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**DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR  
AND \_\_\_\_\_, FOR THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ DEVELOPMENT**

THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_, by and between the City of Gig Harbor, a noncharter, optional code Washington municipal corporation, hereinafter the “City,” and \_\_\_\_\_, a (corporation, limited partnership, partnership, etc.) organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter the “Developer.”

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has authorized the execution of a development agreement between a local government and a person having ownership or control of real property within its jurisdiction (RCW 36.70B.170(1)); and

WHEREAS, local governments may also enter into a development agreement for real property outside its boundaries as part of a proposed annexation or service agreement (RCW 36.70B.170(1)); and

WHEREAS, a development agreement must set forth the development standards and other provisions that shall apply to, govern and vest the development, use and mitigation of the development of the real property for the duration specified in the agreement (RCW 36.70B.170(1)); and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this development agreement, “development standards” includes, but is not limited to, all of the standards listed in RCW 36.70B.170(3); and

WHEREAS, a development agreement must be consistent with the applicable development regulations adopted by a local government planning under chapter 36.70A RCW (RCW 36.70B.170(1)); and

WHEREAS, this Development Agreement by and between the City of Gig Harbor and the Developer (hereinafter the “Development Agreement”), relates to the development known as \_\_\_\_\_, which is located at: (provide street address \_\_\_\_\_) (hereinafter the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the following events have occurred in the processing of the Developer’s application:

a) By Ordinance No. \_\_\_, the City amended the City’s Comprehensive Plan land use designation for the Property to \_\_\_\_\_;

b) By Ordinance No. \_\_, the City amended the City’s Zoning Ordinance to rezone the property to \_\_\_\_\_, subject to various conditions;

c) By Hearing Examiner’s decision No. \_\_\_\_\_, approved a (identify development approval), a copy of which is attached hereto;

d) After a public hearing, by Ordinance No. \_\_, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign this Development Agreement with the Developer; and

Now, therefore, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### **General Provisions**

**Section 1.** *The Project.* The Project is the development and use of the Property, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ acres in the City of Gig Harbor. The \_\_\_\_\_ (identify development permit/approval) describes the Project as \_\_\_\_\_ (number of residential units, retail and service uses, parks, etc.).

**Section 2.** *The Subject Property.* The Project site is legally described in Exhibit \_\_, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 3.** *Definitions.* As used in this Development Agreement, the following terms, phrases and words shall have the meanings and be interpreted as set forth in this Section.

a) “Adopting Ordinance” means the Ordinance which approves this Development Agreement, as required by RCW 36.70B.200.

b) “Certificate of occupancy” means either a certificate issued after inspections by the City authorizing a person(s) in possession of property to dwell or otherwise use a specified building or dwelling unit, or the final inspection if a formal certificate is not issued.

c) “Council” means the duly elected legislative body governing the City of Gig Harbor.

d) “Design Guidelines” means the Gig Harbor Design Manual, as adopted by the City.

e) “Director” means the City’s Community Development Director or Director of Planning and Building.

f) “Effective Date” means the effective date of the Adopting Ordinance.

g) “Existing Land Use Regulations” means the ordinances adopted by the City Council of Gig Harbor in effect on the Effective Date, including the adopting ordinances that govern the permitted uses of land, the density and intensity of use, and the design, improvement, construction standards and specifications applicable to the development of the Subject Property, including, but not limited to the Comprehensive Plan, the City’s Official Zoning Map and development standards, the Design Manual, the Public Works Standards, SEPA, Concurrency Ordinance, and all other ordinances, codes, rules and regulations of the City establishing subdivision standards, park regulations, building standards. Existing Land Use Regulation does not include non-land use regulations, which includes taxes and impact fees.

h) “Landowner” or is the party who has acquired any portion of the Subject Property from the Developer who, unless otherwise released as provided in this Agreement, shall be subject to the applicable provisions of this Agreement. The “Developer” is identified in Section 5 of this Agreement.

i) “Project” means the anticipated development of the Subject Property, as specified in Section 1 and as provided for in all associated permits/approvals, and all incorporated exhibits.

**Section 4.** *Exhibits.* Exhibits to this Agreement are as follows:

- a) Exhibit A – legal description of the Subject Property.
- b) Exhibit B – Map showing Development Phases.
- c) Exhibit C – Map of Wetland Areas.

**Section 5.** *Parties to Development Agreement.* The parties to this Agreement are:

a) The “City” is the City of Gig Harbor, 3510 Grandview Street, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

b) The “Developer” or Owner is a private enterprise which owns the Subject Property in fee, and whose principal office is located at \_\_\_\_\_.

c) The “Landowner.” From time to time, as provided in this Agreement, the Developer may sell or otherwise lawfully dispose of a portion of the Subject Property to a Landowner who, unless otherwise released, shall be subject to the applicable provisions of this Agreement related to such portion of the Subject Property.

**Section 6.** *Project is a Private Undertaking.* It is agreed among the parties that the Project is a private development and that the City has no interest therein except as authorized in the exercise of its governmental functions.

**Section 7.** *Term of Agreement.* This Agreement shall commence upon the effective date of the Adopting Ordinance approving this Agreement, and shall continue in

force for a period of \_\_\_ years unless extended or terminated as provided herein. Following the expiration of the term or extension thereof, or if sooner terminated, this Agreement shall have no force and effect, subject however, to post-termination obligations of the Developer or Landowner.

**Section 8.** *Vested Rights of Developer.* During the term of this Agreement, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, in developing the Subject Property consistent with the Project described herein, Developer is assured, and the City agrees, that the development rights, obligations, terms and conditions specified in this Agreement, are fully vested in the Developer and may not be changed or modified by the City, except as may be expressly permitted by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the Exhibits hereto, or as expressly consented thereto by the Developer.

**Section 9. Permitted Uses and Development Standards.** The permitted uses, the density and intensity of use, the maximum height and size of proposed buildings, provisions for reservation and dedication of land or payment of fees in lieu of dedication for public purposes, the construction, installation and extension of public improvements, development guidelines and standards for development of the Subject Property shall be those set forth in this Agreement, the permits and approvals identified herein, and all exhibits incorporated herein.

**Section 10. Minor Modifications.** Minor modifications from the approved permits or the exhibits attached hereto may be approved in accordance with the provisions of the City's code, and shall not require an amendment to this Agreement.

**Section 11. Further Discretionary Actions.** Developer acknowledges that the Existing Land Use Regulations contemplate the exercise of further discretionary powers by the City. These powers include, but are not limited to, review of additional permit applications under SEPA. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the authority or the obligation of the City to hold legally required public hearings, or to limit the discretion of the City and any of its officers or officials in complying with or applying Existing Land Use Regulations.

**Section 12. Financing of Public Facilities.**

A. Developer acknowledges and agrees that it shall participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ for its pro-rata share of the costs of public improvements to be financed thereby, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the SEPA MDNS issued for the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. At the request of the Developer, the City shall pursue the use of a local improvement district and other similar project-related public financing mechanism for financing the construction, improvement or acquisition of public infrastructure, facilities, lands and improvements to serve the Subject Property, whether located within or outside the Subject Property. To the extent allowed by law, the City shall address any

reimbursement mechanism to Developer for expenses incurred by Developer associated with the \_\_\_\_\_, subject to the City's ordinances and State law.

**Section 13. Existing Land Use Fees and Impact Fees.**

A. Land use fees adopted by the City by ordinance as of the Effective Date of this Agreement may be increased by the City from time to time, and applicable to permits and approvals for the Subject Property, as long as such fees apply to similar applications and projects in the City.

B. All impact fees shall be paid as set forth in the approved permit or approval, or as addressed in chapter 19. \_\_ of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code.

**Section 14. Phasing of Development.** The parties acknowledge that the most efficient and economic development of the Subject Property depends upon numerous factors, such as market orientation and demand, interest rates, competition and similar factors, and that generally it will be most economically beneficial to the ultimate purchasers of the Subject Property to have the rate of development determined by the Developer. However, the parties also acknowledge that because the Development will be phased, certain amenities associated with the Project must be available to all phases of the Project, in order to address health, safety and welfare of the residents. Therefore, the parties agree that the improvements associated with the Project shall be constructed according to the following schedule:

- A. Street Improvements.
- B. Potable Water and Fire Flow Facilities.
- C. Sewer Facilities.
- D. Utilities.
- E. Parks and Open Space.
- F. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 15. Dedication of Public Lands.** Except as otherwise provided herein, the Developer shall dedicate all public lands required in the permits/approvals within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement. Dedication shall be considered by the City in the following schedule:

A. Parks. With regard to parks within the Subject Property, each park site (or portion of the community park site, which is to be dedicated in phases) shall be dedicated to the City as the maps for the phases of the subdivisions are approved and recorded, as shown in Exhibit \_\_, attached hereto.

B. Rights-Of-Way. Within fifteen (15) days of submission of an application for final plat to the City for any phase of the development, the Developer agrees to dedicate any or all road rights-of-way without expense to the City.

**Section 16. Default.**

A. Subject to extensions of time by mutual consent in writing, failure or delay by either party or Landowner not released from this Agreement, to perform any term or provision of this Agreement shall constitute a default. In the event of alleged default or breach of any terms or conditions of this Agreement, the party alleging such default or breach shall give the other party or Landowner not less than thirty (30) days notice in writing, specifying the nature of the alleged default and the manner in which said default may be cured. During this thirty (30) day period, the party or Landowner charged shall not be considered in default for purposes of termination or institution of legal proceedings.

B. After notice and expiration of the thirty (30) day period, if such default has not been cured or is not being diligently cured in the manner set forth in the notice, the other party or Landowner to this Agreement may, at its option, institute legal proceedings pursuant to this Agreement. In addition, the City may decide to file an action to enforce the City's Codes, and to obtain penalties and costs as provided in the Gig Harbor Municipal Code for violations of this Development Agreement and the Code.

**Section 17. Annual Review.** The City shall, at least every twelve (12) months during the term of this Agreement, review the extent of good faith substantial compliance by Developer and Landowner with this Agreement. The City may charge fees as necessary to cover the costs of conducting the annual review.

**Section 18. Termination.** This Agreement shall expire and/or terminate as provided below:

A. This Agreement shall expire and be of no further force and effect if the development contemplated in this Agreement and all of the permits and/or approvals issued by the City for such development are not substantially underway prior to expiration of such permits and/or approvals. Nothing in this Agreement shall extend the expiration date of any permit or approval issued by the City for any development.

B. This Agreement shall expire and be of no further force and effect if the Developer does not construct the Project as contemplated by the permits and approvals identified in this Agreement, and submits applications for development of the Property that are inconsistent with such permits and approvals.

C. This Agreement shall terminate upon the expiration of the term identified in Section 7 or when the Subject Property has been fully developed, which ever first occurs, and all of the Developer's obligations in connection therewith are satisfied as determined by the City. Upon termination of this Agreement, the City shall record a notice of such

termination in a form satisfactory to the City Attorney that the Agreement has been terminated. This Agreement shall automatically terminate and be of no further force and effect as to any single-family residence, any other residential dwelling unit or any non-residential building and the lot or parcel upon which such residence or building is located, when it has been approved by the City for occupancy.

**Section 19. Effect upon Termination on Developer Obligations.** Termination of this Agreement as to the Developer of the Subject Property or any portion thereof shall not affect any of the Developer's obligations to comply with the City Comprehensive Plan and the terms and conditions or any applicable zoning code(s) or subdivision map or other land use entitlements approved with respect to the Subject Property, any other conditions of any other development specified in the Agreement to continue after the termination of this Agreement or obligations to pay assessments, liens, fees or taxes.

**Section 20. Effects upon Termination on City.** Upon any termination of this Agreement as to the Developer of the Subject Property, or any portion thereof, the entitlements, conditions of development, limitations on fees and all other terms and conditions of this Agreement shall no longer be vested hereby with respect to the property affected by such termination (provided that vesting of such entitlements, conditions or fees may then be established for such property pursuant to then existing planning and zoning laws).

**Section 21. Assignment and Assumption.** The Developer shall have the right to sell, assign or transfer this Agreement with all their rights, title and interests therein to any person, firm or corporation at any time during the term of this Agreement. Developer shall provide the City with written notice of any intent to sell, assign, or transfer all or a portion of the Subject Property, at least 30 days in advance of such action.

**Section 22. Covenants Running with the Land.** The conditions and covenants set forth in this Agreement and incorporated herein by the Exhibits shall run with the land and the benefits and burdens shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties. The Developer, Landowner and every purchaser, assignee or transferee of an interest in the Subject Property, or any portion thereof, shall be obligated and bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and shall be the beneficiary thereof and a party thereto, but only with respect to the Subject Property, or such portion thereof, sold, assigned or transferred to it. Any such purchaser, assignee or transferee shall observe and fully perform all of the duties and obligations of a Developer contained in this Agreement, as such duties and obligations pertain to the portion of the Subject Property sold, assigned or transferred to it.

**Section 23. Amendment to Agreement; Effect of Agreement on Future Actions.** This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of all of the parties, provided that any such amendment shall follow the process established by law for the adoption of a development agreement (*see*, RCW 36.70B.200). However, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the City Council from making any amendment to its

Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, Official Zoning Map or development regulations affecting the Subject Property during the next five years, as the City Council may deem necessary to the extent required by a serious threat to public health and safety. Nothing in this Development Agreement shall prevent the City Council from making any amendments of any type to the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code, Official Zoning Map or development regulations relating to the Subject Property five years from the anniversary date of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

**Section 24. Releases.** Developer, and any subsequent Landowner, may free itself from further obligations relating to the sold, assigned, or transferred property, provided that the buyer, assignee or transferee expressly assumes the obligations under this Agreement as provided herein.

**Section 25. Notices.** Notices, demands, correspondence to the City and Developer shall be sufficiently given if dispatched by pre-paid first-class mail to the addresses of the parties as designated in Section 5. Notice to the City shall be to the attention of both the City Administrator and the City Attorney. Notices to subsequent Landowners shall be required to be given by the City only for those Landowners who have given the City written notice of their address for such notice. The parties hereto may, from time to time, advise the other of new addresses for such notices, demands or correspondence.

**Section 26. Reimbursement for Agreement Expenses of the City.** Developer agrees to reimburse the City for actual expenses incurred over and above fees paid by Developer as an applicant incurred by City directly relating to this Agreement, including recording fees, publishing fees and reasonable staff and consultant costs not otherwise included within application fees. This development agreement shall not take effect until the fees provided for in this section, as well as any processing fees owed to the City for the \_\_\_\_\_ project are paid to the City. Upon payment of all expenses, the Developer may request written acknowledgement of all fees. Such payment of all fees shall be paid, at the latest, within thirty (30) days from the City's presentation of a written statement of charges to the Developer.

**Section 27. Applicable Law and Attorneys' Fees.** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. If litigation is initiated to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs from the non-prevailing party. Venue for any action shall lie in Pierce County Superior Court or the U.S. District Court for Western Washington.

**Section 28. Third Party Legal Challenge.** In the event any legal action or special proceeding is commenced by any person or entity other than a party or a Landowner to challenge this Agreement or any provision herein, the City may elect to tender the defense of such lawsuit or individual claims in the lawsuit to Developer and/or Landowner(s). In such event, Developer and/or such Landowners shall hold the City harmless from and defend the City from all costs and expenses incurred in the defense of



such lawsuit or individual claims in the lawsuit, including but not limited to, attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation, and damages awarded to the prevailing party or parties in such litigation. The Developer and/or Landowner shall not settle any lawsuit without the consent of the City. The City shall act in good faith and shall not unreasonably withhold consent to settle.

**Section 29. Specific Performance.** The parties specifically agree that damages are not an adequate remedy for breach of this Agreement, and that the parties are entitled to compel specific performance of all material terms of this Development Agreement by any party in default hereof.

**Section 30. Severability.** If any phrase, provision or section of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, or if any provision of this Agreement is rendered invalid or unenforceable according to the terms of any statute of the State of Washington which became effective after the effective date of the ordinance adopting this Development Agreement, and either party in good faith determines that such provision or provisions are material to its entering into this Agreement, that party may elect to terminate this Agreement as to all of its obligations remaining unperformed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Development Agreement to be executed as of the dates set forth below:

**OWNER/DEVELOPER:**

**CITY OF GIG HARBOR**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Its \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Mayor

ATTEST:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

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