



**AGREEMENT CONCERNING PAYMENT FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES**  
(1133 Liberty Street)

**1735090**  
LACROSSE COUNTY  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
CHERYL A. MCBRIDE

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This Agreement is entered into as of the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019 (the "Agreement"), by and between the City of La Crosse, a Wisconsin municipal corporation (the "City"), and Gary Harter. (the "Owner").

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RECORDING DATA

**RECITALS**

A. Owner currently owns real property (the "Property") in the City and pays property taxes to the City on the Property, more particularly described as:

Lot 7 in Block 5 of Jane Cole's Addition to the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

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RETURN TO:  
Stephen F. Matty  
City Attorney, City of La Crosse  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601  
PLN  
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- B. Owner intends to have the residence removed and create green space.
- C. Owner is seeking a Conditional Use Permit in order to facilitate the Property's new use.
- D. Owner seeks a Conditional Use Permit while representing to the Common Council and agreeing that, *inter alia*, (1) the Owner shall enter into an agreement concerning the payment for municipal services to the City; and (2) the Owner shall perform in accordance with the terms of said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals and the mutual promises, obligations and benefits provided under this Agreement, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, Owner and the City agree as follows:

1. **Representations and Warranties of Owner.** The recitals stated above are incorporated into this Agreement by reference as representations and warranties of Owner to the City. In addition, Owner represents and warrants to the City that Owner: (1) have taken all action necessary to enter into this Agreement and (2) will be the sole Owner of the Property, in fee simple.

2. **Municipal Services.** Based on Owner's use of the Property provided herein, the City shall provide public health, safety, fire and police protection, streets and street maintenance, snow removal, and other governmental services ("Municipal Services") with respect to the Property that are funded by property taxes.

3. **Tax Status of Property.** Except as provided by law, the Property shall be subject to property taxation and shall not be exempt from property taxation, in full or in part. Owner shall timely provide, at no cost to the City, all information and access to books, records, documents, and other evidence reasonably requested by the City's assessor to determine whether the Property is exempt from property taxes and shall permit the City's assessor to have reasonable access to the Property for that purpose.

4. **Payment for Municipal Services.** If, after obtaining the Conditional Use Permit, the Owner of the Property fails to cause the improvement of the Property through any new or additional structure or improvements equal to or greater than the base year improvement or structure valuation, adjusted for inflation or increases in the annual property tax assessment, for any Valuation Year, the City shall send Owner, by United States mail, postage prepaid, an invoice for the amount due as a payment for municipal services provided by the City with respect to the Property ("Payment for Municipal Services"), calculated according to this section of the Agreement. The amount due shall be calculated by the City for each Valuation Year by the following method.

- a. The City shall determine the assessed value of improvements on the Property (the Base Year Valuation") by referencing the Property's tax bill corresponding to the calendar year during which the Conditional Use Permit was granted (the "Base Year"). If the Property, or portion thereof, is already tax exempt for the Base Year, then the City's assessor, or an appraiser chosen in the sole discretion of the City, shall determine the assessed value of improvements as if the Property, or portion thereof, was not tax exempt, which value shall be used to calculate the Base Year Valuation, or portion thereof.
- b. The City shall calculate the Adjusted Base Year Valuation of the Property by multiplying the Base Year Valuation by any factor of inflation or increase in the annual property tax assessment during and subsequent to the Base Year as determined by the City's assessor.
- c. For each Valuation Year, the City shall determine the Property's current assessed value of improvements (the "Assessed Value Improvements"), but excluding land, by referencing the Property's tax bill corresponding to the Valuation Year. If the Property, or portion thereof, is determined to be tax exempt, then the Assessed Value Improvements related to the Property, or portion thereof, shall be deemed to be zero (0). "Valuation Year" means each year subsequent to the Base Year, excluding the year immediately following the Base Year.
- d. For each Valuation Year, the City shall compare the Assessed Value Improvements to the Adjusted Base Year Valuation. If the Assessed Value Improvements as determined in sub. (c) is greater than or equal to the Adjusted Base Year Valuation, the Owner is not required to make any Payment for Municipal Services for that Valuation Year. If the

Assessed Value Improvements determination in sub. (c) is less than the Adjusted Base Year Valuation, the Owner shall make a Payment for Municipal Services to the City based upon the differential amount, if any, invoiced by the City to the Owner.

- e. The amount to be paid as the Payment for Municipal Services shall be calculated by taking the differential amount, if any, and multiplying it by the full property tax mill rate for all taxing jurisdictions as shown in the tax bills issued by the City on or about December of the Valuation Year.

Attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit A** are illustrative calculations by the method provided in this Agreement, using illustrative values of land and improvements some of which may be provided by Owner and other figures provided by the City. These values and figures are used solely for illustrating the method of calculation provided in this section and are not intended to indicate in any way what the actual calculation for any Valuation Year shall be. The amount of the Payment for Municipal Services for any Valuation Year, calculated as provided in this section, shall be binding on the parties.

**5. Terms of Payment.** The City shall send Owner an invoice for the Payment for Municipal Services due for each Valuation Year by the end of the Valuation Year or as soon thereafter as practical. The full amount of the Payment for Municipal Services shall be due on or before March 31 of the year after the Valuation Year. Each payment shall be deemed made when actually received by the City. Any payment made by check shall not be deemed made until the check has cleared all banks. Any amount due that is not paid on time shall bear interest and penalty in the same manner and at the same rate as provided by law for unpaid property taxes. The Payment for Municipal Services shall constitute payment for all Municipal Services provided with respect to the Property during the Valuation Year, except Municipal Services requested by Owner that would not ordinarily be provided by the City. The City and Owner acknowledges and agree that the Payment for Municipal Services under this Agreement would constitute a reasonable and appropriate means of carrying out the intent of the parties and would fairly and reasonably compensate the City for the Municipal Services provided during the Valuation Year, except Municipal Services requested by Owner that would not ordinarily be provided by the City.

**6. Special Assessments and/or Special Charges.** Any Payment for Municipal Services that is not made when due shall entitle the City to levy a special assessment and/or special charge against the Property for the amount due, plus interest and penalty. Owner hereby consents to the levy of any such special assessment and/or special charge, and, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0703(7)(b) and/or Wis. Stat. § 66.0627, waives any right to notice of or any hearing on any such special assessment and/or special charge.

**7. Indemnification.** Owner shall indemnify the City for all amounts of attorneys' fees and expenses and expert fees and expenses incurred in enforcing this Agreement.

8. **Remedies.** The City shall have all remedies provided by this Agreement, and provided at law or in equity, necessary to cure any default or remedy any damages under this Agreement. Remedies shall include, but are not limited to, special assessments under section 6 of this Agreement, indemnification under section 7 of this Agreement, and all remedies available at law or in equity.

9. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement is binding on the successors and assigns of the parties, including, but not limited to, any subsequent Owners of the Property, any part of the Property, or any real property interest in the Property or any part of the Property. Owner shall provide not less than forty-five (45) days advance written notice of any intended transfer of Ownership, assignment, lease, or sublease. If at any time the Property has two (2) or more Owners, the Owners shall be jointly and severally liable for any Payment for Municipal Services due under this Agreement for any Valuation Year. For purposes of invoicing only, the City may, in its sole discretion, allocate the amount of the Payment for Municipal Services due among the Owners in proportion to the Assessed Value Improvements of their respective property interests as of January 1 of the Valuation Year, as determined by the City's assessor using the method of calculation described in section 4 of this Agreement. If the City makes such an allocation for purposes of invoicing only, then if any part of the Payment for Municipal Services is not timely paid, the City may, in its sole discretion, at any time or from time to time, send additional invoices to all the Owners for all or part of the amount due until the amount due is fully paid.

10. **Notices.** Any notice required to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, to the party at the address stated below or when actually received by the party, whichever is first. The addresses are:

To City: City Clerk  
City of La Crosse  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

With a copy to: City Planner  
City of La Crosse  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

To Owners: Gary Harter  
2850 Larson St.  
La Crosse WI 54603

Either party may change its address for notices by giving a notice as provided in this section.

11. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date the Conditional Use Permit became effective (October 10, 2019) and shall continue for not less than twenty

(20) Valuation Years unless otherwise terminated by mutual written agreement. The term of this Agreement shall be tolled for one (1) Valuation Year in the event a party is unable to perform due to an impossibility to perform, including, without limitation, fire, flood, storms, or other "act of God."

12. **Entire Agreement; Amendments.** This Agreement encompasses the entire agreement of the parties. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be made in writing, signed by both parties.

13. **Severability.** If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the rest of the Agreement shall remain in effect.

14. **Waiver.** No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be deemed a continuing waiver of that breach or a waiver of any other breach of this Agreement.

15. **Governing Law.** This Agreement has been negotiated and signed in the State of Wisconsin and shall be governed, interpreted, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

16. **Interpretation of Agreement.** The parties acknowledge that this Agreement is the product of joint negotiations. If any dispute arises concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, neither party shall be deemed the drafter of this Agreement for purposes of its interpretation. Venue for any action arising out of or in any way related to this Agreement shall be exclusively in the Circuit Court for La Crosse County, Wisconsin. Each party waives its right to challenge venue in La Crosse County.

17. **Dispute Resolution.** If there is any dispute between the parties arising out of, related to, or connected with this Agreement:

- a. The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute.
- b. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute after reasonable efforts, the dispute shall be submitted to mediation, at the request of either party. The mediator shall be agreed on by the parties or, if they are unable to agree, selected by the Circuit Court of La Crosse County, on application of either party. If the dispute, in whole or part, concerns the Assessed Value Improvements of the Property or the amount due of any payment for Municipal Services, the mediator shall be an assessor or appraiser licensed by the State of Wisconsin with at least ten (10) years experience in the valuation of commercial property, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing. If the dispute is wholly on some other issue or issues, the mediator shall be an attorney in La Crosse County, Wisconsin with at least ten (10) years experience.
- c. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute by mediation, after reasonable efforts, either party may demand arbitration conducted in accordance with chapter 788, Wisconsin

Statutes, or any successor statute, by a single arbitrator, chosen by mutual agreement of the parties or, if they do not agree, by the Circuit Court for La Crosse County, on application of either party. The party demanding arbitration shall bear all the costs of arbitration. If the dispute, in whole or part, concerns the Assessed Value Improvements of the Property or the amount of any payment for Municipal Services due under this Agreement, the arbitrator shall be an assessor or appraiser licensed by the State of Wisconsin with at least ten (10) years experience in the valuation of commercial property, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing, and any demand for arbitration shall be made within sixty (60) days after an invoice for payment for Municipal Services for the Valuation Year in dispute is sent by the City to Owner. If a demand for arbitration is not made within that time, the parties shall be deemed to have waived arbitration with respect to the Assessed Value Improvements of the Property and the amount of any payment for Municipal Services due under this Agreement. If the dispute is wholly on some other issue or issues, the arbitrator shall be an attorney in La Crosse County, Wisconsin with at least ten (10) years experience. Chapter 788, Wisconsin Statutes, or any successor statute, shall govern the arbitration proceeding, except that Owners and the City each waive any right to trial by jury if a dispute concerning the arbitration proceeding is resolved by a court. Each party is hereby authorized to file a copy of this section in any proceeding as conclusive evidence of this waiver of jury trial by the other party.

18. **Representations.** Each party acknowledges and agrees that no representation or promise not expressly contained in this Agreement has been made by the other party or any of its employees, attorneys, agents, or representatives. Each party acknowledges that it is not entering into this Agreement on the basis of any such representation or promise, express or implied.

19. **Reading of Agreement.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of any Party acknowledges that the person has read this Agreement, that the person understands the terms and conditions of the agreement, that the person (if other than an attorney for the party) has been advised by legal counsel concerning this Agreement, and that the person freely and voluntarily signs this Agreement.

20. **Authorization to Sign Agreement.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of any Party represents and warrants that the person holds the position indicated beneath the person's signature and that the person has the requisite corporate or other authority to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Party. Each Party represents that entry into this Agreement is not in contravention of any agreement or undertaking to which the Party is bound.

21. **Recording.** The City may record this Agreement with the Register of Deeds for La Crosse County and may record this document again, from time to time, in the City's sole discretion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first set forth above.

CITY OF LA CROSSE

BY: Timothy Kabat  
Timothy Kabat, Mayor

BY: Teri Lehrke  
Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
19 day of October, 2019.

Nick McEwen  
Notary Public, State of WI  
My Commission: BRO 10/23/21



Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

Michelle Brown  
Notary Public, State of WI  
My Commission: 8-2-2020

BY: Gary Harter  
Gary Harter

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

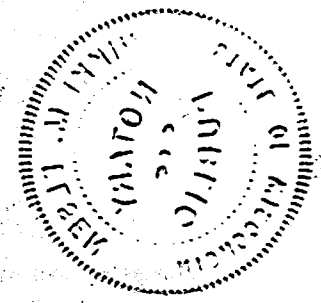
**Exhibit A** attached: Illustrative Calculations

**Exhibit B** attached: Legal Description

This instrument drafted by:  
Legal Department  
City of La Crosse  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

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