

MAINTENANCE BOND

BY THIS BOND WE, Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc., as Principal, and Arch Insurance Company, as Surety, are bound to Hernando County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter "County", in the sum of (\$ Six Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three and 82/100 Dollars (\$658,733.82)) 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 Leyland Preserve (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 maintain 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 maintain all improvements within the project for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date established by the county for the beginning of the maintenance period; and
- B. During such maintenance period, shall provide any maintenance repairs required by the county to ensure the integrity of the improvements, as designed and constructed, is maintained, including but not limited to:
 - (1) Repair and/or replacement of pavement, culverts, catch basins, etc;
 - (2) Control of erosion, replacement of sod, removal of soil washed into the street or drainage system;
 - (3) Maintenance and/or replacement of regulatory signs and markings;
- C. Shall reimburse the County or district for any and all repairs it might make to the systems during the maintenance period; and
- D. 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;

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 maintain the improvements in connection with the Project for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date established by the county for the beginning of the maintenance period, or any subsequent date provided through an agreement between the Principal and the County for an extension of time.

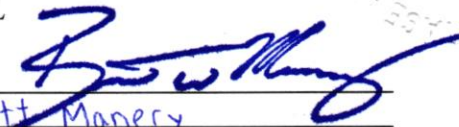
IT IS FURTHER understood that should Hernando County, Florida be required to institute legal proceedings in order to collect any funds under this bond, Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc. (Principal) shall be responsible for attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have caused these presents to be duly executed this 14th day of August, 2025.


Witness Kyle McKee

Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc.


PRINCIPAL

By: 
Name: Brett Manery
Title: VP-National Land Dev.


Witness Kaitlin Butler

Arch Insurance Company

SURETY

By: 
Name: Richard H. Mitchell
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

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. Not valid for Note, Loan, Letter of Credit, Currency Rate, Interest Rate or Residential Value Guarantees.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents:

That the Arch Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, having its principal administrative office in Jersey City, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") does hereby appoint:

Alisa B. Ferris, Anna Childress, Jeffrey M. Wilson, Mark W. Edwards II, Richard H. Mitchell, Robert R. Freil and William M. Smith of Birmingham, AL (EACH)

its true and lawful Attorney(s) in-Fact, to make, execute, seal, and deliver from the date of issuance of this power for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: Any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other surety obligations, in the penal sum not exceeding One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00). This authority does not permit the same obligation to be split into two or more bonds in order to bring each such bond within the dollar limit of authority as set forth herein.

The execution of such bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other surety obligations in pursuance of these presents shall be as binding upon the said Company as fully and amply to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by its regularly elected officers at its principal administrative office in Jersey City, New Jersey.

This Power of Attorney is executed by authority of resolutions adopted by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors of the Company on August 31, 2022, true and accurate copies of which are hereinafter set forth and are hereby certified to by the undersigned Secretary as being in full force and effect:

"**VOTED**, That the Chairman of the Board, the President, or the Executive Vice President, or any Senior Vice President, of the Surety Business Division, or their appointees designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or the Secretary shall have the power and authority to appoint agents and attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other surety obligations obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such officers of the Company may appoint agents for acceptance of process."

This Power of Attorney is signed, sealed and certified by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors of the Company on August 31, 2022:

VOTED, That the signature of the Chairman of the Board, the President, or the Executive Vice President, or any Senior Vice President, of the Surety Business Division, or their appointees designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, and the signature of the Secretary, the seal of the Company, and certifications by the Secretary, may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney or bond executed pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors on August 31, 2022, and any such power so executed, sealed and certified with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, shall continue to be valid and binding upon the Company. **In Testimony Whereof**, the Company has caused this instrument to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed by their authorized officers, this 30th day of June, 2025.

Attested and Certified

Regan A. Shulman

Regan A. Shulman, Secretary



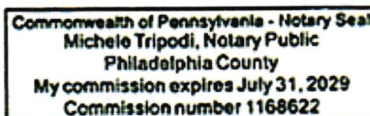
Arch Insurance Company

Stephen C. Ruschak

Stephen C. Ruschak, Executive Vice President

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA SS
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA SS

I, **Michele Tripodi**, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Regan A. Shulman and Stephen C. Ruschak personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are respectively as Secretary and Executive Vice President of the Arch Insurance Company, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and severally acknowledged that they being thereunto duly authorized signed, sealed with the corporate seal and delivered the said instrument as the free and voluntary act of said corporation and as their own free and voluntary acts for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



Michele Tripodi

Michele Tripodi, Notary Public
My commission expires 07/31/2029

CERTIFICATION

I, **Regan A. Shulman**, Secretary of the Arch Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the attached **Power of Attorney dated June 30, 2025** on behalf of the person(s) as listed above is a true and correct copy and that the same has been in full force and effect since the date thereof and is in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that the said Stephen C. Ruschak, who executed the Power of Attorney as Executive Vice President, was on the date of execution of the attached Power of Attorney the duly elected Executive Vice President of the Arch Insurance Company.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the Arch Insurance Company on this 14th day of August, 2025.

Regan A. Shulman

Regan A. Shulman, Secretary

This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named therein to the bonds and undertakings specifically named therein and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

PLEASE SEND ALL CLAIM INQUIRIES RELATING TO THIS BOND TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Arch Insurance Company Claims Department
Surety Claims
P.O. Box 542033
Omaha, NE 68154
suretyclaims@archinsurance.com



**To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please contact Arch Insurance Company at SuretyAuthentic@archinsurance.com
Please refer to the above named Attorney-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.**