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Director, Planning & Urban Development Department

Performance Guarantee, Inspection Fee, and Infrastructure Financial Contribution Packet

A. Site Plan/Subdivision Performance Guarantees Required

Portland's Land Use Code requires all developers with approved site plan and/or subdivision applications to submit a performance guarantee to the City prior to the start of any construction or site improvements. The performance guarantee represents 100% of the total cost of site improvements, as determined by the City. The code further requires developers to pay an inspection fee of 2% of the performance guarantee amount to the City for the administrative costs associated with inspecting construction activity to ensure that it conforms with plans and specifications. (Portland's Land Use Code, Sections 14-501 and 14-530)

B. Cost Estimate Form and Inspection Fee

The performance guarantee covers major site improvements related to site plan and subdivision review, such as paving, roadway, utility connections, drainage, landscaping, lighting, etc. Please submit an itemized cost estimate form to determine the detailed costs of both public and private site improvements to the Planning Division for review and approval. The cost estimate form is included as [Attachment 1](#). The approved amount on the Cost Estimate form is the amount to be covered by the performance guarantee and is the basis for calculating the 2% inspection fee.

C. Acceptable Types of Performance Guarantees

The accepted forms of a performance guarantee, covering the amount approved on the Cost Estimate form, must be one of the following options consistent with the attached templates, with **NO** exceptions:

1. A letter of credit from a bank/credit union (Attachment 2)
2. A deposit into a bank-held escrow account (Attachment 3)
3. A deposit into a City-held escrow account (Attachment 4)

NOTE: No land use application of any kind shall be processed, reviewed or issued, no signed subdivision plat shall be released or recorded, and no building permit of any kind shall be issued unless all fees have been paid and every aspect of the proposed development is in compliance with City Codes as determined by the Development Review Coordinator in the Planning Division.

The developer is eligible to receive up to three reductions from the performance guarantee in a calendar year equal to the estimated cost of the completed improvements. In no case, however, shall any performance guarantee be reduced 1) in any line item where improvements remain to be completed; or 2) to a value which is less than the estimated cost of completing all remaining required improvements; or 3) to a value less than 10% of the Performance Guarantee.

At the conclusion of the project, the City will release 90% of the performance guarantee after the Development Review Coordinator determines that site improvements have been satisfactorily completed at the time of the final inspection. The City will then retain a 10% defect guarantee to cover the workmanship and durability of materials used in construction. The defect guarantee will be released one (1) year from date of acceptance, subject to the Development Review Coordinator inspecting the site and finding it in compliance with the approved site plan.

D. Housing Replacement Performance Guarantees

For those projects that are subject to Portland's Housing Preservation and Replacement Ordinance (Section 24-483) and have an approved plan, then a performance guarantee is required for housing replacement. An owner or developer must post a performance guarantee in the form of a letter of credit in the amount equivalent to the amount the applicant would have been required to contribute to the City's Housing Fund, if the applicant had chosen that option. The guarantee shall be valid for no more than three years, after which the full amount shall be provided to the City's Housing Trust Fund, if replacement units meeting the code do not have certificates of occupancy. The guarantee can be released upon the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the replacement units. A suggested template for a Housing Replacement Performance Guarantee is included as Attachment 5.

E. Infrastructure Accounts

Contributions to infrastructure accounts may be required as part of the conditions of site plan approval. The contributions must be submitted prior to the issuance of any permits, unless stated otherwise in the approval. The form for submitted required contributions is included as Attachment 6.

F. Administrative Process for Submitting Performance Guarantee

- **Step 1 - Cost Estimate**
Submit completed cost estimate form to Planning Division for review and approval. Once approved, use this total amount as the performance guarantee amount in Step 2.
- **Step 2 - Performance Guarantee**
Complete a draft of 1 of the 3 attached performance guarantee templates, inputting project specific information into blank and bracketed areas, and submit to the Planning Division for final approval. Once staff approved the draft, the applicant shall submit the official signed original performance guarantee document, which for option 1) or 2) must be on Bank/Credit Union letterhead with original signatures.
- **Step 3 - Submit Performance Guarantee, Inspection Fee, and Infrastructure Contributions**
Submit the final original Performance Guarantee, the required inspection fee, and any infrastructure contributions to the Planning Division. The Planning Division will confirm that the final documents are accurate and acceptable.
- **Step 4 - Release of Recording Plat and Permits**
Only after the performance guarantee is issued, fees paid, and all other conditions of site plan approval and compliance are met, will the recording plat be released for recording at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds and/or City permits issued.

Contact: Please email the cost estimate form to jdealaman@portlandmaine.gov

After the cost estimate is approved, all subsequent paperwork can be submitted by mail to 389 Congress Street, 4th Floor, Portland, ME 04101, Attn: James Dealaman.

Please call 207-874-8721 with any questions.

Attachments

1. Cost Estimate of Improvements Form
2. Performance Guarantee Letter of Credit Form (with private financial institution)
3. Performance Guarantee Escrow Account Form (with private financial institution)
4. Performance Guarantee Escrow Form with the City of Portland
5. Housing Replacement Performance Guarantee Form
6. Infrastructure Financial Contribution Form with the City of Portland

6. SITE LIGHTING	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. EROSION CONTROL						
Silt Fence	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Check Dams	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pipe Inlet/Outlet Protection	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Level Lip Spreader	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Slope Stabilization	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Geotextile	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hay Bale Barriers	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Catch Basin Inlet Protection	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE AMENITIES	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. LANDSCAPING (Attach breakdown of the quantities of plant material and unit costs)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. MISCELLANEOUS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GRAND TOTAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

INSPECTION FEE (to be filled out by the City)

	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	TOTAL
A: 2.0% of totals:	_____	_____	_____
<u>or</u>			
B: Alternative Assessment:	_____	_____	_____
Assessed by:	_____	_____	_____
	(name)	(name)	

TEMPLATE – PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE LETTER OF CREDIT

SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE
LETTER OF CREDIT
[ACCOUNT NUMBER]

[Date]

Jeff Levine
Director of Planning and Urban Development
City of Portland
389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Re: [Insert: Name of Applicant]
[Insert: Address of Project, Portland, Maine]
[Insert: Application ID #]

[Insert: Name of Bank/Credit Union] (hereinafter referred to as “Bank”) hereby issues its Irrevocable Letter of Credit for the account of [Insert: Name of Applicant] (hereinafter referred to as “Applicant”), held for the exclusive benefit of the City of Portland, in the aggregate amount of [Insert: amount of original performance guarantee]. These funds represent the estimated cost of installing site improvements as depicted on the [Insert: subdivision and/ or site plan], approved on [Insert: Date] and as required under the City of Portland Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 §§ 501, 530 and Chapter 25 §§ 46-65.

The City, through its Director of Planning and Urban Development and in his/her sole discretion, may draw on this Letter of Credit by presentation of a sight draft and the Letter of Credit and all amendments thereto, up to thirty (30) days before or sixty (60) days after its expiration, stating any one of the following:

1. the Applicant has failed to satisfactorily complete the work on the improvements contained within the [Insert: subdivision and/ or site plan] approval, dated [Insert date]; or
2. the Applicant has failed to deliver to the City a deed containing the metes and bounds description of any streets, easements or other improvements required to be deeded to the City; or
3. the Applicant has failed to notify the City for inspections.

In the event of the Bank’s dishonor of the City’s sight draft, the Bank shall inform the City in writing of the reason or reasons thereof within three (3) business days of the dishonor.

After all underground work has been completed and inspected to the satisfaction of the City, including but not limited to sanitary sewers, storm drains, catch basins, manholes, electrical conduits, and other required improvements constructed chiefly below grade, the City may authorize the Bank, by written certification, to reduce the available amount of the escrowed money by a specified amount.

The City of Portland Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 §§ 503 requires the duration of the performance guarantee term to be at least one year. This Letter of Credit will automatically expire on **[Insert date one year from the date of this Letter of Credit]** or on the date when the City determines that all improvements guaranteed herein are satisfactorily completed, whichever comes first (“Expiration Date”), provided that the expiration date does not fall between October 30th and April 15th. It is a condition of this Letter of Credit that the expiration date be automatically extended without amendment for period(s) of one year each from the current Expiration Date hereof, or any future Expiration Date, unless within thirty (30) days prior to any expiration, the Bank notifies the City by certified mail (restricted delivery to Brendan O’Connell, Director of Finance, City of Portland, 389 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101) that the Bank elects not to consider this Letter of Credit renewed for any such additional period.

In the event of such notice, the City, in its sole discretion, may draw hereunder by presentation of a sight draft drawn on the Bank, accompanied by this Letter of Credit and all amendments thereto, and a statement purportedly signed by the Director of Planning and Urban Development, at Bank’s offices located at _____ stating that:

this drawing results from notification that the Bank has elected not to renew its Letter of Credit No. _____.

On its Expiration Date or on the date the City determines that all improvements guaranteed by this Letter of Credit are satisfactorily completed, this Performance Guarantee Letter of Credit shall be reduced by the City to ten (10) percent of its original amount and shall automatically convert to an Irrevocable Defect Letter of Credit. Written notice of such reduction shall be forwarded by the City to the Bank. The Defect Letter of Credit shall ensure the workmanship and durability of all materials used in the construction of the **[Insert: subdivision and/ or site plan]** approval, dated **[Insert: Date]** as required by City Code §14-501, 530 and shall automatically expire one (1) year from the date of its creation (“Termination Date”).

The City, through its Director of Planning and Urban Development and in his/her sole discretion, may draw on the Defect Letter of Credit by presentation of a sight draft and this Letter of Credit and all amendments thereto, at Bank’s offices located at _____, prior to the Termination Date, stating any one of the following:

1. the Applicant has failed to complete any unfinished improvements; or
2. the Applicant has failed to correct any defects in workmanship; or
3. the Applicant has failed to use durable materials in the construction and installation of improvements contained within the **[Insert: subdivision and/ or site improvements]**.

Date: _____

By: _____

[Name]
[Title]
Its Duly Authorized Agent

TEMPLATE –ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

SITE PLAN/SUBDIVISION

PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

[ACCOUNT NUMBER]

[Date]

Jeff Levine
Director of Planning and Urban Development
City of Portland
389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Re: [Insert: Name of Applicant]
[Insert: Address of Project, Portland, Maine]
[Insert: Application ID #]

[Insert: Name of Bank/Credit Union] (hereinafter referred to as “Bank”) hereby certifies to the City of Portland that [Bank] will hold the sum of [Insert: amount of original performance guarantee] in an interest-bearing account established with the Bank. These funds shall be held for the exclusive benefit of the City of Portland and shall represent the estimated cost of installing site improvements as depicted on the [Insert: subdivision and/or site plan], approved on [Insert: date] as required under the Portland Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 §§ 501, 530 and Chapter 25 §§ 46-65. All costs associated with establishing, maintaining and disbursing funds from the Escrow Account shall be borne by [Insert: Applicant].

[Bank] will hold these funds as escrow agent for the benefit of the City subject to the following:

The City, through its Director of Planning and Urban Development and in his/her sole discretion, may draw against this Escrow Account by presentation of a draft in the event that:

1. the Applicant has failed to satisfactorily complete the work on the improvements contained within the [Insert: subdivision and/ or site plan] approval, dated [Insert date]; or
2. the Applicant has failed to deliver to the City a deed containing the metes and bounds description of any streets, easements or other improvements required to be deeded to the City; or
3. the Applicant has failed to notify the City for inspections.

In the event of the Bank’s dishonor of the City’s sight draft, the Bank shall inform the City in writing of the reason or reasons thereof within three (3) business days of the dishonor.

After all underground work has been completed and inspected to the satisfaction of the City, including but not limited to sanitary sewers, storm drains, catch basins, manholes, electrical conduits, and other required improvements constructed chiefly below grade, the City may authorize the [Bank], by written certification, to reduce the available amount of the escrowed

money by a specified amount.

The City of Portland Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 §§ 503 requires the duration of the performance guarantee term to be at least one year. This Escrow Account will automatically expire on **[Insert date one year from the date of this Escrow Account]** or on the date when the City determines that all improvements guaranteed herein are satisfactorily completed, whichever comes first (“Expiration Date”), provided that the expiration date does not fall between October 30th and April 15th. It is a condition of this Escrow Account that the expiration date be automatically extended without amendment for period(s) of one year each from the current Expiration Date hereof, or any future Expiration Date, unless within thirty (30) days prior to any expiration, the Bank notifies the City by certified mail (restricted delivery to Brendan O’Connell, Director of Finance, City of Portland, 389 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101) that the Bank elects not to consider this Escrow Account renewed for any such additional period.

In the event of such notice, the City, in its sole discretion, may draw against the Escrow Account by presentation of a sight draft drawn on the Bank and a statement purportedly signed by the Director of Planning and Urban Development, at Bank’s offices located at _____ stating that:

this drawing results from notification that the Bank has elected not to renew its Escrow Account No. _____.

On its Expiration Date or on the date the City determines that all improvements guaranteed by this Escrow Account are satisfactorily completed, this Performance Guarantee shall be reduced by the City to ten (10) percent of its original amount and shall automatically convert to an Irrevocable Defect Guarantee. Written notice of such reduction shall be forwarded by the City to the Bank. The Defect Guarantee shall ensure the workmanship and durability of all materials used in the construction of the **[Insert: subdivision and/ or site plan]** approval, dated **[Insert: Date]** as required by City Code §14-501, 530 and shall automatically expire one (1) year from the date of its creation (“Termination Date”).

The City, through its Director of Planning and Urban Development and in his/her sole discretion, may draw on the Defect Guarantee by presentation of a sight draft at Bank’s offices located at _____, prior to the Termination Date, stating any one of the following:

1. the Applicant has failed to complete any unfinished improvements; or
2. the Applicant has failed to correct any defects in workmanship; or
3. the Applicant has failed to use durable materials in the construction and installation of improvements contained within the **[Insert: subdivision and/ or site improvements]**.

Date: _____

By: _____

[Name]

[Title]

Its Duly Authorized Agent

Seen and Agreed to: **[Applicant]**

By: _____

TEMPLATE - PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE ESCROW ACCOUNT
with the City of Portland

Applicant’s Tax Identification Number: _____

Applicant’s Name and Mailing Address: _____

City Account Number: _____

Application ID #: _____

Application of _____ [Applicant] for _____ [Insert
street/Project Name] at _____ [Address], Portland, Maine.

The City of Portland (hereinafter the “City”) will hold the sum of \$_____ [amount of performance
guarantee] on behalf of _____ [Applicant] in a noninterest bearing account
established with the City. This account shall represent the estimated cost of installing
_____ [insert: subdivision and/ or site improvements (as applicable)] as depicted
on the subdivision/site plan, approved on _____ [date] as required under the Portland Code of
Ordinances Chapter 14 §§ 501, 530and Chapter 25 §§46-65.

The City, through its Director of Planning and Urban Development and in his/her sole discretion, may draw
against this Escrow Account in the event that:

1. the Applicant has failed to satisfactorily complete the work on the improvements contained within
the _____ [insert: subdivision and/ or site improvements (as applicable)]
approval, dated _____ [insert date]; or
2. the Applicant has failed to deliver to the City a deed containing the metes and bounds description
of any streets, easements or other improvements required to be deeded to the City; or
3. the Applicant has failed to notify the City for inspections in conjunction with the installation of
improvements noted in paragraph one.

The Director of Planning and Urban Development may draw on this Guarantee, at his/her option, either
thirty days prior to the expiration date contained herein, or s/he may draw against this escrow for a period
not to exceed sixty (60) days after the expiration of this commitment; provided that the Applicant, or its
representative, will give the City written notice, by certified mail (restricted delivery to Brendan O’Connell,
Director of Finance, City of Portland, 389 Congress Street, Room 110, Portland, Maine) of the expiration of
this escrow within sixty (60) days prior thereto.

After all underground work has been completed and inspected to the satisfaction of the City, including but
not limited to sanitary sewers, storm drains, catch basins, manholes, electrical conduits, and other required
improvements constructed chiefly below grade, the City of Portland Director of Planning and Urban
Development or its Director of Finance as provided in Chapter 14 §§ 501, 530 of the Portland Code of
Ordinances, may authorize the City to reduce the available amount of the escrowed money by a specified
amount.

This Guarantee will automatically expire on [Insert date one year from the date of this performance
guarantee] (“Expiration Date”) or on the date when the City determines that all improvements guaranteed
by this Performance Guarantee are satisfactorily completed, whichever is later. At such time, this Guarantee

shall be reduced by the City to ten (10) percent of its original amount and shall automatically

convert to an Irrevocable Defect Guarantee. Written notice of such reduction and conversion shall be forwarded by the City to **[the applicant]**. The Defect Guarantee shall expire one (1) year from the date of its creation and shall ensure the workmanship and durability of all materials used in the construction of the **[Insert: Subdivision and/ or site plan]** approval, dated **[Insert: Date]** as required by City Code §14-501, 525.

The City, through its Director of Planning and Urban Development and in his/her sole discretion, may draw on the Defect Guarantee should any one of the following occur:

1. the Applicant has failed to complete any unfinished improvements; or
2. the Applicant has failed to correct any defects in workmanship; or
3. the Applicant has failed to use durable materials in the construction and installation of improvements contained within the **[Insert: subdivision and/ or site improvements]**.

Seen and Agreed to:

By: _____
[Applicant]

Date: _____

By: _____
****Planning Division Director

Date: _____

By: _____
Development Review Coordinator

Date: _____

Attach **Letter of Approval and Estimated Cost of Improvements** to this form.

Distribution

1. This information will be completed by Planning Staff.
2. The account number can be obtained by calling Cathy Ricker, ext. 8665.
3. The Agreement will be executed with one original signed by the Applicant.
4. The original signed Agreement will be scanned by the Planning Staff then forwarded to the Finance Office, together with a copy of the Cash Receipts Set.
5. ****Signature required if over \$50,000.00.

**TEMPLATE - PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR
COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSING REPLACEMENT ORDINANCE**

Demolition and Housing Replacement
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE
LETTER OF CREDIT
[ACCOUNT NUMBER]

[Insert Date]

Jeffrey Levine
Director of Planning and Urban Development
City of Portland
389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Re: [Insert Project Address] Demolition and Housing Replacement

[Insert Name of Lender] (“Bank”) hereby issues its Irrevocable Letter of Credit for the account of **[Insert Name of Applicant]** (“Applicants”), held for the exclusive benefit of the City of Portland (“City”), in the aggregate amount of **[Insert exact amount to be determined by the City]**. These funds represent the estimated cost of **[Insert Amount]** for the housing replacement fee applicable to the demolition of **[insert number of units demolished]** dwelling units if no replacement units are constructed, as approved on _____ (“**Demolition Approval**”) and as required under Portland Code of Ordinances Chapter 14-483(j).

In the event that Applicant fails to satisfy its housing replacement obligation, the City, through its Director of Planning and Urban Development and in his/her sole discretion, may draw on this Letter of Credit by presentation of a sight draft and the Letter of Credit and all amendments thereto, if any.

The housing replacement requirement shall be deemed satisfied upon the City’s issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for **[insert number of units to be replaced]** dwelling units located in the City of Portland provided that the aggregate size of the replacement units will be no less than 80% of the size of the aggregate of the original units.

After construction of each of the replacement units has been completed, the City, as provided in Chapter 14 of the Portland Code of Ordinances, may authorize the Bank, by written certification along with the return of the original of this Letter of Credit, to reduce the available amount of the escrowed money by the full amount of the Letter of Credit.

In the event of the Bank’s dishonor of the City of Portland’s sight draft, the Bank shall inform the City of Portland in writing of the reason or reasons thereof within three (3) business days of the dishonor.

The City of Portland Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 §§ 503 requires the duration of the performance guarantee term to be at least one year. This Letter of Credit will automatically expire on **[Insert date one year from the date of this Letter of Credit]** or on the date when the City determines that all improvements guaranteed herein are satisfactorily completed, whichever comes first (“Expiration Date”), provided that the expiration date does not fall between October 30th and April 15th. It is a condition of this

Letter of Credit that the expiration date be automatically extended without amendment for period(s) of one year each from the current Expiration Date hereof, or any future Expiration Date, unless within thirty (30) days prior to any expiration, the Bank notifies the City by certified mail (restricted delivery to Brendan O'Connell, Director of Finance, City of Portland, 389 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101) that the Bank elects not to consider this Letter of Credit renewed for any such additional period.

In the event that the Bank provides notice of its election to discontinue this Letter of Credit and Applicant has not satisfied its housing replacement obligation, the City, in its sole discretion, may draw hereunder by presentation of a sight draft drawn on the Bank, accompanied by this Letter of Credit and all amendments thereto, and a statement signed by the Director of Planning and Urban Development, at Bank's offices located at Portland Maine stating that:

this drawing results from notification that the Bank has elected to discontinue its Letter of Credit No. _____.

Date: _____ By: _____

[Name]

[Title]

Its Duly Authorized Agent

**Contribution Form (Watershed, Tree, and Infrastructure Accounts)
Planning and Urban Development Department - Planning Division**

Application ID:		Planner:	
Project Name:		Date of Form:	
Project Address:			
Applicant's Name:			
Applicant's Address:			
Project Description:			

TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	Account #	Project Code	Funds Intended for:	Retained by City	Funds not Expended	Expiration Date:	Amount
Infrastructure #1	710-0000-236-98-00						\$
Infrastructure #2	710-0000-236-98-00						\$
Infrastructure #3	710-0000-236-98-00						\$
TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	Account #	Project Code	Funds Intended for:				Amount
Infrastructure (Tree Fund)	242-3100-341-00-00	PR0045					\$
Watershed (Nason's Brook)	257-3100-327.10-00	CFUP03					\$
Watershed (Fallbrook)	257-3100-327.10-00	CFUP02					\$
Watershed (Capisc Brook)	257-3100-327.10-00	CFUP01					\$
						Total Amount:	\$

* Funds not expended or encumbered by the expiration date, shall be returned to contributor within 6 months of said date.

* Office Use Only

FORM OF CONTRIBUTION: (Please check the applicable box below for an Infrastructure Account only)

Cash Contribution	
Escrow Account	

Interest on funds to be paid to contributor only if project is not commenced.

The City shall periodically draw down funds from Public Works, which form shall specify use of City Account # as shown above.

Electronic Distribution:

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