOMR or LOMR-F.

X.

Owner desires to apply for a LOMR or a LOMR-F in order to remove the Property from the SFHA (i.e. designated floodplain) for future development of _____ type of buildings in order to avoid the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirement for construction of said buildings on the Property as it presently exists. Therefore, owner desires to enter into an Agreement with the City restricting development of the Property to ensure that any construction on the Property is reasonably safe from flooding in order to induce the City to sign the certification required by FEMA certifying that if the Property is removed from the SFHA (i.e. designated floodplain) the land and any existing or future buildings constructed thereon will be reasonably safe from flooding.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above-recited recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein, Owner and City agree as follows:

1. Owner and City agree that the base flood elevation of the Property is _____ NAVD 1988.

2. Owner agrees that all new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures located upon the Property shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least one foot above the base flood level. City agrees that garages and storage buildings used exclusively for the storage of motor vehicles, and storage of other items readily removable in the event of a flood warning may have their lowest floor below flood elevation, provided the building structure is capable of withstanding hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces caused by the 100-year flood and, further, provided that no utilities are installed in the building except elevated or floodproofed electrical fixtures. Owner agrees that if the building is converted to another use, it must be brought into full compliance with the requirements of this Agreement governing such uses.

3. Owner agrees that all new construction and substantial improvements of commercial, industrial, and other nonresidential structures located upon the Property shall either have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least one foot above the base flood level or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be floodproofed so that below the base flood level plus one foot the structure

is watertight in accordance with the performance standards set forth in the City's building code. Owner further agrees that a registered professional engineer or architect shall develop or review structural design, specifications, and plans for the construction, and shall certify that the design and methods of construction meet the watertight performance standards. The certification shall be provided to the City as set forth in Lincoln Municipal Code § 27.55.040.

4. Owner agrees that for all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or must meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

- a. A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided;
- b. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade; and
- c. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices; provided, that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

5. Owner agrees to identify all building sites and their elevation in relationship to the base flood elevation on all grading plans, preliminary plats, final plats, planned unit developments, use permits, and/or special permits for the Property or any part thereof. Owner further agrees to identify all building sites and their elevation in relationship to the base flood elevation in any application of a LOMR or LOMR-F.

6. Owner agrees to note, and/or agrees that the City may note, on all grading plans, building permits, preliminary plats, final plats, planned unit developments, use permits, and/or special permits for the Property or any part thereof that all new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures and all new construction and substantial improvements of commercial, industrial and other

non-residential structures shall be constructed to the same standard as is required for such structures by Lincoln Municipal Code § 27.55.030(b) and § 27.55.030(c) respectively.

7. Upon execution of this Agreement and its filing of record with the Register of Deeds for Lancaster County, Nebraska, the City agrees to provide FEMA with the City's assurance that if the Property is removed from the SFHA (i.e. designated floodplain) pursuant to a LOMR or a LOMR-F that all new construction and substantial improvement of existing buildings or structures on the Property will be reasonably safe from flooding.

8. Owner agrees that no building permit shall be issued for the construction of any new building or structure on the Property or substantial improvement of an existing building or structure on the Property until the Owner has submitted all the required information necessary to obtain a development permit in accordance with the requirements of Lincoln Municipal Code §§ 27.55.040 and 27.55.050. Owner further agrees that no certificate of occupancy will be issued by the City until Owner has provided certification from a registered professional engineer that the new building or structure or substantial improvement of an existing building or structure has been constructed in accordance with this Agreement.

9. Owner agrees to notify all purchasers of the Property or any part thereof that no certificate of occupancy will be issued until the City receives satisfactory certificate from a registered professional engineer that the new building or structure or substantial improvement of an existing building or structure has been constructed in accordance with this Agreement.

10. The parties agree that the agreements contained herein shall run with the land and shall be binding and obligatory upon the heirs, successors, and assigns of the Owner.

11. Owner agrees that this Agreement shall be filed by the City with the Register of Deeds of Lancaster County, filing fees to be paid in advance by Owner.

12. The parties agree that except as defined elsewhere in this Agreement the following terms be defined in the same manner as they are defined in Lincoln Municipal Code § 27.55.020: Base Flood, Basement, Development, Existing

manufactured home park or subdivision, Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Flood plain, Floodproofing, Floodway, Historic structure, Lowest floor, Manufactured home, Manufactured home park or subdivision, NAVD, New construction, New manufactured home park or subdivision, Qualified engineer, Recreational vehicle, Riverine, Start of construction, Structure, Substantial damage, Substantial improvement.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2002.

OWNER

By: _____

Attest:

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

City Clerk

By: _____
Mayor

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2002, by _____.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2002, by Don Wesely, Mayor of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation.

Notary Public