

**BACK-UP CONTRACT ADDENDUM**

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The additional provisions set forth below are hereby made a part of the Offer to Purchase and Contract or the Vacant Lot Offer to Purchase and Contract (the "Back-up Contract") for the Property located at \_\_\_\_\_

between Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

and Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer and Seller acknowledge that Seller has previously entered into an Offer to Purchase and Contract or a Vacant Lot Offer to Purchase and Contract (the "Primary Contract") with \_\_\_\_\_ [insert last name only](the "Primary Buyer" under the Primary Contract), that the Primary Contract is currently pending, and that this Back-up Contract is accepted in a secondary or back-up position to the Primary Contract under the following terms and conditions:

- (1) It is a condition of this Back-up Contract that the Primary Contract is terminated as described below before the Buyer and Seller shall be obligated to perform under this Back-up Contract. Termination of the Primary Contract shall be evidenced by:
  - (a) a written release signed by all parties thereto;
  - (b) a Termination Notice pursuant to Alternative 2 of paragraph 16 of the Primary Contract; or
  - (c) a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that the Primary Contract is invalid, illegal, unenforceable, or is otherwise terminated thereby.
- (2) Modification of the terms or conditions of the Primary Contract by the parties thereto, including extensions of time, shall not constitute a termination of the Primary Contract as contemplated herein, and shall not cause this Back-up Contract to move into a primary position.
- (3) Buyer and Seller agree that Buyer may not examine or otherwise have access to the Primary Contract absent written permission from the Seller and the Primary Buyer. Nevertheless, Seller represents that the Primary Contract calls for closing by \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- (4) Buyer and Seller agree that the earnest money paid by Buyer in connection with this Back-up Contract shall be deposited within three (3) banking days following acceptance of this offer and in accordance with the terms of the contract, even while it is in secondary position.
- (5) In the event the Primary Contract closes, then this Back-up Contract shall become null and void, and all earnest monies received in connection herewith shall be returned to the Buyer.
- (6) In the event the Primary Contract is terminated, Seller shall promptly provide Buyer:
  - (a) written Notice thereof (the "Notice") which Notice shall state that this Back-up Contract has become primary and that its terms and conditions are in effect; and
  - (b) written evidence that the Primary Contract has been terminated as provided in paragraph 1 above.

Buyer shall close within \_\_\_\_\_ days from receipt of the written Notice or by the dates specified in the Back-up Contract, whichever occurs later.

- (7) In any event, Buyer must receive notification from the Seller on or before \_\_\_\_\_, **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE**, that the Primary Contract has been terminated or this Back-up Contract shall become null and void and all earnest monies received in connection herewith shall be refunded to Buyer. Buyer may terminate this Back-up Contract before said date without liability by giving written notice of termination to Seller at any time prior to receipt by Buyer of written Notice from Seller that this Back-up Contract has become primary.



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Buyer initials \_\_\_\_\_ Seller initials \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THIS ADDENDUM AND THE OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT OR THE VACANT LOT OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT, THIS ADDENDUM SHALL CONTROL.

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Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)                      Seller: \_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_                                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)                      Seller: \_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_                                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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[NOTE: The following is a suggested notice that may be copied for the purpose of complying with the notice provision contained in paragraph (6) of the Back-Up Contract Addendum. DO NOT DETACH THE ORIGINAL OF THIS FORM FROM THE BACK-UP CONTRACT.]

**NOTICE TO BUYER THAT BACK-UP CONTRACT IS NOW IN EFFECT**

NOTICE is hereby given to \_\_\_\_\_(insert name of Buyer) from Seller under the Back-up Contract between them dated \_\_\_\_\_ that Seller has terminated the Primary Contract with \_\_\_\_\_(Primary Buyer), as evidenced by the ATTACHED:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ written release of the parties;
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Termination Notice pursuant to Alternative 2 of paragraph 16 of the Primary Contract; or
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that the Primary Contract is invalid, illegal, unenforceable or otherwise terminated thereby;

and that the Back-up Contract entered into between Seller and Buyer has become primary and its terms and conditions are now in effect.

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