

**LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENT FOR
AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY RENTAL DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS ZONED
FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR MIXED USE, IN COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 125.01055, FLORIDA STATUTES**

THIS LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENT ("LURA"), is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2025 ("Effective Date"), by and between MARTIN COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County"), and _____, a Florida _____ ("Owner").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Owner is the owner in fee simple of that certain real property located in Martin County, as legally described in Exhibit A attached and incorporated by reference, ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is zoned for commercial, industrial, or mixed-use development; and

WHEREAS, Owner seeks to develop the Property with multi-family rental housing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125.01055, Florida Statutes ("Live Local Act"), a County must authorize multifamily and mixed-use residential as allowable uses in any area zoned for commercial, industrial or mixed use if at least forty percent (40%) of the residential units in the proposed multifamily rental development are, for a period of at least thirty (30) years, affordable as defined in Section 420.0004, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Live Local Act, Owner agrees to restrict at least forty percent (40%) of the total number of residential units to be developed on the Property as affordable housing, as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, to maintain compliance with the Live Local Act, Owner and County wish to ensure that the restricted units are maintained as affordable housing for a period of not less than thirty (30) years, regardless of any subsequent changes in ownership of the Property; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2025, the County approved the form of this LURA and delegated authority to execute the LURA to the County Administrator or designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, County and Owner do hereby contract and agree as follows:

1. **Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated into this LURA by reference.
2. **Property.** The Property subject to this LURA is further described in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated by reference.
3. **Definitions.** Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, or unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below:
 - 3.1 *Adjusted Gross Income* shall mean all wages, assets, regular cash or non-cash contributions or gifts from persons outside the Eligible Household, and such other resources and benefits as may be determined to be income by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, adjusted for family size, less deductions allowable under Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - 3.2 *Affordable* shall mean that monthly rents including taxes, insurance, and utilities do not exceed thirty percent (30%) of that amount which represents the percentage of the annual median Adjusted Gross Income for an Eligible Household.
 - 3.3 *Affordable Unit* or *Affordable Units* shall mean those Dwelling Units that are Affordable to an Eligible Household. Affordable Unit(s) need not be limited to particular designated Dwelling Units within the Project but may be floating units that change over time. If the Project, as defined herein, is developed with the Maximum Number of Units, the number of Affordable Units within the Project shall be no fewer than [NUMBER] (##) Affordable Units.
 - 3.4 *Dwelling Units* shall mean the residential rental units within the Project, including Affordable Units and those units which are market-rate. The Project is approved for no more than [NUMBER] (##) Dwelling Units ("Maximum Number of Units"), of which at least forty percent (40%) shall be Affordable Units.
 - 3.5 *Eligible Household* shall mean one or more natural persons or a family, the total annual adjusted gross household income of which is less than one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the median annual Adjusted Gross Income for households within the state or the _____ Statistical Area, whichever is greater.
 - 3.6 *Project* shall mean the multifamily rental housing development on the Property for which Owner is applying to obtain site development approval from County.
4. **Use and Occupancy of the Property.** Owner shall comply with the following restrictions regarding the use and occupancy of the Project for the duration of the Affordability Period, as defined and established in Section 5 hereof.
 - 4.1 Owner shall develop and maintain the Project as a multifamily rental housing development and shall rent and hold available for rental no fewer than forty percent (40%) of the Dwelling Units as Affordable Units for rent exclusively to Eligible Households.

- 4.2 In order to receive a Certificate of Occupancy for a building within the Project containing Dwelling Units, the number of Affordable Units in the building must, at a minimum, be greater than or equal to either: (i) forty percent (40%) of the Dwelling Units within that building; or (ii) the total forty percent (40%) of the required Dwelling Units within the Project when combined with previously constructed Affordable Units in the Project for which certificates of occupancy have already been received.
- 4.3 For each Affordable Unit, Owner shall be responsible for accepting rental applications and determining and verifying the Adjusted Gross Income of prospective tenants to ensure such tenants qualify as an Eligible Household. Adjusted Gross Income shall be calculated by annualizing verified sources of income for the household as the amount of income to be received by the household during the twelve (12) months following the effective date of determination.
- 4.4 Rents for all Affordable Units shall be Affordable to the Eligible Household occupying the Affordable Unit.
- 4.5 The Affordable Units shall be intermixed with, and not segregated from, the Dwelling Units in the Project which are not designated as Affordable Units ("Market Rate Units"). At all times, the Affordable Units must be at least reasonably comparable in terms of size and features to the Market Rate Units. Eligible Households shall not be excluded or restricted from using common area amenities within the Project. The size and number of bedrooms in Affordable Units must be proportional to the size and number of bedrooms in the Market Rate Units (e.g., if 30% of the Market Rate Units are one-bedroom units, then approximately 30% of the Affordable Units must be one-bedroom units).
- 4.6 No Affordable Unit shall be occupied by Owner, or any person or entity related to or affiliated with Owner or the operator of the Project. For purposes of this subsection, an entity affiliated with Owner or the operator of the Project shall mean any entity owned, controlled, operated or managed by Owner or the operator of the Project, or the owners or principals of, or an affiliated entity of such entities.
5. **Affordability Period.** The Affordability Period shall commence upon the issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy for the Project, and end after a period of no less than thirty (30) years from the last Certificate of Occupancy for the Project.
6. **Records.** Owner shall collect and maintain complete and accurate income records pertaining to each Eligible Household occupying an Affordable Unit. These records must be updated annually and shall be maintained for at least six (6) years following the date of each such record. At a minimum, Owner shall maintain the following records for each occupied Affordable Unit:
- 6.1 An Eligible Household's complete application for tenancy and related information including the name of each household member, proof of identity, and employment, income and asset information for each household member;
- 6.2 A copy of the lease agreement listing the term of tenancy, the unit occupied, the rent, and identifying each tenant residing in the Affordable Unit;

6.3 Verification that the household is an Eligible Household as defined herein; and

6.4 Verification that the Eligible Household's rent is Affordable as defined herein.

7. **Annual Report; Monitoring Fee.** Owner shall, during the Affordability Period as defined herein, provide an Annual Report to the County's Human Services Department ("Department") between May 1 and July 31 of each year, unless the Department, in its sole discretion, agrees in writing to a different reporting period. The Annual Report shall be in the form attached as Exhibit A.

Subsequent to submittal of each Annual Report, the Owner shall compensate the Department a monitoring fee for monitoring the Project for the reporting period. The Department shall charge the Owner hourly based on the hourly rate of the Housing Coordinator at the time of review. Owner shall pay the monitoring fee to the County within thirty (30) days of receipt of the fee statement. Failure to make a full and timely payment shall be a violation of this LURA, subject to the enforcement provisions of Section 11 below.

8. **Maintenance of the Property and Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Owner shall at all times operate the Project in conformity with all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders which may be applicable to the Project, including but not limited to the Federal Fair Housing Act, as implemented by 24 CFR Part 100, the Florida Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act, as amended. Owner shall maintain the Project and the Property in a condition which is consistent with the Martin County Code.
9. **Monitoring and Inspection.** Owner shall permit County, or its designee, to inspect all records, in person or virtually, including not limited to financial statements and rental records, pertaining to Affordable Units upon reasonable notice and within normal working hours, and shall submit to the County such documentation as required by the County to document compliance with this LURA. The County may, from time to time, make or cause to be made inspections of the Affordable Units and Project rental records to determine compliance with the conditions specified herein. County shall notify Owner prior to scheduled inspections, and Owner shall make any and all necessary arrangements to facilitate County's inspection. County may make, or cause to be made, other reasonable entries upon and inspections of the Property, provided that County shall give Owner notice prior to any such inspection, specifying reasonable cause therefor related to the County's interest in enforcing this LURA.
10. **Covenants Run with the Land.** All conditions, covenants, and restrictions contained in this LURA shall be covenants running with the land, and shall, in any event, and without regard to technical classification or designation, legal or otherwise, be, to the fullest extent permitted by law and equity, binding for the benefit and in favor of, and enforceable by County, its successors and assigns, against Owner, its successors and assigns, to or of the Property or any portion thereof or any interest therein, and any party in possession or occupancy of said Property or portion thereof. Each and every contract, deed, or other instrument hereafter executed covering or conveying the Property or the Project or any portion thereof or interest therein shall conclusively be held to have been executed, delivered and accepted subject to such covenants, reservations and restrictions,

regardless of whether such covenants, reservations and restrictions are set forth in such contract, deed or other instruments. If a portion or portions of the Property or the Project are conveyed, all of such covenants, reservations, and restrictions shall run to each portion of the Property or the Project. Prior to any transfer of interest in the Property or the Project, Owner shall provide written notice to County of Owner's intent to transfer the Property or the Project in accordance with Section 17 herein.

11. **Enforcement.** If Owner violates any of the terms and conditions of this LURA or breaches a restriction, warranty, covenant, obligation or duty set forth herein, and if such violation or breach remains uncured for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice thereof, County shall be entitled, in its sole discretion, to any or all of the remedies described below:
- 11.1 If County, by and through the Department, determines that Owner has taken and diligently continues corrective action and that the breach cannot be corrected within the thirty (30) day period, County may, in its sole discretion, allow Owner up to six (6) months after first notice to cure the breach.
 - 11.2 County may institute and prosecute any proceeding at law or in equity to abate, prevent, or enjoin any such violation or attempted violation and to compel specific performance. County shall be entitled to recover its costs and expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees in any such judicial proceeding where County shall prevail.
 - 11.3 County may require that the Annual Report required pursuant to Section 7 hereof be provided quarterly for so long as County deems reasonable and necessary.
 - 11.4 In the event that the violation or breach requires that County undertake additional monitoring of the Project, County, in its sole discretion, may require Owner to pay to County a compliance monitoring fee for supplemental monitoring in the amount necessary to reimburse the County for performing such supplemental monitoring. This fee shall be in addition to, and distinct from, any reimbursement of costs and legal fees to which County may be entitled as a result of judicial enforcement action and any fines payable to County pursuant to Subsection 11.5 hereof and shall be payable without respect to whether County undertakes or succeeds in judicial enforcement or code enforcement activities. County's right to be compensated for additional monitoring shall, at the Department's discretion, extend for a period of up to two (2) years following the most recent finding of noncompliance with this LURA. County shall submit written fee statements to Owner on a quarterly basis which shall be paid by Owner within thirty (30) days of receipt. Any fees payable to County not paid within such 30-day period shall bear interest at the lesser of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the maximum rate permitted by law.
 - 11.5 The site development plans for this Project were administratively approved by the County in consideration of Owner's agreement to comply with the terms and conditions of this LURA for the duration of the Affordability Period. Therefore, a violation of the terms and conditions of this LURA constitutes a violation of the site development approval for the Project and such violation may, at the election of the County, be enforced as provided in Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, which, among other remedies, would enable County to impose fines or issue citations for noncompliance and to place liens on the Property. Owner irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of the Martin County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate for all

purposes related to enforcement of this LURA and expressly waives any objection or defense to such jurisdiction.

- 11.6 The provisions hereof are imposed upon and made applicable to the land and shall run with the land and shall be enforceable against Owner or any other person or entity that has or had an ownership interest in the Project at the time of such violation or attempted violation.
- 11.7 Any failure of the County to enforce this LURA shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
12. **Subordination.** Owner shall obtain and record in the Public Records of Martin County the written consent and subordination to this LURA and the requirements hereof of any prior recorded lienholder of record on the Property in a form substantially similar to that attached as Exhibit B. Copies of the executed and acknowledged lienholder's consent(s), if any, shall be provided to the review and approval along with a current title opinion or property information report prior to the acceptance by the County of a preliminary development plan application or final development plans for the Project.
13. **Owner's Representations and Warranties.** Owner warrants and represents that:
- 13.1 Owner owns the entire fee simple title to the Property, legal and equitable;
- 13.2 The execution and performance of this LURA by Owner will not violate or, as applicable, has not violated any provision of any indenture, agreement, mortgage, mortgage note or other instrument to which Owner is a party or by which it or the Property is bound, and will not result in the creation or imposition of any prohibited lien, charge or encumbrance of any nature; and
- 13.3 Owner has the full power, authority and capacity to enter into this LURA and to carry out Owner's obligations as described in this LURA, and all requisite action has been taken to make this LURA valid and binding on Owner in accordance with its terms.
14. **Release.** Owner hereby releases Martin County and the Martin County Board of County Commissioners, its respective officials, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, actions or causes of action, whether in law or in equity, which Owner has or may have, by reason of Owner's decision to proceed with the Project in reliance on this LURA.
15. **Recordation; Effective Date; Duration.** This LURA and any amendments hereto shall be recorded by the County in the Public Records of Martin County, Florida, and County shall pay all fees and charges incurred in connection therewith.

This LURA shall become effective as of the Effective Date set forth above.

This LURA and the restrictions provided herein shall run with the Property and shall remain in effect until the termination of the Affordability Period.

Upon conclusion of the Affordability Period, the covenants herein shall be deemed satisfactory complied with unless documents properly and timely recorded with the Martin

County Clerk of the Circuit Court indicate otherwise, and County and Owner will execute a recordable document further evidencing such termination.

16. **Modification of Agreement.** County and its successors and assigns and Owner and the successors and assigns of Owner in and to all or any part of the fee title to the Property, shall have the right to consent and agree to changes in, or to eliminate in whole or in part, any of the covenants, conditions, or restrictions contained in this LURA without the consent of any tenant, lessee, easement holder, licensee, mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary under a deed of trust, or any other person or entity having any interest less than a fee in the Property. Any amendment or modification to this LURA must be in writing and signed by County and Owner, or their successors and assigns.
17. **Notice.** All notices which may be given pursuant to this LURA shall be in writing and shall be delivered by personal service or by certified mail return receipt requested addressed to the parties at their respective addresses indicated below or as the same may be changed in writing from time to time.

COUNTY: Martin County
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida 34996
Attn: County Administrator

With a copy to:
County Attorney
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida 34996

OWNER: _____

18. **Severability.** If any provision hereof shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining portions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
19. **Agreement.** This LURA together with the Exhibits embodies the entire agreement and understanding between the parties hereto and there are no other agreements or understandings, oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof, that are not merged herein and superseded hereby.
20. **Governing Law; Venue.** This LURA is entered into within, and with reference to the internal laws of the State of Florida, and shall be governed, construed, and applied in accordance with the internal laws (excluding conflicts of law) of the State of Florida. Each party covenants and agrees that any and all legal actions arising out of or connected with this LURA shall be instituted in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Martin County, Florida, or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Ft. Pierce Division, as the exclusive forums and venues for any such action, subject to any right of either party to removal from state court to federal court, which is hereby reserved, and each party further covenants and agrees that it will not institute any

action in any other forum or venue and hereby consents to immediate dismissal or transfer of any such action instituted in any other forum or venue.

21. **Multiple Counterparts.** This LURA may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature pages follow]

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IN WITNESS HERETO, the parties herein have caused this LURA to be executed at the place and one the day specified hereinabove.

OWNER:

Witnesses

Signature

Print Name

Address

Signature

Print Name

Address

_____,
a Florida limited liability company,

By: _____, a
Florida limited liability company, its Manager

Signature

Print Name

Title

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence
or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20__ by
_____ of _____, a Florida
limited liability company, on behalf of the company. They are personally known to me or has
produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

DON G. DONALDSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY

ELYSSE A. ELDER
ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description

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EXHIBIT B

Consent and Subordination of Lienholder

Prepared by:
[name]
[title, organization]
[address]

After Recording Return to:
Martin County
Growth Management Department
2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, FL 34996

CONSENT AND SUBORDINATION OF LIENHOLDER

The undersigned Lienholder hereby consents to the execution and recordation of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions ("LURA") by and between MARTIN COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County"), and _____, a Florida _____ ("Owner"), the owner of that certain real property identified on Exhibit A to the LURA ("Property"). A copy of the LURA is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

The undersigned Lienholder hereby wholly subordinates its lien(s) on the Property, dated _____ and recorded in Official Records Book _____, Page _____, Public Records of Martin County, Florida, to the LURA and the covenants, conditions, and restrictions therein, such that a foreclosure (or the execution of an instrument in lieu of foreclosure) of the Lienholder's lien(s) shall not extinguish the LURA.

The Lienholder acknowledges and agrees, and this Consent and Subordination of Lienholder shall be recorded by the Owner in the Official Records of Martin County, Florida, and a copy of the recorded document shall be provided by the Owner to the Lienholder.

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Witnesses:

Signature

Print Name

Address

Signature

Print Name

Address

STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____(name of officer or agent, title of officer or agent) of _____(name of company acknowledging), a _____(state or place of incorporation) company, on behalf of the company. He/she is personally known to me or has produced _____(type of identification) as identification.

LIENHOLDER:

Signature

Print Name

Title

Notary Public

EXHIBIT 1 to CONSENT AND SUBORDINATION OF LIENHOLDER

[attach Land Use Restriction Agreement between Owner and County]

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