

PERFORMANCE BOND

Bond No: 1103396

BY THIS BOND, WE, Meritage Homes of Florida, INC. as Principal, and The Hanover Insurance Company, as Surety, are bound to Hernando County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter "County," in the sum of ~~Two Million Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred~~ Thirty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents Dollars (\$ 2,021,633.54) for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents:

WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has applied, or will apply to the County for approval of a plat of a certain area of land within Hernando County, Florida, to be known as Kensington Place Project, and has agreed, or is required, as a condition to the approval of said plat by the County or pursuant to Land Development Regulations, to install all required, approved or dedicated improvements, which improvements consist of, but are not necessarily limited to, roads, drainage, sewer and water lines, and all other improvements installed in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the approval of said plat by the County is further conditioned upon the furnishing of an adequate Surety Bond to the County pursuant to the County's Land Development Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND is such that if the Principal:

- (a) Shall in all respects comply with the terms and conditions of the approval of said plat, specifically including, but not limited to, the completion of all required, approved, or dedicated roads, drainage, sewer and water improvements, and/or other improvements which were installed in connection with the Project pursuant to the approved plans and specifications heretofore filed with or approved by the County, and in accordance with the ordinances and regulations of the County; and
- (b) Shall complete all improvements within one (1) year after the final plat has received approval from the County through its Board of County Commissioners, unless a longer time for completion shall be allowed by said Board; and
- (c) Shall submit written requests for an inspection of all improvements to the County's Utilities and Public Works Departments, as applicable, at least sixty (60) days prior to the termination of the completion period; and
- (d) Shall submit an appropriate maintenance guarantee as required by the County's Land Development Regulations; and
- (e) County approval of subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall be required before this Bond may be cancelled or released. Principal shall notify County thirty (30) days before cancellation and release.

then this obligation shall be void. Otherwise, it remains in full force and effect.

AND the said Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no change involving an extension of time, alterations or additions to the terms of the improvements to be made hereunder, or in the plans, specifications and schedules covering the same, shall in any way affect the obligation of said Surety on this bond and the Surety does hereby waive notice of any such changes.

THIS BOND shall be for the use and benefit of the County if it should elect to proceed with said work upon the failure of the Principal to complete the improvements in connection with the project within one (1) year after final plat approval by the Board of County Commissioners, or any subsequent date provided through an agreement between the Principal and the County for an extension of time.

IT IS FURTHER understood that should Hernando County, Florida be required to institute legal proceedings in order to collect any funds under this bond, Meritage Homes of Florida, INC. (Principal), shall be responsible for attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have caused these presents to be duly executed this 9th day of November, 2023.

Meritage Homes of Florida, INC.

PRINCIPAL



Witness

Print Name: Kyle McKee
FP & A Analyst

By: 

Name: Glen Turk

Title: VP National Land Dev.

The Hanover Insurance Company

Surety

By: 

Name: Brenda Wong

Title: Attorney-in-Fact



Witness

Print Name: My Hua

THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY
MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY
CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

POWER OF ATTORNEY

THIS Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY and MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY, both being corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, (hereinafter individually and collectively the "Company") does hereby constitute and appoint,

Mechelle Larkin, My Hua, Kathy R. Mair, Regina Rangel, Brenda Wong, Tenzer V. Cunningham, Martha Gonzales, Joaquin Perez and/or Sokha Evans

Of Marsh Risk & Insurance Services, Inc. of Los Angeles, CA each individually, if there be more than one named, as its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact to sign, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver for, and on its behalf, and as its act and deed any place within the United States, any and all surety bonds, recognizances, undertakings, or other surety obligations. The execution of such surety bonds, recognizances, undertakings or surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Company, in their own proper persons. Provided however, that this power of attorney limits the acts of those named herein; and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner stated and to the extent of any limitation stated below:

Any such obligations in the United States, in any amount

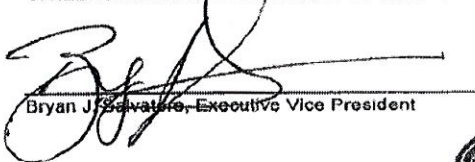
That this power is made and executed pursuant to the authority of the following Resolutions passed by the Board of Directors of said Company, and said Resolutions remain in full force and effect:

RESOLVED: That the President or any Vice President, in conjunction with any Vice President, be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to appoint Attorneys-in-fact of the Company, in its name and as it acts, to execute and acknowledge for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, waivers of citation and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, with power to attach thereto the seal of the Company. Any such writings so executed by such Attorneys-in-fact shall be binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company in their own proper persons.

RESOLVED: That any and all Powers of Attorney and Certified Copies of such Powers of Attorney and certification in respect thereto, granted and executed by the President or Vice President in conjunction with any Vice President of the Company, shall be binding on the Company to the same extent as if all signatures therein were manually affixed, even though one or more of any such signatures thereon may be facsimile. (Adopted October 7, 1981 – The Hanover Insurance Company; Adopted April 14, 1982 – Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company; Adopted September 7, 2001 – Citizens Insurance Company of America and affirmed by each Company on March 24, 2014)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY, MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY and CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have caused these presents to be sealed with their respective corporate seals, duly attested by two Vice Presidents, this 22nd day of October, 2021.

THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY
MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY
CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA


Bryan J. Salvatore, Executive Vice President



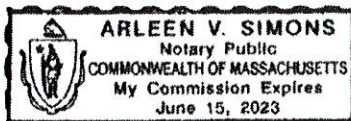
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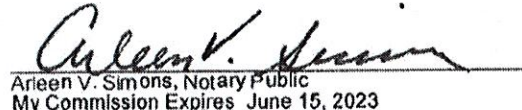

James H. Kawiecki, Vice President



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS)
COUNTY OF WORCESTER) ss.

On this 22nd day of October, 2021 before me came the above named Executive Vice President and Vice President of The Hanover Insurance Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described herein, and acknowledged that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the corporate seals of The Hanover Insurance Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, respectively, and that the said corporate seals and their signatures as officers were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said Corporations.



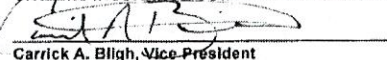

Arleen V. Simons, Notary Public
My Commission Expires June 15, 2023

I, the undersigned Vice President of The Hanover Insurance Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original Power of Attorney issued by said Companies, and do hereby further certify that the said Powers of Attorney are still in force and effect.

GIVEN under my hand and the seals of said Companies, at Worcester, Massachusetts, this 9 day of November, 2023

CERTIFIED COPY

THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY
MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY
CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA


Carrick A. Bligh, Vice President