

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498
PHONE: (800) 678-8171 FAX: (515) 243-3854

TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Fort Bend

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

ss.

Bond No. TX 806201

That we, Mark Flathouse, as Principal, and the
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound
unto Fort Bend County Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of
Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which we
hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 18th
day of March, 2013, duly Appointed
to the office of Fire Marshal in and for Fort Bend
County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 18th day of March, 2021 and ending the 18th day of March, 2022.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid
officer, and shall
"faithfully perform the duties of office"

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made
against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under
this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating
that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2020

Mark Flathouse

Principal

Mark Flathouse

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)

By: Carrie Idolchcock

Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Fort Bend

Before me, Vanessa McKeehan

ss.

, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

Mark Flathouse

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing
instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Fort Bend County

this 27th day of April, 2021

SEAL



VANESSA MCKEEHAN
My Notary ID # 131458572
Expires February 20, 2022

Fort Bend County, Texas.

PO 0123 TX (2/15)

CCM 4-6-2021 # 16
Fort Bend County Clerk
Return Admin Serv Coord - RAC

07/14/2021 Original retained by Co.Clerk;
Copy (e) sent to Melissa Galicia, Fire Marshal's office



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OATH OF OFFICE
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

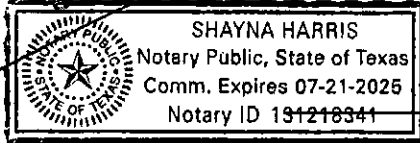
UTM

I, MARC FLATHOUC, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Fort Bend County Fire Marshal OFFICER of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at 1521 Eugene Heimann, Richmond Texas, this 2nd day of July, 2021

SEAL



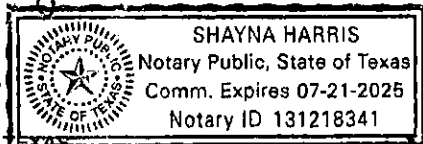
OATH OF OFFICE
(General)

I, MARC FLATHOUC, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Fort Bend County Fire Marshal of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at 1521 Eugene Heimann, Richmond Texas, this 2nd day of July, 2021

SEAL



Fort Bend County, Texas

The foregoing bond of _____ in and for _____ County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date _____

County Court Clerk

County Judge, County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk

By _____ Deputy County Court _____ County

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY™
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Carrie Hitchcock; Daniel McDonald; Kathryn N Williams; Katrina Thornhill; Shanda Conroy

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015.

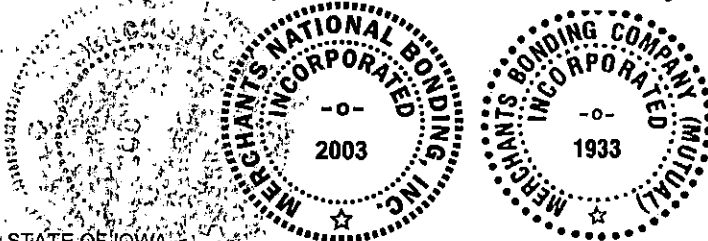
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 18th day of March, 2021.



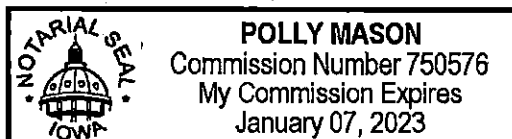
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By

Larry Taylor
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss:

On this 18th day of March, 2021, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



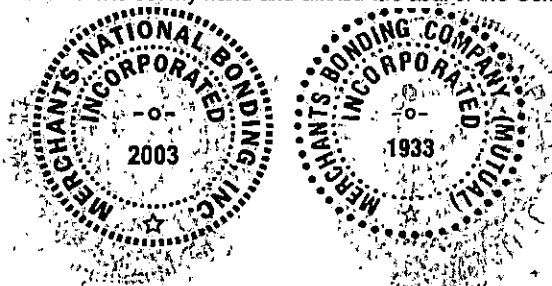
(Expiration of notary's commission
does not invalidate this instrument)

Polly Mason

Notary Public

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 4th day of December, 2020.



William Warner Jr.
Secretary



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company:

Call: Compliance Officer at 800-678-8171

Toll-free: 1-800-678-8171

Email: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

Mail: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, IA 50306-3498

To get insurance information you may also contact your agent:

McDonald & Wessendorff Insurance

Call: 281-342-6837

Mail: 611 Morton St Richmond, TX 77469

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

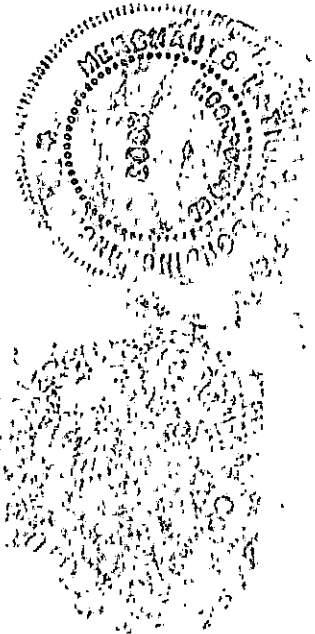
Mail: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 149091, Austin, TX 78714-9091

TEXAS ENDORSEMENT

The following has been added, and supersedes any provision to the contrary.

The following actions shall be commenced within 2 years and 1 day:

1. Any claim, action, suit or proceeding against the Surety.



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**FILED AND RECORDED
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS**

Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk

Fort Bend County Texas

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