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Denis Lachman & Karen Smith 55 Hamblet Avenue, Portland, Maine

December 20, 2016

Roberta S. and Steven E. Cope 172 Concord Street, Portland, ME 04103

Re: Shared Driveway Agreement, 502 & 510 Stevens Ave., Portland

Dear Bobbi and Steven:

Please allow this letter to confirm our intention to enter into a Shared Driveway Easement Agreement (the "Agreement") upon the further terms and conditions stated herein and such additional terms as may be agreed upon. We have both agreed that this letter may be presented to the City of Portland Planning Board to evidence our agreement in support of applications for the development of the Lachman/Smith Property at 502 Stevens Ave., and your property at 510 Stevens Ave. Our respective properties are referred to in the attached agreement as the "502 Property" and the "510 Property" and I will do so in this letter as well.

It is our intent to enter into a mutual and reciprocal agreement for the location and construction of a shared driveway between our two properties and serving both of them for vehicles, pedestrians, and utility connections. We will also coordinate drainage, utility easements, curb cuts, and maintenance and upkeep on terms to be finalized.

Our respective obligations are and shall be contingent upon the receipt of all necessary permits and approvals from the City of Portland and/or other permitting authorities as may be required for the development of the 502 Property and the 510 Property for mixed use commercial/residential development. Access to our respective developments on our two adjacent properties shall be generally harmonious and coordinated, but our projects shall otherwise be completely independent of each other, provided that we have agreed that a shared driveway will be a useful and convenient amenity to both projects as conceived, rather than having the current two driveways.

We both understand that the 502 Property is likely to be developed first, and that we may make cooperative arrangements for the funding and construction of the shared driveway in advance of the 510 Property being fully redeveloped, but the Agreement shall apply to the final configuration notwithstanding such staggered construction or development schedules.

Due to the timing and permitting requirements of our respective projects, we both acknowledge that the final version of the Agreement that we execute and record may need to respond to permitting and final site conditions as approved.

Please sign below to evidence your agreement to the foregoing, and allow our signatures below to do the same.

Very truly yours,

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Denis Lachman & Karen Smith

Seen and Agreed to

Roberta S. and Steven E. Cope

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### SHARED DRIVEWAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017 by and between Denis J. Lachman and Karen J. Smith, having an address of 55 Hamblet Avenue, Portland, Maine ("Lachman"), as the owner of property described in a deed recorded in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Book 32719, Page 274, located generally at 502 Stevens Avenue (the "502 Property") and between Roberta S. and Steven E. Cope, having a mailing address of 172 Concord Street ("Cope") as the owner of property described in a deed recorded in said Registry in Book 33336, Page 109 (the "510 Property"). The 510 Property is generally adjacent to and northerly of the 502 Property and is generally designated on City of Portland Tax Map 135, Block E, Lot 8. The 502 Property is generally designated on City of Portland Tax Map 135, Block E, Lot 9.

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Lachman and Cope wish to act harmoniously to configure and provide for the further development of the 502 Property and the 510 Property through this agreement; and

WHEREAS, both Lachman and Cope agree that their respective properties would be best served by the construction of a new shared driveway (referred to herein as the "Driveway") to replace the two separate driveways currently serving both properties; and

WHEREAS, the Driveway will be located generally along and across the common boundary and will serve both the 502 Property and the 510 Property with pedestrian and vehicular access from Stevens Avenue and provide a shared utility interconnection point; and

WHEREAS, Lachman and Cope wish hereby to confirm their respective rights and obligations with respect to the construction and use of the Driveway;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar, the mutual promises and covenants herein, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged and agreed, Lachman and Cope do hereby agree as follows:

1) Lachman and Cope hereby grant and accept to and from each other mutually and reciprocally such rights, interests, easements and estates as are necessary to provide access by foot or by vehicle from Stevens Avenue, generally in the location and configuration shown on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof together with the right to install utilities above and below ground within the area depicted as the Driveway. It is acknowledged and agreed that

the rights granted herein shall be sufficient to allow the further commercial and/or residential development of the 502 Property and 510 Property with buildings and further improvements to be served by the Driveway.

- 2) In connection with the exercise of their rights hereunder, Lachman and Cope, its or their successors and assigns, may enter upon, construct, maintain and use the Driveway including areas on the property of the other, and may install utility lines, drainage, curbing and all other improvements above and below ground as are necessary for access to and development of their respective properties consistent with the terms hereof, provided, however, that: i) any such work shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner; ii) all parties shall use best efforts to minimize disruption of any activities or business operations on the two respective properties; iii) the parties shall reasonably cooperate and coordinate any scheduling of work and/or interruption of utilities; iv) each party shall, upon completion of any work, repair any damage caused by its own acts or negligence promptly to its state immediately prior to such work; v) the parties shall require any contractor or agent employed for any such work to be duly insured in such reasonable amounts as either party may reasonably require; vi) any driveways, accessways, or other improvements installed may be used in common by the parties hereto and shall provide adequate curb cuts (subject to permit restrictions) as each party may request; vii) any drainage made necessary by improvements within the Driveway area engineered so as to balance the impact on the two respective properties; viii) each party shall indemnify and hold the other, its successors and assigns harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, damages or causes of action arising from its own exercise of the access and/or any other rights granted in this Agreement; ix) any improvements constructed pursuant to this Agreement shall not cause the 502 Property or the 510 Property to become legally non-compliant in any way, and shall otherwise be performed in compliance with all applicable land use code and permit requirements; x) after initial construction of improvements and development of the 502 Property and 510 Property, the parties shall equally and equitably share the cost to maintain and repair the Driveway and other improvements within the area shown on **Exhibit A** excepting only repairs made necessary solely by the use or abuse thereof by only one party, its agents, employees and/or invitees, which repairs shall be the responsibility of the party causing such damage, which shall promptly repair any and all damages caused; (xi) neither party shall use the Driveway for vehicular parking, nor allow it to be so used, as each party shall have parking rights on its own adjacent land. Enforcement of the immediately prior provision ((xi)) shall be enforceable by self-help through towing and removal of vehicles at the expense of the party in violation, which shall be payable upon demand.
- 3) The rights granted herein are general in nature, and the parties shall reasonably cooperate to minor and reasonable reconfiguration or adjustment the dimensions or locations of the easement areas shown on **Exhibit A** to comply with permit authorities, building codes etc. in effect from time to time to allow for the harmonious development of both the 502 Property and

the 510 Property, and the parties hereto, their successors and assigns, shall grant such further documents, permit applications and instruments as are necessary to carry out the intent hereof.

- The parties hereto shall each have the right, at any time and from time to time, to relocate the area of the easement and rights herein granted, <u>provided</u> that the other party consents to the relocation, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. In the event that Lachman or Cope shall elect to relocate the easement, and shall obtain the consent of the other party, the entire costs of the relocation shall be borne by the relocating party. The covenants, agreements, easements, rights and indemnities herein described shall then apply in all respects to the new location. In no event shall it be considered unreasonable for either party to withhold its consent to a relocation that would interfere with that party's existing or contemplated improvements on the 502 Property and/or the 510 Property.
- 5) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine. This Agreement may only be amended by a written document signed by the parties hereto, their successors and assigns. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties hereto and replaces all prior agreements, written or oral, between the parties as to the subject matter hereof, including but not limited to the Reciprocal Easement. The rights and agreements herein shall bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto except as expressly provided herein and shall run with the land, and be appurtenant to, and benefit and burden as the case may be, the 502 Property and the 510 Property in perpetuity.

Dated as of, 2017	
STATE OF MAINE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND	, 2017
Before me appeared the above namedinstrument to be his/her free act and deed.	, and acknowledged the foregoing
	Notary Public / Attorney at law Name:
	Commission Expires:

### EXHIBIT A