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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF IREDELL

# CONTRACT FOR INSPECTIONS OF ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS TYPE II, III, IV and V

This Contract is entered into this 25th day of July, 2022 by and between TCW Wastewater Management, Inc., a North Carolina company of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina (hereinafter "TCW") and **Otha and Shameika Thornton**

## Preamble

TCW is contracting with The Owner to provide inspection services as described on Attachment A for the fees or charges also shown in Attachment A.

The Owner owns or controls the property upon which a ground absorption sewage treatment system ("System") is installed, such System being designated as a type II, III, IV or V system under the Rules for Sanitary Sewage Collection. Treatment and Disposal found at 15A N.C. Admin. Code 18A. 1900 et seq.; and 15A N.C. Admin. Code 18A.1961 requires that a condition of the Operation Permit for certain systems be that a properly executed inspection contract between the System Owner and a management entity shall be in effect for as long as the System is in use. TCW is a management entity which employees certified operators of a type authorized by 15A N.C. Admin. Code 18a.1961 to manage and inspect type II, III, IV, and V systems.

In consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and promises contained in this Agreement, it is hereby agreed by and between the Owner and TCW as stipulated below.

## Conditions of the Contract

A. TCW, in consideration of the payment by the Owner as set out in the schedule of services and charges in Attachment A, incorporated herein, agrees:

1) To provide the services set out in Attachment A according to the minimum schedule of inspections/services required by regulations for the lots or parcels set out in Attachment B.

2) To report results of the inspections to the local environmental regulatory agency having jurisdiction as required by applicable laws or regulations.

3) If inspections indicate the need for System repairs:

   a) to notify the local environmental regulatory agency within 48 hours.

   b) to give notice to the "Owner" of needed repairs, and, if the necessary repairs are outside the scope of the routine maintenance described in Attachment A, then The Owner may request TCW to provide an estimate. At the authorization of The Owner TCW will perform the necessary repairs at TCW's then prevailing charges for services and materials.

4) If TCW's services are terminated, TCW will notify the local environmental regulatory agency within 48 hours.

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B. The Owner, in consideration of the services performed, agrees:

1) To pay TCW for its services according to the schedule of charges as set out in Attachment A.

2) Within 30 days of receipt of notice of repairs under A (3) above, the Owner(s) must provide proof that repairs have been performed by a licensed or qualified entity and the System is functioning properly or request and authorize TCW to complete the needed repairs.

3) To notify TCW promptly of any emergency or malfunction known to it which may violate environmental, health, or other laws and regulations, and to authorize immediate repair as necessary to restore the System to proper function and operation.

4) To use reasonable efforts to provide and to maintain at all times, such access to the Systems as is reasonably necessary for TCW to comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

C. **Terms of the Agreement**

1) This Agreement shall be effective for one year from the date of this contract and will be automatically renewed from year-to-year thereafter, unless written notice of termination and non-renewal is given to the other party not less than 60 days prior to the end of the then current annual contract year.

2) The real property to be serviced under this contract is listed on Attachment B.

3) This Agreement automatically terminates if the Operation Permit for the system is revoked and all appeals of the revocation are exhausted or time for making an appeal has passed.

4) The parties may terminate at the end of the then current term by consent of each party or by not less than 60 days written notice to the other party prior to the end of the then current contract year, and not less than 30 days written notice to the local environmental regulatory agency.

5) This Agreement may be terminated for cause for breach which remains unremedied after 15 days written notice to the defaulting party.

D. **Limited Warranty**

TCW'S SOLE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS TO PROVIDE INSPECTION AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ONLY AS SPECIFIED IN THIS AGREEMENT. INSPECTIONS WILL COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE CODES, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE AT THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION AND REPORT. WORK AND MATERIALS USED IN REPAIRS ARE WARRANTED ONLY TO BE OF GOOD WORKMANSHIP, FREE OF DEFECTS, AND CONFORM TO THE SYSTEMS SPECIFICATIONS AND EQUAL TO THE ORIGINAL PARTS AND EQUIPMENT. THE OWNER'S SOLE REMEDY UNDER THIS EXPRESS WARRANTY IS REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE OR DAMAGES FOR DELAY ARE LIMITED TO TOTAL SUMS PAID TCW UNDER THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE PARTICULAR LOT OR PARCEL FOR THE THEN CURRENT YEAR. ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE EXPRESSLY AND SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED. REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS, ADDITIONS AND CHANGES BY OTHERS TO THE SYSTEMS COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO TCW OR ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK BY TCW DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT VOIDS ANY WARRANTY GRANTED HEREIN AS TO TCW.

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E. **Miscellaneous**

1) Transfer of rights, responsibilities, and duties under this Agreement by any party shall be valid only on written notice and consent signed by all parties, which consent shall not be unreasonably or arbitrarily withheld.

2) TCW may perform its duties and responsibilities by subcontract but TCW will remain directly liable and responsible to the Owner under the terms of this Agreement.

3) Waiver of default or a breach of the Agreement by any party shall not operate nor be construed as a waiver of further or subsequent defaults or breach of this Agreement. Failure to take action in any default or breach does not bear action on such default at any time subsequent to such breach or default.

4) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties, incorporating, and superseding all prior representations and negotiations and may not be changed or amended except in writing signed by the parties. The Agreement shall be interpreted under North Carolina law. Any part of the Agreement declared void, illegal, or unenforceable will not affect other provisions of the Agreement.

5) Disputes arising under this Agreement shall be determined by any method of Alternative Dispute Resolution the parties choose, including but not limited to, mediation or arbitration, under the Uniform Arbitration Act of North Carolina or its equivalent, or such means or methods as the parties agree to in writing.

6) Notices are deemed delivered if delivered in person; by certified or registered mail; by courier; or delivery service, if properly receipted, charges and postage prepaid, as follows:

Owner: Otha and Shameika Thornton
150 Northlake Dr
Statesville, NC 28677

Operator:
TCW Wastewater Management, Inc.
5600 Lakeview Rd
Charlotte, NC 28269

Environmental Regulatory Agency:

Iredell County Environmental Health
610 E. Center St.
Mooresville, NC 28115

A party may change its address my giving notice in the manner provided above.

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Each party has executed this Agreement with full power, authority, and legal right to enter into; to bind itself to the rights, duties and responsibilities under this Agreement, which is binding on the parties, their successors and assigns, heirs and personal representatives, on the date first above written.

WITNESS: _____

OWNER:

DocuSigned by:
Otha Thornton Jr
7/25/2022

DocuSigned by:
Shamieka Lorraine Thornton
7/25/2022

**TCW Wastewater Management, Inc.**

BY: _____

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**EXHIBIT A**
**TYPE II, III, IV**

# MONITORING & INSPECTION PLAN

1. **COST:** **INITIAL CONTRACT YEAR:** **$ 350.00 (2 required inspections)**
**$ N/A (0 required lab)**
**$ 350.00 Total Initial Year**

**RENEWAL YEARS:** **$ TBD (2 required inspections)**
**$ N/A (0 required lab)**
**$ TBD Total Renewal Years**

a. The Owner shall pay to TCW the aforementioned sums for each parcel listed on Attachment B. The initial annual fees are payable upon the execution of the contract. Annual billings will be made thereafter and payable within 30 days of billing. The annual billings will be made on the anniversary dates. The annual renewal fees may increase no more than 5% per year. The Owner shall pay to TCW his normal and customary fees for any authorized work performed on the System as a result of non-scheduled service or maintenance calls. These fees are due and payable within 30 days of billing. Payments due to TCW, and unpaid by the Owner after 30 days, shall be assessed late payment fee of 15% per month, accruing monthly on the unpaid balance.

2. **PERFORMANCE DUTIES:**

- Inspections and services that meet state requirements, i.e., inspections of System using an itemized check list, monitoring "septic tanks" to insure proper operation, and make adjustments of imbalances to systems through the distribution devices.
- Inspection report copies are sent to the environmental regulatory agency (if applicable) and homeowner
- Emergency service calls at an additional charge.
- 24-hour availability at an additional charge.
- The Owner will be advised of any repairs needed and estimated cost or repairs. Repairs will not be made without Owner authorization.
- The Owner will be advised when pumping is recommended

**Bacteria Additive Option – Additional $60 per year:**

- The addition of a bacterial product into the individual septic tank as needed to maintain the proper level of bacteria.

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## EXHIBIT B

1. PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF SYSTEM(S):

150 Northlake Dr
Statesville, NC 28677

Northlake Lot 66

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____