

Tax Parcel No.: 335-8.14-44.01

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
UTILITY EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

This AMENDED AND RESTATED UTILITY EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) made this ___ day of October, 2020, by and between **HOWARD RITTER** and **JACQUELINE RITTER**, husband and wife, residents of the State of Delaware (jointly, the “Ritters”), and **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF LEWES**, a chartered utilities board (“BPW”) (the Ritters and BPW are hereinafter referred to jointly as the “Parties”).

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, the Ritters are the fee owners of that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land with improvements thereon, situate in Lewes & Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County and State of Delaware, being identified on the tax maps of Sussex County as Tax Parcel Number 335-8.14-44.01 (the “Ritter Parcel”), as a portion of said parcel is shown on a survey entitled “Permanent Utility Easement Across the Lands of Howard Ritter and Jacqueline Ritter,” prepared by Charles M. O'Donnell, III, P.E., of George, Miles & Buhr, LLC, dated May 2020, and attached hereto as *Exhibit A* and incorporated herein by reference (the “Easement Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Ritters and BPW executed and recorded that certain Utility Easement and Maintenance Agreement, on February 28, 2019, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County and State of Delaware as Deed Book 5022, Page 14 (the “Original Easement”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Original Easement, the Ritters granted the BPW a 10’ Wide Permanent Utility Easement, **which the Parties together desire to vacate and replace with a new 20’ Wide Permanent Utility Easement, all as show on the Easement Plan**; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the foregoing and in connection with the construction of certain utility improvements by BPW, this Agreement is prepared for the purpose of amending and restating the Original Easement in its entirety.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten and NO/100 Dollars (\$10.00), and the mutual covenants, promises, stipulations and agreements contained herein, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties do covenant and declare that they shall hereby amend, restate, supersede, and replace the Original Easement in its entirety as set forth herein:

1. Easement. The Ritters hereby grant unto BPW, its successors and assigns, a perpetual utility and access easement and right of way, in, to, upon, under, over and through the area marked on the Easement Plan as “20’ Wide Permanent Utility Easement,” said easement being more particularly described in *Exhibit B* (the “Easement Area”), at any time that it may see fit for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, improving, installing, operating, inspecting, repairing, replacing, modifying, enlarging, renewing, or removing water and sanitary sewer utilities, including, but not limited to, manholes, a 10” diameter water main and 10” diameter sewer main, located on the described lands of the Ritters. The BPW and its contractors, agents, servants, licensees and invitees, appropriate utility providers and operators, and governmental agencies or authorities (collectively, “Permittees”), shall have, at all times, a non-exclusive and perpetual easement, right, and privilege of passage and use in, to, upon, over, and through the Easement Area.

2. No Obstructions. The Ritters shall not erect, cause, or permit to be caused, the erection or growth of, or permit or suffer to remain upon the Easement Area, any growth, building, structure, or other object or improvement extending or encroaching into, upon or over such area, in such manner as to impede the use by BPW and its Permittees of the Easement Area under this Agreement. In the event that the Ritters default in the performance of any of the obligations required to be observed or performed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, BPW shall have the right, but not the obligation, upon the expiration of thirty (30) days’ written notice to the Ritters to cure such default for the account of and at the expense of the Ritters, provided that the Ritters have not, prior to the expiration of such 30-day notice period, cured the default or commenced to cure the default and is diligently continuing such efforts to cure the same. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding sentence, in the event of

emergency conditions constituting a default hereunder, which will include without limitation, a default of such a nature that impairs BPW's access to the Easement Area, BPW acting in good faith shall have the right to cure such default upon such advance notice as is reasonably possible under the circumstances or, if necessary, without advance notice, so long as notice is given as soon as possible thereafter. To effectuate any such cure, BPW shall have the right to enter upon the Ritter Parcel (but not any buildings contained on or within the Ritter Parcel) to perform any necessary work or furnish any necessary materials or services to cure the default as BPW shall deem reasonably necessary or appropriate.

3. Maintenance of Easement Area. All costs and expenses necessary for the maintenance and repair of the utility facilities (collectively, "Maintenance") shall be undertaken by BPW; provided, however, that regular lawn mowing and landscaping of the Easement Area shall be the responsibility of the Ritters. All Maintenance shall be undertaken, performed and completed using quality materials and in a good and workmanlike manner by qualified, reputable and properly licensed and bonded contractors and subcontractors.

4. Governing Law; Severability; Amendments. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Delaware law. If any term or provision or any portion thereof, of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law. No amendment to this Agreement shall be valid unless such amendment is in writing and executed by the Parties.

5. Covenants Running With the Land; Enforcement. The covenants, easements, and restrictions created herein shall be deemed to be covenants and easements running with the Ritters' land, and shall be binding upon, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, tenants, licensees, invitees, successors, and assigns. The BPW's rights under this Agreement are personal and not appurtenant to other property besides that which is depicted on the Easement Plan but shall be binding upon BPW's successors and/or assigns. The Parties shall have the right to enforce this Agreement by bringing an appropriate

action(s) in law and/or equity including, but not limited to, the right to obtain specific performance of the terms of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and sealed the day and year above first written.

WITNESS:

_____ (SEAL)
HOWARD RITTER

_____ (SEAL)
JACQUELINE RITTER

STATE OF DELAWARE)
) SS.
COUNTY OF SUSSEX)

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this _____ day of October, 2020, personally came before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and county aforesaid, Howard Ritter and Jacqueline Ritter, husband and wife, residents of the State of Delaware, and parties to this Agreement, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this to be their act and deed.

GIVEN under my Hand Seal of Office, the day and year aforesaid.

Notary Public
Name: _____
My Commission Expires: _____

WITNESS:

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE
CITY OF LEWES

By: _____ (SEAL)
D. Preston Lee, P.E., President

STATE OF DELAWARE

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) SS.

COUNTY OF SUSSEX

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this _____ day of October, 2020, personally came before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and county aforesaid, D. Preston Lee, P.E., President of the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes, a Delaware municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the State of Delaware, party to this Agreement, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged this to be his act and deed and the act and deed of the said municipal corporation.

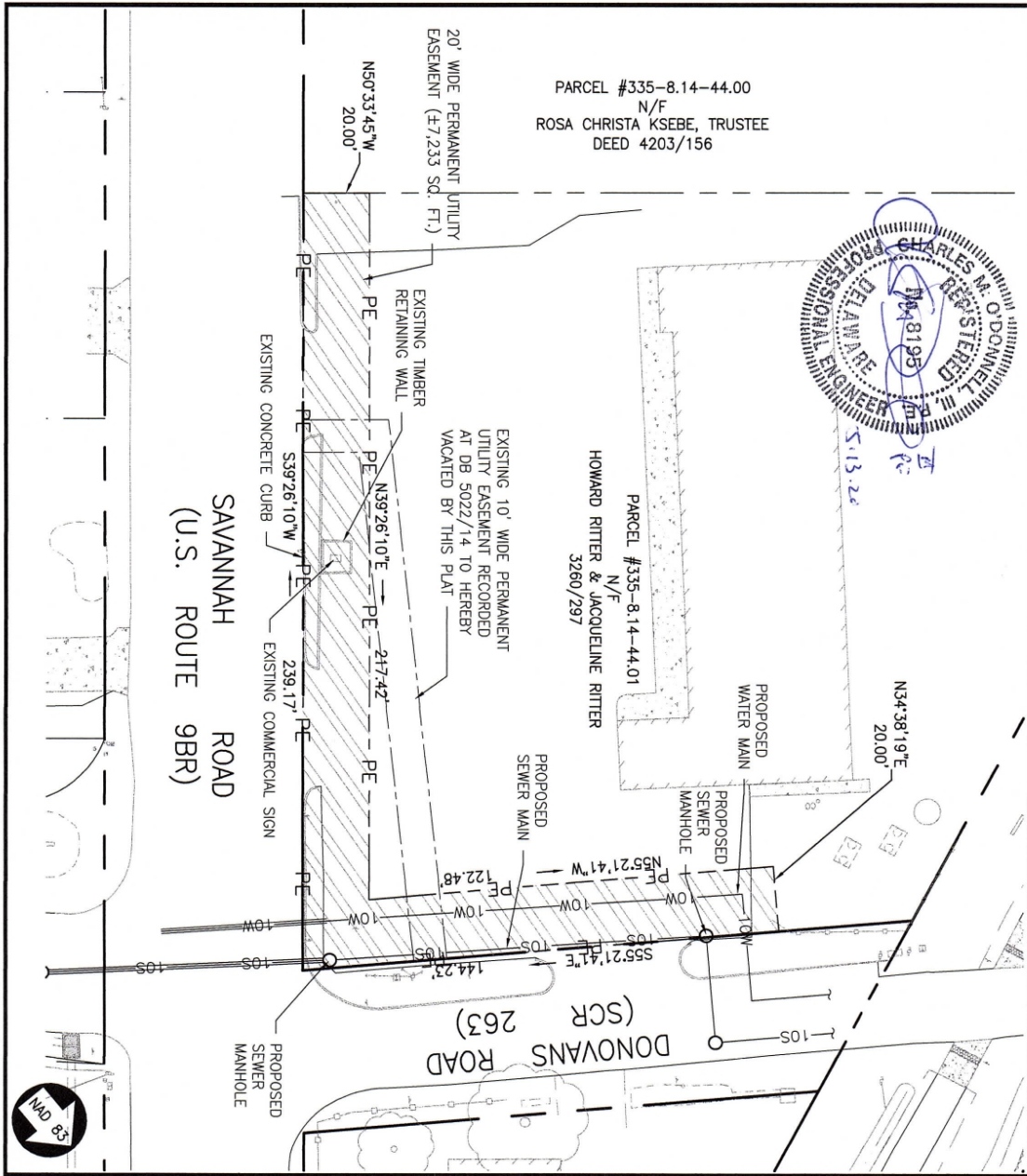
GIVEN under my Hand Seal of Office, the day and year aforesaid.

Notary Public

Name: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

EXHIBIT A



<p>PP-1</p> <p>DRAWING NO.</p>	<p>DATE: MAY 2020</p> <p>SCALE: 1" = 40'</p> <p>JOB NO.: 180029</p> <p>CK. BY: VAL</p> <p>DRAWN BY: JMK</p>	<p>GMB</p> <p>GEORGE, MILES & BUHR, LLC</p> <p>ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS</p> <p><small>SAUSBURY • BALTIMORE • SEAFORD</small></p> <p>www.gmbnet.com</p>	<p>PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT</p> <p>ACROSS THE LANDS OF</p> <p>HOWARD RITTER AND JACQUELINE RITTER</p> <p>LEWES & REHOBOTH HUNDRED</p> <p>SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE</p>
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EXHIBIT B

ALL that easement situate, on, over, under, across, along or through lands of the Ritters, at the corner of Savannah Road and Donovans Road near the city of Lewes, Lewes & Rehoboth Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, in Tax Map #3-35-8.14, parcel 44.01 as follows:

BEGINNING at a point at the corner of the northerly right-of-way line of Savannah Road and the westerly right-of-way line of Donovans Road, the following courses and distances:

1. **Thence** running with the northerly right-of-way line of Savannah Road **South 39 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West, 239.17 feet** to a point on the easterly property line of Rosa Christa Ksebe, Trustee,
2. **Thence** leaving said right-of-way line and turning and running along the said easterly property **North 50 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds West, 20.00 feet** to a point,
3. **Thence** turning and running **North 39 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds East, 217.42 feet** to a point,
4. **Thence** turning and running **North 55 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds West, 122.48 feet** to a point,
5. **Thence** turning and running **North 34 degrees 38 minutes 19 seconds East 20.00 feet** to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of Donovans Road,
6. **Thence** turning and running with said right-of-way line **South 55 degrees 21 minutes 14 seconds East, 144.23 feet** to a point on the northerly right-of-way line of Savannah Road and the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 7,233 square feet, more or less. Being the same land shown on a survey drawing prepared by George, Miles & Buhr, LLC entitled "Permanent Utility Easement Across the Lands of Howard Ritter and Jacqueline Ritter" dated May 2020.