

## SHARED WELL WATER AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_, party of the first part, hereinafter referred to as the "supplying party", and \_\_\_\_\_, party of the second part, and hereinafter referred to as the "supplied party":

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, the supplying party is now the owner of property known as \_\_\_\_\_, located in the County of Thurston, State of Washington, which property is more fully described as follows, to wit:

and WHEREAS, the supplied party is the owner of \_\_\_\_\_, located in the County of Thurston, State of Washington, which property is more fully described as follows, towit:

and WHEREAS, the undersigned parties deem it necessary to provide a well system to service the parcels described herein, and an Agreement has been reached relative to supplying water from the well and the cost of supplying said water;

and WHEREAS, there is located a well upon \_\_\_\_\_, together with water distribution facilities, hereinafter referred to as "water distribution system", for the purpose of supplying water to all properties connected to the said water distribution system;

and WHEREAS, it is the intention and purpose of the undersigned parties that the well and water distribution system shall be used and operated to provide an adequate supply of water for each of the properties connected thereto, for the domestic consumption of the occupants of said

properties, and to assure the continuous and satisfactory operation and maintenance of the well and water distribution system for the benefit of the present and future owners, their heirs, successors and assigns of the properties connected thereto;

and WHEREAS, the said well is deemed by the parties hereto to be of adequate capacity to supply a single family dwelling on each of the parcels described herein with water from the well for all domestic uses of a single family residing therein;

and WHEREAS, the water from the well has undergone a water quality analysis from an accredited lab and has been determined by the authority to supply safe and potable water;

and WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to enter this Agreement for the purpose of

reducing to writing their respective rights and obligations pertaining to said well and water distribution system.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants herein contained, it is agreed that the well and water distribution system situated on \_\_\_\_\_ shall be used by the parties to this Agreement, as well as by all future owners and occupants of said parcels, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. That until this Agreement is terminated, as hereinafter provided, the parties hereto, their heirs, successors and assigns, for the exclusive benefit of the respective parcels of real estate, and for the exclusive use of the household residing thereon, are hereby granted the right in common with the other parties to this Agreement, to draw water from the well located on \_\_\_\_\_ for domestic use excluding the right to draw water to fill swimming pools of any type.

2. That the owners or residents of the dwellings located on \_\_\_\_\_, as of the date of this Agreement shall:

Pay or cause to be paid promptly, a proportionate share of all expenses for the operation and maintenance of the well and water distribution system that may become necessary. Each respective share shall be determined by dividing the amount of each expense by two, it being understood that the supplying party and the supplied party shall pay an amount equal to one half of the total of such necessary repair or replacement. Shared expenses include the cost of electricity for pumping, repairs and maintenance on said well and water distribution system.

3. That the cost of any removal or replacement of pre-existing site improvements on an individual parcel necessary for system operation, maintenance, replacement, improvements, inspection or testing, damaged as a result of repair of the well or water distribution system maintenance will be borne by the owner of the affected parcel, except that costs to remove and replace common boundary fencing or walls damaged as a result of repair shall be shared equally between or among parties so damaged.

4. That each of the parties hereby agrees that they will promptly repair, maintain and replace all water pipes or mains serving their respective dwellings.

5. That the consent of all parties to pay a proportionate share of costs shall be obtained prior to embarking upon expenditures for system maintenance, replacement or improvement, except in emergency situations. An arbitrator, chosen by the parties, shall be consulted in the event the parties cannot agree regarding the said expenditures; and the arbitrator's decision shall be definitive.

6. That the supplied party shall pay to the supplying party his proportionate share for the cost of energy for the operation of the pumping equipment. This cost shall be determined by a separate meter upon each dwelling and for each parcel.

7. That it is the agreement of the parties hereto that the payment for energy cost shall be made not later than the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each succeeding month during the term of this Agreement. In the event that any such payment remains unpaid for a period of 30 days, the supplying party may terminate the supply of water to the supplied party until all arrearages are received by the supplying party.

8. That it is the Agreement of the parties that they shall permit a third party to cure a default of payment or other obligation and shall permit water distribution service to be reinstated upon such curative action.

9. That each of the parties to this Agreement does hereby grant to the other, his heirs, successors and assigns, such easements over, across and through the respective parcels as shall be reasonably necessary for the construction of the well, maintenance of water pipes, pumping equipment, mains, electrical wiring and conduit consistent with the purposes of this Agreement. These easements are described below, to wit:

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10. That no party may install landscaping or improvements that will impair the use of said easements.

11. That each party shall have the right to act to correct an emergency situation and shall have access to the pertinent parcel in the absence of the other. An emergency situation shall be defined as the failure of any shared portion of the system to deliver water upon demand.

12. That only those parcels of real estate hereinabove described and the dwellings located thereon shall be permitted to receive water from said well and pumping equipment; and each of the parties hereto does hereby covenant and agree that he/she will not allow or permit other persons, other than household guests, to take, draw, use or receive water from the well, nor permit other persons to connect to the pipes or mains serving his/her respective parcel.

13. That in the event the referenced well shall become contaminated and shall no longer supply water suitable for domestic consumption, or shall no longer supply water adequate to the needs of all relevant parties, or in the event that another source of water shall become available to the respective parcels, then the rights and obligations of the parties created by this Agreement shall cease and terminate in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter described.

My commission expires:\_\_\_\_\_