

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:

The City of Gig Harbor
Attn: City Clerk
3510 Grandview St.
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

WASHINGTON STATE COUNTY AUDITOR/RECORDER'S INDEXING FORM

Document Title(s) (or transactions contained therein):

Sanitary Sewer Facilities Easement and Maintenance Agreement

Grantor(s) (Last name first, then first name and initials)

Grantee(s) (Last name first, then first name and initials

City of Gig Harbor

Legal Description (abbreviated: i.e., lot, block, plat or section, township, range)

Assessor's Property Tax Parcel or Account Number: _____

Reference Number(s) of Documents assigned or released: _____

SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

This Sanitary Sewer Facilities Easement and Maintenance Agreement is made this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the City of Gig Harbor, a Washington municipal corporation (hereinafter the "City"), and _____, a _____, located and doing business at _____ (hereinafter the "Owner").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Owner is the owner of fee title or a substantial beneficial interest in certain real property located in Gig Harbor, Washington, commonly described as _____ located at _____, (hereinafter the "Property") and legally described in **Exhibit A**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Owner's proposed development of the Property, the City has required and the Owner has constructed a private sanitary sewer system on the Property; and

WHEREAS, such sanitary sewer system is described and shown on a construction drawing(s) prepared by the engineering firm of _____, dated _____ (hereinafter the "Plans"), for the Owner's Property, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of project approval, and/or due to the nature of the development, the sanitary sewer system on the Property is private, and will not be the responsibility of nor owned, operated or maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the private sanitary sewer will eventually be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system and the City desires an easement to definitively establish the permissible location of the City's access on the Property described in **Exhibit A**, for the purposes described in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said private ownership and responsibility for operation and maintenance, including repair, rehabilitation, replacement, alterations and/or modifications, the parties have entered into this Easement and Maintenance Agreement, in order to ensure that the sanitary sewer system will be constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with the approved Plans and all applicable rules and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, as well as other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Owner and the City hereby agree as follows:

TERMS

Section 1. Affected Property. The real property subject to this Agreement is legally described in **Exhibit A**.

Section 2. Definitions. As used in this instrument:

A. The word "plat" refers to the _____, and any other plat or plats, including short plats, covering all real property which may hereafter be made subject to the provisions of this instrument by a written instrument signed by the Owner, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Agreement.

B. The word "lot" refers to a lot shown on any plat defined herein, but shall not include any parcel designated as a "tract" on a plat. "Lot" shall include any parcel of land that is separately subjected to this instrument without having been subdivided into two or more parcels by a plat recorded subsequent to the recording of this instrument.

C. The word "Owner" or "Owners" refers to the entity, whether an individual, corporation, joint venture or partnership which is an owner in fee simple or of a substantial beneficial interest (except for mineral estate) in all or any portion of the property in the Plat or the Property. A "substantial beneficial interest" shall include both legal and equitable interests in the Property.

D. The words "Owners' Association" refer to a nonprofit corporation which may be formed for the purpose of operating and maintaining the facilities described in **Exhibit B** on the Property, which may be independently conveyed by the Owner or its successors and assigns to an Owners' Association, and to which the Owners' Association may provide other services in order to benefit the owners of property within the plat or the Property.

Section 3. Maintenance Obligations. The Owner, its successors, assigns and/or owners of an after-acquired interest in the Property, hereby covenant and agree that they are jointly and severally responsible for the installation, operation, perpetual maintenance, of a sanitary sewer system on the Property, as shown on the Plans attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The sanitary sewer system shall be operated, maintained and preserved by the Owner in accordance with the Plans and all applicable ordinances, codes, rules and regulations. The sanitary sewer system shall be preserved in conformance with the Plans until such time as all parties to this Agreement, including the City, agree in writing that the sanitary sewer system should be altered in some manner or eliminated. In the event the sanitary sewer system is eliminated as provided hereinabove, the Owner shall be relieved of operation and maintenance responsibilities.

No such elimination of the sanitary sewer system will be allowed prior to the Public Works Director's written approval.

Section 4. Notice to City. The Owner shall obtain written approval from the Director prior to performing any alterations or modifications to the sanitary sewer system located on the Property described in Exhibit A. No part of the sanitary sewer system shall be dismantled, revised, altered or removed, except as provided hereinabove, and except as necessary for maintenance, including repair, rehabilitation, replacement, alterations, and/or other modifications.

Section 5. Easement for Access. The Owner hereby grants and conveys to the City a perpetual, non-exclusive easement, under, over, along, through and in the Property, as such Easement is legally described in **Exhibit C**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. This Easement is granted to the City for the purpose of providing the City with ingress and egress in order to access the sanitary sewer system on the Property for inspection, and to reasonably monitor the system for performance, operational flows, defects, and/or conformance with applicable rules and regulations. In addition, the City may use this Easement to exercise its rights as described in Section 8 herein.

Section 6. Assignment to an Owners' Association. In the event that an Owners' Association is formed under a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions which includes all of the Property in **Exhibit A**, the Owner may assign responsibility for installation and perpetual maintenance of the sanitary sewer system to such Owners' Association for so long as the Owners' Association remains in existence and upon the conditions that the Owners' Association assumes all of the obligations, liabilities, covenants and agreements of the Owner under this Agreement. Such assignment of the Owner's obligations shall be in a duly executed instrument in recordable form, and for so long as such assignment remains effective, the Owner shall have no further responsibility or liability under this Agreement.

Section 7. Conveyances. In the event the Owner shall convey its substantial beneficial or fee interest in any property in the Plat, any lot, or the Property, the conveying Owner shall be free from all liabilities respecting the performance of the restrictions, covenants and conditions in this Agreement; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the conveying Owner shall remain liable for any acts or omissions during such Owner's period of ownership of such Property.

Section 8. Rights of the City of Gig Harbor.

A. Execution of this Agreement shall not affect the City of Gig Harbor's present or future interest or use of any public or private sanitary sewer system. If the City determines that maintenance is required for the sanitary sewer system, and/or there is/are illegal connection(s) to or discharges into the sanitary sewer system, the Public Works Director or his/her designee shall give notice to the Owner(s) of the specific maintenance and/or changes required, and the basis for said required

maintenance and/or changes. The Director shall also set a reasonable time in which the Owner(s) shall perform such work. If the maintenance required by the Director is not completed within the time set by the Director, the City may perform the required maintenance. Written notice will be sent to the Owner(s), stating the City's intention to perform such maintenance, and such work will not commence until at least five (5) days after such notice is mailed, except in situations of emergency. If, at the sole discretion of the Director, there exists an imminent or present danger to the sanitary sewer system, the City's facilities or the public health and safety, such five (5) day period will be waived, and the necessary maintenance will begin immediately.

B. In order to assure the proper maintenance of the Owner's sanitary sewer system, and to ensure there will be no damage to the City's sanitary sewer system, the City of Gig Harbor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to inspect and monitor the Owner's system. In addition, the City shall have the right as provided below, but not the obligation, to maintain the system, if the Owner(s) fail to do so, and such failure continues for more than five (5)-days after written notice of the failure is sent to the responsible parties. However, no notice shall be required in the event that the City of Gig Harbor determines that an emergency situation exists in which damage to person or property may result if the situation is not remedied prior to the time required for notice.

C. If the City provides notice in writing, but the Owner or Owners' Association fails or refuses to perform any maintenance or operational duties as requested by the City, the City's employees, officials, agents or representatives may enter the Property and undertake the necessary maintenance, repair or operational duties to the City's satisfaction. The City's ability to enforce this provision is subject further to the City's right to impose materialmen's and/or laborer's liens and to foreclose upon any and all properties owned by the Owner(s).

D. If the City exercises its rights under this Section, then the Owner(s) or Owners' Association shall reimburse the City on demand for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred incident thereto. In addition, the City is hereby given the right, power and authority acting in the name of the Owner's Association to exercise and enforce on behalf of the Association and at the Association's cost, the assessment of dues and charges for such costs and to enforce the Association's lien right for any assessments, dues and charges as herein specified. The City shall also be permitted to collect the costs of administration and enforcement through the lien attachment and collection process as is permitted under chapter 35.67 RCW, or any other applicable law.

E. In addition to or in lieu of the remedies listed in this Section, if the Owners or Owner's Association, after the written notice described in Section 8A above, fails or refuses to perform the necessary maintenance, repair, replacement or modifications, the City may enjoin, abate or remedy such breach or continuation of such breach by appropriate proceedings, and may bring an action against the violator for penalties under the Gig Harbor Municipal Code.

Section 9. Indemnification of City. The Owner(s) agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Gig Harbor, its officials, officers, employees and agents, for any and all claims, demands, actions, injuries, losses, damages, costs or liabilities of any kind or amount whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, arising from an alleged defect in the design of the sanitary sewer system as installed by the Owner(s), or arising by reason of any omission or performance under this Agreement by the Owner(s), its successors and assigns, and/or Owners' Association, of any of the obligations hereunder.

Section 10. Rights Subject to Permits and Approvals. The rights granted herein are subject to permits and approvals granted by the City affecting the Property subject to this Easement and Maintenance Agreement.

Section 11. Terms Run with the Property. The terms of this Easement and Maintenance Agreement are intended to be and shall constitute a covenant running with the Property and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and assigns.

Section 12. Notice. All notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall either be delivered in person or sent by certified U.S. Mail, return-receipt requested, and shall be deemed delivered on the sooner of actual receipt or three (3) days after deposit in the mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the City or the Owner at the addresses set forth below:

To the City:
City Engineer
City of Gig Harbor
3510 Grandview Street
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

To the Owner:

Section 13. Severability. Any invalidity, in whole or in part, of any provision of this Easement and Maintenance Agreement shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Section 14. Waiver. No term or provision herein shall be deemed waived and no breach excused unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented.

Section 15. Governing Law, Disputes. Jurisdiction of any dispute over this Easement and Maintenance Agreement shall be solely with Pierce County Superior Court, Pierce County, Washington. This Easement and Maintenance Agreement shall

be interpreted under the laws of the State of Washington. The prevailing party in any litigation arising out of this Easement and Maintenance Agreement shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, expenses and expert witness fees.

Section 16. Integration. This Easement and Maintenance Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on this subject matter, and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and all other agreements on the same subject matter, whether oral or written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Easement and Maintenance Agreement be executed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR

OWNER

By: _____
Its City Engineer

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Its: _____
(Owner, President, or Managing Member)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

[Notary blocks on following page.]

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that _____ is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that (he/she) signed this instrument, on oath stated that (he/she) was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the _____ of _____, to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

DATED: _____

Printed: _____
Notary Public in and for Washington
My appointment expires: _____

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF P I E R C E)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that _____ is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument, on oath stated that he was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the City Engineer of Gig Harbor, to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

DATED: _____

Printed: _____
Notary Public in and for Washington
My appointment expires: _____

EXHIBIT A

PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C

EASEMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION