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CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Reference number(s) of related document: N/A

Grantor(s): Marilyn G. Carr

Grantee(s): Kittitas County

Abbreviated Legal Description: Carr Short Plat, Lot 2; PTN. E1/2 SE1/4 SEC. 35, TWP. 17, RGE. 19

Complete legal descriptions on Page 4 of this document.

Assessor's Tax Parcel No(s): _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 16, 2024

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT is entered into effective between Marilyn G. Carr ("Grantor") and Kittitas County Washington, a political subdivision of the State of Washington ("Grantee") (together, the "Parties").

Recitals

A. Grantor owns the below legally described "Burdened Property," located in Kittitas County, Washington, which comprise portions of the proposed Carr Short Plat under pending short plat application SP-24-00002.

B. Kittitas County Code (KCC) requires that applicants for land uses that require water satisfy adequate water supply determination requirements (KCC 13.35). KCC 13.35 and 16.32 allow for a voluntary Conservation Easement to be recorded, providing evidence that parcels subject thereto will not require new water.

C. The intent of the Parties, through this Conservation Easement, is to restrict use of the Burdened Property to qualifying open space or agricultural purposes and, in so doing, to prohibit uses of groundwater, including new use of domestic water thereon.

D. Grantor proposes to impose the herein Conservation Easement as a means to eliminate "Adequate Water Supply" requirements for the Burdened Property that otherwise would be a condition on final short plat approval under KCC. 13.35 and 16.32.

NOW THEREFORE, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, Grantor, for good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, grants and conveys to Grantee a Conservation Easement on the following terms and Conditions:

Agreement

1. Grantor, pursuant to KCC 16.32.050 and 16.08.061, hereby declares a Conservation Easement against the Burdened Property, legally described and depicted on Exhibit A hereto, to prohibit new uses of groundwater, including domestic water thereon, until such time, if ever, as said Conservation Easement may be extinguished or otherwise terminated in the matter provided by law. The herein declaration is made in connection with and expressly conditioned on Grantee's final and binding approval of short plat application SP-24-00002.

2. In connection with such declaration, the Parties understand and agree that, for so long as the Conservation Easement shall remain in effect, Grantor, its heirs, successors, and assigns, shall not be permitted to undertake any construction or improvements on the Burdened Property requiring new uses of groundwater, including domestic water supply or delivery, including without limitation, homes or other structures subject to Adequate Water Supply requirements under state and county law. Further, Grantor shall not apply for permits or other permissions to undertake such construction or improvements, including for installation of groundwater wells or groundwater delivery infrastructure to serve the Burdened Property from offsite sources.

3. Following imposition of the Conservation Easement, Grantor shall continue to privately own and manage the Burdened Property, it being the mutual intent of the Parties that the grant of protection hereunder shall not exceed that necessary to facilitate the agreed prohibition against use of new groundwater thereon. Except as specifically provided herein, imposition of the Conservation Easement shall not restrict or prohibit Grantor, its heirs, successors, and assigns, from using or undertaking any activity on the Burdened Property as allowed by local, state, and federal law.

4. Consistent with KCC 16.08.061 and KCC 16.32.100 Grantor may in the future apply to Kittitas County to discontinue the herein Conservation Easement through the administrative-only review process for short plats. Such application will demonstrate compliance with KCC 13.35.027 – Permanent Measures.

5. Grantee, upon advance permission from Grantor, or pursuant to a validly issued administrative search warrant, shall be entitled to access the Burdened Property for the limited purpose of monitoring Grantor's compliance with this Conservation Easement.

6. This Conservation Easement does not grant or permit public access to any portion of the Burdened Property.

7. This Conservation Easement shall run with the land and shall be binding on successors, assigns, heirs of Grantor and Grantee, until such time, if ever, as terminated in the matter provided by law.

8. In the event that any of the provisions contained in this Conservation Easement are declared invalid or unenforceable in the future, all remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have set their hands the day and year first above written.

GRANTOR(S):

Marilynn G. Carr

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GRANTEE(S):

Kittitas County

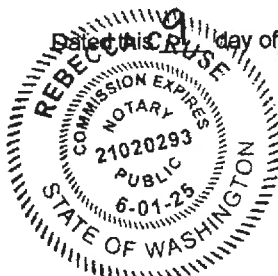
Brett Wachsmith
By: Brett Wachsmith, Chair
Kittitas County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF WASHINGTON)

) ss.

County of Kittitas)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Marilynn G. Carr is the person(s) who appeared before me, and said person(s) acknowledged that he/she/they signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned therein.



Dated this 9th day of July, 2024.

Rebecca Case
Notary Public in and for the state of Washington,
residing in Kittitas Co
My Commission Expires: 7-9-24

STATE OF WASHINGTON)

) ss.

County of Kittitas)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Brett Wachsmith is the person(s) who appeared before me, and said person(s) acknowledged that he/she/they signed this instrument and acknowledged it as the authorized agent of Kittitas County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, to be their free and voluntary act of such entity for the uses and purposes mentioned therein.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2024.



Julie A. Kjosvik
Notary Public in and for the state of Washington,
residing in Ellensburg
My Commission Expires: 2-19-26

Exhibit "A"

Legal Description of Burdened Property:

That part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 17 North, Range 19 East, W.M., in the County of Kittitas, State of Washington, lying northerly of the following described line:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 35; thence North, Reference Bearing, along the East line thereof 2116.0 feet to the true point of beginning of said line; thence South 36°54' West, 1,020.10 feet; thence South 80°44' West, 462.8 feet; thence South 24°54' West, 297.00 feet; thence South 49°34' West to the West line of said East Half and the terminus of said line;

EXCEPT any portion thereof lying northwesterly of a line described as follow:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 35; thence N 01°53'51" W, Reference Bearing, along the East line thereof, 2702.36 feet to the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of said section; thence S 89°28'24" W, along the north boundary of said Southeast Quarter, 37.21 feet to the intersection of said north boundary with a fence line projected and true point of beginning of said line; thence S 53°24'44" W, along said fence projected and said fence, 982.64 feet; thence continuing along said fence, N 34°37'11" W, 141.14 feet; thence S 55°22'49" W, 22.89 feet; thence N 34°37'11" W, 96.86 feet; thence S 41°45'03" W, 461.79 feet; thence N 68°51'11" W, 33.47 feet to a point on the west boundary of above described property and the end of said described line.

Also known as Lot 2 of CARR SHORT PLAT, Kittitas County Short Plat No. SP-24-00002.