

CITY OF NORMAN

MAINTENANCE BOND

Know all men by these presents that Vortex Services, LLC, as Principal, and Ascot Surety & Casualty Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, and authorized to transact business in the State of Oklahoma, as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto THE CITY OF NORMAN, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oklahoma, herein called CITY, in the sum of One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$ 172,630.00), such sum being equal to the contract price and being in force for a period of one year from the date of the acceptance of the below described improvements by the City Council, and thereafter for the sum of Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Seven and 50/100 DOLLARS (\$ 43,157.50), such sum being no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the contract price and being in force for a period of two years thereafter, for the payment of which sum PRINCIPAL and SURETY bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally.

WHEREAS, the conditions of this obligation are such that the PRINCIPAL, being the lowest and best bidder on the following project:

K-2526-Halifax and Ridgemont Stormwater Pipe Lining

has entered into a written CONTRACT (~~K-2425-69~~ ^{K-2526-144}) with the CITY OF NORMAN, dated this ____ day of February, 2026 for the erection and construction of this PROJECT, that CONTRACT being incorporated herein by references as if fully set forth; and,

WHEREAS, under the ordinances of the CITY the PRINCIPAL is required to furnish to the CITY a maintenance bond covering said construction of this PROJECT, the bond to include the terms and provisions hereinafter set forth, as a condition precedent to final acceptance of the PROJECT.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the PRINCIPAL shall keep and maintain, subject to normal wear and tear, the construction, except for defects not occasioned by improper workmanship, materials, or failure to protect new work until it is accepted, and if the PRINCIPAL shall promptly repair, without notice from the CITY or expense to the CITY any and all defects arising from improper workmanship, materials, or failure to protect new work until it is accepted; all for a period of three (3) years from the date of the written final acceptance by the CITY, then this obligation shall be null and void. The amount of the Maintenance Bond shall be 100 % of the contract amount. Otherwise, this obligation shall remain in full force and effect at all times.

Provided further, however, that upon neglect, failure or refusal of the PRINCIPAL to maintain or make any needed repairs upon the construction on the PROJECT, as set out in the preceding paragraph, within ten (10) days after the mailing of notice to the PRINCIPAL by letter deposited in the United States Post Office at Norman, Oklahoma, addressed to the PRINCIPAL at the address set forth below, then the PRINCIPAL and SURETY shall jointly and severally be liable to the CITY for the cost and expense for making such repair, or otherwise maintaining the said construction.

It is further expressly agreed and understood by the parties hereto that no changes or alterations in said CONTRACT and no deviations from the plan or mode of procedure herein fixed shall have the effect of releasing the sureties, or any of them, from the obligations of this Bond.



Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THE PRESENTS:

That Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company, each a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado (the "Companies"), do hereby constitute and appoint:

Robert F. Bobo, Aaron P. Clark, Timothy F. Kelly, Teresa D. Kelly, Laura Kneitz, Rachel Richardson, Nick Patetta, Craig C. Payne, Tami Jones, Daisy Greathouse, Erica Kneitz, Kala Kelly, Lauren Rumsey, Ivette Bustos, Walker Wilks, and Allison Howell

of Houston, TX (city, state) and each its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full authority to sign, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver for, and on its behalf, and as its act and deed any place within the United States, or, if the following line is filled in, only within the area and up to the amount therein designated, any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and other contracts of indemnity or writings obligatory in the nature thereof, issued in the course of its surety business, and to bond the Companies as follows:

Any such obligations in the United States not to exceed \$100,000,000.00.

The Companies hereby ratify and confirm all and whatsoever said Attorney(s)-in-fact may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents. These appointments are made under and by authority Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies, which resolutions are still in effect:

RESOLVED, that any of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer or the Chief Underwriting Officer, acting in conjunction with the head of the surety business line for the Corporation (each an Authorized Individual" and, collectively, the Authorized Individuals", are authorized to jointly appoint one or more attorneys-in-fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Corporation in the transaction of the Corporation's surety business to execute (under the common seal of the Corporation if appropriate) bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other contracts of indemnity and writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

RESOLVED, that in conjunction with the Corporation's transaction of surety business the signatures and attestations of the Authorized Individuals and the seal of the Corporation be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto (electronic or otherwise) by facsimile and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seals (electronic or otherwise) shall be valid and bonding upon the Corporation when so affixed with respect to any bond, undertaking, recognizance or tother contract of indemnity or writing obligatory in the nature thereof;

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Corporation's transaction of surety business, the facsimile electronic or mechanically reproduced signature of any Authorized Individual, whether made heretofore or hereafter, whenever appearing upon a copy of any Power of Attorney of the Corporation, with signatures affixed as next above noted, shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents with the respective corporate seals and to be executed by the individuals named below who are duly authorized and empowered to execute the Power of Attorney on the Companies' behalf, this 13th day of March 2025.



ASCOT SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY
ASCOT INSURANCE COMPANY

[Signature]
Matthew Conrad Kramer (Chief Executive Officer)

[Signature]
Jara North (Executive Vice President, Surety)

STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD) ss.

On this 13th day of March 2025, before me came the above named Chief Executive Officer of each Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company and the head of the surety business line for each of Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individuals described herein, and acknowledged that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument and the corporate seals of each Ascot Surety & Casualty Company and Ascot Insurance Company, and that the said corporate seals and signatures were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said Companies.

KSENIA E. GUSEVA
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
My Commission Expires June 30, 2029

[Signature]
Notary Public Ksenia E Guseva
My commission expires on June 30, 2029

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing excerpts of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies, and the Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and further certify that both the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies.

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Corporation's transaction of surety business the signatures and attestations of the Authorized Individuals and the seal of the Corporation be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto (electronic or otherwise) by facsimile and any such Power of Attorney of certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal (electronic or otherwise) shall be valid and binding upon the Corporation when so affixed with respect to any bond, undertaking, recognizances or other contract of indemnity or writing obligatory in the nature thereof;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies, this _____ day of February, 2026.

ASCOT SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY
ASCOT INSURANCE COMPANY

[Signature]
John Gill, Secretary