

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF FRESNO AND CITY OF  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TO PERMIT LIMITED DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY IN  
 PROCESS OF ANNEXATION TO CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
 [Fresno County Ordinance Code section 15.04.140]**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by and between the COUNTY OF FRESNO, a political subdivision of the State of California, (hereinafter "COUNTY") and the CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter "CITY"), a municipal corporation of the State of California.

W I T N E S S E T H:

**WHEREAS**, on \_\_\_\_\_ [*insert date*] CITY approved Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ ("Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_"), which approved \_\_\_\_\_, [*insert short description of development approval*] also referred to as the "Project." A true and correct copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ also adopted a \_\_\_\_\_ [*Insert type of environmental document – i.e., MND or EIR*] for \_\_\_\_\_ [*development approval*], and City represents that it complied with the requirements of applicable law, including but not limited to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in approving \_\_\_\_\_ [*development approval*].

**WHEREAS**, the real property covered by \_\_\_\_\_ [*development approval*] (the "Property"), is located within the unincorporated territory of the Fresno County, but within the Sphere of Influence of the CITY. A true and correct copy of the legal description of the Property is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "B".

**WHEREAS**, on \_\_\_\_\_ [*insert date*] CITY adopted Resolution, No. \_\_\_\_\_ ("Resolution, No. \_\_\_\_\_") requesting a proposed reorganization that includes the annexation of the Property into the CITY. A true and correct copy of Resolution, No.

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1 \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "C".

2       **WHEREAS**, on \_\_\_\_\_ [*insert date*] CITY filed a resolution of application "the  
3 "Resolution of Application") with the Fresno County Local Agency Formation  
4 Commission ("LAFCo"), requesting approval of a proposed reorganization to annex the  
5 Property to the CITY. A true and correct copy of the Resolution of Application is  
6 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "D".

7       **WHEREAS**, the owner of the Property is \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Owner").

8       **WHEREAS**, CITY has informed COUNTY that the Project to be constructed on  
9 the Property, includes \_\_\_\_\_ [*e.g., residential lot subdivision*], the  
10 precise, engineered plans for which have been submitted to the CITY's Planning and  
11 Building Department; and

12       **WHEREAS**, section 15.04.140 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code, permits,  
13 at the election of an owner or permittee, construction activities and improvements,  
14 limited to underground utilities, grading, street improvements and model home  
15 construction for residential development and/or underground utilities, grading and  
16 street improvements for other than residential development on any parcel of land in  
17 any zoning district within the unincorporated area of the COUNTY, to be exempted  
18 from the provisions of Chapter 15.04 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code, when  
19 certain conditions exist; and

20       **WHEREAS**, COUNTY and CITY desire to enter into a written agreement to  
21 provide for the satisfaction of the requirements Section 15.04.140 of the Fresno  
22 County Ordinance Code.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, for good and value consideration the receipt of which is  
2 hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, the COUNTY and CITY hereby agree as  
3 follows:

4 1. RECITALS.

5 The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

6 2. OWNER’S REQUEST THAT CITY ISSUE PERMITS.

7 The CITY represents that the Owner has requested that the CITY issue  
8 permits to allow the Owner to engage in the \_\_\_\_\_ [*choose one or more of the*  
9 *following, as applicable: underground utilities, grading, street improvements and model*  
10 *home construction for residential development and/or underground utilities, grading*  
11 *and street improvements for other than residential development*] (the “Improvements”),  
12 prior to annexation of the Property to the CITY.

13 3. EXERCISE OF JOINT POWERS.

14 It is the mutual intent of the CITY and COUNTY that, subject to the  
15 provisions of Section 15.04.140 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code, and the  
16 provisions of this Agreement, the CITY shall have the authority, and the sole  
17 obligation, to enforce each and every ordinance adopted by the CITY (the  
18 “Ordinances”), as well as State and Federal laws and regulations relating to  
19 construction of structures and division of land, to ensure that any and all  
20 Improvements constructed on, in, or about the Property prior to annexation of the  
21 Property to the CITY, shall comply with such Ordinances, laws, and regulations. To  
22 that end, the CITY and COUNTY acknowledge and agree that they each have the  
23 authority, under their respective police powers conferred upon each of them under  
24 California Constitution, Article XI, section 7, to enforce within their respective limits all  
25 local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general  
26 laws, and that under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Government Code section 6500

1 et seq., they may agree that the CITY shall be enabled and required to enforce such  
2 Ordinances, and State and Federal laws and regulation within such area proposed for  
3 annexation into the City pursuant to such police powers in such area, which such area  
4 is presently in the unincorporated area of Fresno County, and that such authority is  
5 hereby conferred upon the City under this Agreement.

6 4. CITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

7 The CITY agrees to abide by the provisions of the Chapter 15.04 of the  
8 Fresno County Ordinance Code, including the provisions of Section 15.04.140 thereof,  
9 with respect to the Property. The CITY shall require in connection with the issuance of  
10 the aforementioned permits that the Owner or permittee shall comply with all CITY  
11 ordinances, State and Federal laws, and regulations relating to construction of  
12 structures and division of land, including the securement of permits as would be  
13 required as if the Property were within the incorporated area of the CITY. CITY shall  
14 also comply with the requirements of CEQA prior to the issuance of permits for  
15 Improvements allowed by this Agreement. For the purposes of compliance with CEQA  
16 prior to the issuance of such permits, CITY and COUNTY agree that CITY shall serve  
17 as the lead agency.

18 5. CERTIFICATION OF CITY BUILDING OFFICIAL.

19 Within five (5) CITY business days of the date this Agreement is signed by the  
20 authorized representative of the COUNTY on behalf of the COUNTY (hereafter  
21 referred to as the "Effective Date of this Agreement"), the CITY's building official shall  
22 certify in writing to COUNTY that each of the Improvements constructed on, in, or  
23 about the Property prior to annexation of the Property to the CITY will meet all CITY  
24 ordinances upon annexation of the Property into the City, and that the CITY will  
25 enforce the provisions thereof pursuant to the City's Ordinances, and applicable State  
26 and Federal laws and regulations relating to construction of structures and division of  
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1 land. The CITY agrees that the COUNTY may rely on the statements made in this  
2 Certification and is not required to independently investigate or verify the accuracy or  
3 completeness of the statements made by the CITY's Building Official in such written  
4 certification. The written certification shall be made by using the form attached hereto  
5 as Exhibit "E", which incorporated herein by reference.

6 6. STOP WORK ORDERS.

7 If the CITY issues permits for the Improvements prior to annexation of the  
8 Property to the CITY, the CITY's Building Official shall issue a stop work order for the  
9 work authorized by such permits if any of the following occur:

10 A. The annexation proceedings requested by CITY by the Resolution of  
11 Application, are not completed within one hundred twenty (120) days from the  
12 Effective Date of this Agreement, subject to the provisions of Section 7 of this  
13 Agreement.

14 B. Annexation of the Property to the CITY is denied by the LAFCo.

15 C. The construction of the Improvements does not comply with the CITY  
16 ordinances.

17 Within five (5) CITY business days of the issuance of a stop work order, the  
18 CITY shall deliver a true and correct copy of the stop work order to the COUNTY,  
19 accompanied by a notice referencing this Agreement.

20 If the Owner and other parties subject to the stop work order do not comply with  
21 the stop work order, CITY shall promptly take all actions necessary to ensure  
22 compliance with that order, including but not limited to initiating and prosecuting  
23 litigation against any person or persons in violation of the order to ensure compliance.

24 The CITY shall also promptly take all actions necessary to bring the  
25 Improvements constructed on the Property into compliance with the provisions of  
26 Chapter 15.04 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code. All expenses incurred to bring  
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1 the Property into compliance with the provisions of Chapter 15.04 of the Fresno  
2 County Ordinance Code shall be borne solely by the CITY. Thereafter, any further  
3 construction on the Property shall be in accordance with Title 15 of the Fresno County  
4 Ordinance Code.

5 7. EXTENSIONS OF TIME.

6 To the extent permitted by section 15.04.140 of the Fresno County Ordinance  
7 Code, the COUNTY's building official, upon receipt of a written request from the CITY  
8 building official prior to the expiration specified by Section 6.A, may grant up to two (2)  
9 individual extensions of time to complete annexation proceedings not to exceed thirty  
10 (30) days each. If the COUNTY building official grants two such thirty (30) day  
11 extensions to the CITY, and annexation proceedings are not completed within a total  
12 of a one hundred eighty (180) day period from the Effective Date of this Agreement, a  
13 request for additional time to complete the annexation may be made to, and may, in its  
14 sole and exclusive discretion, be approved by the Fresno County Board of  
15 Supervisors. A request for extension made to the Board of Supervisors must be made  
16 prior to the expiration a total of a one hundred eighty (180) day period from the  
17 Effective Date of this Agreement.

18 8. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION.

19 Within five (5) CITY business days of approval by LAFCo of the annexation of  
20 the Property to the CITY, the CITY shall transmit a true and correct copy of the  
21 executed Certificate of Completion to the COUNTY.

22 9. CITY'S INDEMNIFICATION OF COUNTY.

23 The CITY hereby agrees to save, indemnify, hold harmless and, at COUNTY's  
24 request, defend COUNTY, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against all  
25 legal actions of whatever form, expenses, demands, liabilities, claims, costs (including  
26 but not limited to court costs and attorney's fees), or damages of any nature  
27 whatsoever occurring or resulting to COUNTY, including, but not limited to, an award

1 of attorney's fees and costs to the person, organization or entity bringing the cause of  
2 action, or their officers, agents, and employees, arising from, resulting from, or in  
3 connection the performance, or failure to perform, of CITY, its officers, agents, or  
4 employees under this Agreement.

5 When defending COUNTY, CITY shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs  
6 related to the defense in any action brought against the COUNTY. CITY shall defend  
7 COUNTY through counsel selected by CITY and shall keep the COUNTY fully  
8 informed as to the progress of such defense. COUNTY shall cooperate with CITY in  
9 the defense of the claim.

10 10. NOTIFICATIONS AND COOPERATION BY COUNTY.

11 COUNTY shall notify CITY within seven (7) COUNTY business days of its  
12 receipt of any demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation in which COUNTY is to  
13 be indemnified and held harmless by CITY. If COUNTY requests that CITY defend  
14 COUNTY, it shall notify CITY in writing within ten (10) COUNTY business days of its  
15 receipt of any such demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation. COUNTY shall  
16 cooperate in such defense.

17 11. COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN DEFENSE.

18 Nothing contained herein shall prohibit COUNTY, in its sole discretion,  
19 from participating in the defense of any demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation  
20 over and above representation by legal counsel hired by CITY, or from participating in  
21 the defense of any demand, claim, action, proceeding, or litigation. If COUNTY elects  
22 to also defend, it shall do so in good faith and COUNTY shall bear its attorney's fees  
23 and costs. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in no event shall  
24 COUNTY's participation in the defense of any demand, claim, action, proceeding, or  
25 litigation affect the obligations imposed upon CITY in Section 9 of this Agreement.

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12. INSURANCE.

CITY agrees that, during the term of this Agreement, CITY shall ensure that its activities under this Agreement shall be covered by CITY's \_\_\_\_\_

[*Insert type of insurance program, e.g., insurance and/or self-insurance program*], applying to such activities such minimum coverages and amounts thereof, and maximum deductibles, as are required or provided for CITY's operations, and that CITY shall, if requested from time to time by COUNTY, provide written evidence of such \_\_\_\_\_ [*Insert type of insurance program, e.g., insurance and/or self-insurance program*], to COUNTY in such form and manner that would be reasonably satisfactory to COUNTY.

13. NON-ASSIGNMENT.

Neither party shall assign, transfer or sub-contract this Agreement nor their rights or duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

14. MODIFICATION.

Any matters of this Agreement may be modified from time to time by the written consent of all the parties without, in any way, affecting the remainder.

15. NOTICES.

Any and all notices between COUNTY and the CITY provided for or permitted under this Agreement or by law shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly served when personally delivered to one of the parties, or in lieu of such personal service, when deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such party, at such addresses set forth below:

COUNTY

Department of Public Works and Planning  
 Attention: Chief Building Inspector  
 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 600

CITY

City of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attention: City Manager  
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1 Fresno, California 93721 \_\_\_\_\_

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3 16. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.

4 This Agreement has been entered into solely for the benefit of the parties  
5 hereto. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to benefit or confer any rights or  
6 remedies on any other person or parties.

7 17. COUNTERPARTS.

8 This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which  
9 shall be an original and all of which shall constitute together the same document.

10 18. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE.

11 This Agreement is made and entered into in the State of California and  
12 shall be deemed to have been executed and delivered within the State of California,  
13 and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by, and  
14 construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Venue  
15 for any action arising out of or related to this Agreement shall only be in Fresno County,  
California, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties hereto.

16 19. LEGAL AUTHORITY

17 Each individual executing or attesting this Agreement hereby covenants,  
18 warrants, and represents: (1) that he or she is duly authorized to execute or attest and  
19 deliver this Agreement on behalf of their respective public agency in accordance with  
20 applicable law; and (2) that this Agreement is binding upon each public agency.

21 20. SEVERABILITY.

22 If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid,  
23 void, or unenforceable in a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction, each  
24 and every other provision hereof shall remain in full force and effect, unless this  
25 severability provision would deny one or more of the parties to the Agreement of the  
26 material benefits of the Agreement, in which case the entire Agreement shall have no  
force and effect.

27 21. HEADINGS.

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1 Section headings in this Agreement are included herein for convenience  
2 of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement for any other.

3 22. INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT.

4 The parties hereby acknowledge that they and their respective counsel have  
5 cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement, for which reason this  
6 Agreement shall not be construed against any party as the drafter thereof.

7 23. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

8 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the CITY and  
9 COUNTY with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous  
10 Agreement negotiations, proposals, commitments, writings, advertisements,  
11 publications, and understanding of any nature whatsoever unless expressly included in  
12 this Agreement. In the event of any inconsistency in interpreting the documents which  
13 constitute this Agreement, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in  
14 the following order of priority: (1) the text of this Agreement (excluding Exhibits "A",  
15 "B", "C", "D", and "E"), and (2) Exhibit "E", Exhibit "B", Exhibit "D", Exhibit "A", and  
16 Exhibit "C".

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CITY and COUNTY hereby execute this Agreement.

**CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_:**

**COUNTY OF FRESNO**

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
DANIEL C. CEDERBORG, COUNTY  
COUNSEL

By \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED  
FOR APPROVAL:

STEVEN E. WHITE, Director  
Department of Public Works and  
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By \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "A"**

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*[City Resolution – Approval of Project]*

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**EXHIBIT "B"**

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*[Legal Description of the Property]*

**EXHIBIT "C"**

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*[City Resolution – Request for Proposed Reorganization]*

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**EXHIBIT "D"**

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*[Resolution of Application to LAFCo]*

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EXHIBIT "E"

CERTIFICATION OF CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDING OFFICIAL  
REGARDING SATISFACTION OF SECTION 15.04.140  
OF FRESNO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [fill in name of CITY building official], declare that the following facts are true and correct in my capacity as such [fill in name of CITY building official]:

1. I am employed by the City of \_\_\_\_\_ ("CITY") as \_\_\_\_\_ [insert job title]. In this position I serve as the City's Building Official.
2. As the CITY's building official I am familiar with the CITY's applicable grading requirements for residential development projects, including tentative subdivision maps approved by the CITY.
3. I am familiar with \_\_\_\_\_, [insert short description of development approval] also referred to as the "Project" approved by the CITY.
4. The real property covered by \_\_\_\_\_ [development approval] (the "Property"), is located within the unincorporated territory of the Fresno County, but within the Sphere of Influence of the CITY. A true and correct copy of the legal description of the Property is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Attachment "1".
5. The Project to be constructed on the Property includes the planned construction of a \_\_\_\_\_ [e.g., residential lot subdivision or commercial project], the precise, engineered plans for which have been submitted to the CITY's Planning and Building Department; and
6. As the CITY's Building Official, on behalf of the CITY, I certify that the CITY will diligently take all necessary and appropriate actions to ensure that any improvements constructed on, under, or about the Property will satisfy all CITY ordinances and that the CITY will enforce the provisions thereof to the full extent permitted by law.
7. I am authorized to provide this written certification on behalf of the CITY to the COUNTY.
8. I acknowledge on behalf of the CITY that the COUNTY may rely on the statements made in this Certification for purposes of satisfying applicable COUNTY ordinances and the Agreement to Permit Limited Development of Property in Process of Annexation to City of \_\_\_\_\_ between the CITY and COUNTY, and the COUNTY is not required to independently investigate or verify the accuracy or completeness of the statements I make in this Certification.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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