

# CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Q July 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of a license agreement for a subdivision entryway sign with Charrington

Green Homeowner's Association as part of the 2016 Entryway Grant Program.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services, Engineering Division

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Charrington Green Homeowners Association (HOA) is proposing to replace the existing subdivision entry sign located in the right-of-way of Meadowbrook Road at Marks Drive. The proposed improvements include replacement of the existing entryway sign with a new sign in the same location, and upgraded energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) lighting.

The location of the sign in the right-of-way was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals in 1990. The design of the proposed sign includes break away notches on the posts attached to the sign foundation behind a façade.

The HOA has been awarded funds under the 2016 Entryway Grant program for the sign and lighting improvements. They have engaged the services of a sign contractor to produce detailed plans of their design. In their grant application, the HOA describes the public benefits of positive visual improvement of the updated sign, and improved LED lighting having reduced glare to motorists as well as being more environmentally considerate and economical. The HOA has plans in the near future to improve the landscaping at the entrance, however landscape improvements are not part of the current project being funded in part by the 2016 Entryway Grant.

The license agreement is part of the right-of-way permitting process to specify that the maintenance of the sign and lighting is the responsibility of the subdivision. The license agreement includes a requirement that record drawings of any utilities or other objects placed underground be produced for use in any future City maintenance or construction activities in these locations.

The license agreement has been favorably reviewed by staff and the City Attorney (see Beth Saarela's June 30, 2016 letter attached).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of a license agreement for a subdivision entryway sign with Charrington Green Homeowners Association as part of the 2016 Entryway Grant Program.

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June 30, 2016

Darcy N. Rechtien, Engineering Technician CITY OF NOVI Department of Public Services Field Services Complex 26300 Lee BeGole Drive Novi, MI 48375

> Re: Charrington Green License Agreement

Dear Ms. Rechtien:

We have received and reviewed Charrington Green's License Agreement for placement of subdivision entry signage within the public right-of-way. The License Agreement is the City's standard form for encroachments into public right-of-way or easement areas. It provides for the City to require removal of the encroachment, at no cost to the City in the event that the City must access the encroachment area. Furthermore, the property owner is required to indemnify the City for any liability relating to use or maintenance of the encroachments and is responsible for any damages to the sign cause by the City's use of the right-of-way for plowing and other types of road maintenance.

We made substantive modifications to the insurance requirements to be more consistent with the insurance coverage that the City requires from contractors. The original insurance requirements in the License Agreement form included certain non-standard requirements that the Homeowner's Association's insurer objected to and that were costly but provided no additional benefit. For example, the License Agreement required the coverage to include an umbrella policy. Instead, the insurer is providing comprehensive general liability insurance in the full amount that was previously required to be divided between general liability and umbrella policies. Additionally, the insurer will provide the City with 30, rather than 60 days' notice of cancellation. A 30-day cancellation endorsement is standard with respect to City contractors. Because the insurance provided still includes the City as an additional insured, provides the City with the same amount of coverage, and is primary non-contributory coverage, we see no legal impediment to the City entering into the License Agreement enclosed. The City's License Agreements will contain the modified insurance requirements going forward.

Darcy N. Rechtien, Engineering Technician June 30, 2016 Page 2

We note that since the public right-of-way in question does not have a separate parcel number, the License Agreement cannot be recorded with the Register of Deeds and the originals should remain on file with the City with a copy provided to the Homeowner's Association. There would be no benefit to recording the License Agreement in any event since the City is unlikely to sell the public right-of-way, therefore, record notice of the agreement is unnecessary.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns in regard to this matter.

Very truly-yours,

JOHNSON, ROSATI, SCHULTZ & JOPPICH, P.C.

Elizabeth Kudla Saarela

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Enclosure

C: Cortney Hanson, Clerk Rob Hayes, Public Services Director Brian Coburn, Engineering Manager

Thomas R. Schultz, Esquire

### LICENSE AGREEMENT

Agreement made this 30+10 day of 5000, by and between the CITY OF NOVI, a Michigan municipal corporation ("City"), whose address is 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, and Charrington Green, a Homeowner's Association ("Licensee"), whose address is P.O. Box 7025, Novi, MI 48376-7025 with regard to the Charrington Green subdivision, or other property described as

- Meadowbrook Rd, and Marks Dr.
- 1. The City hereby grants to Licensee a license to occupy and use the public right-of-way, solely for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the subdivision entranceway sign in the form, and only in the location, shown on Exhibit A, attached and incorporated by reference, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Such occupancy shall be on the property described on Exhibit A.
- 2. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, by giving written notice to the other, specifying the date of termination, such notice to be given not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date specified in such notice for the date of termination. Licensee shall forthwith remove all signage and all structures associated with such signage upon notice of termination of this license. The City may remove such signage and structures upon Licensee's failure to remove the same within thirty (30) days of notice of termination. Licensee shall be responsible for all costs associated with such removal, including any costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the City in securing such removal or collecting from the Licensee the costs associated with such removal.

Upon completion of improvements in the right-of-way, Licensee shall provide record drawings of the location of anything placed underground within the right-of-way. Licensee is

responsible for the cost of any repairs to any of its improvements, above ground or below ground, that may be required as a result of City maintenance or construction work within the public right-of-way.

- 3. Licensee shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against all liability for personal injuries, property damage, or for loss of life or property resulting from, or in any way connected with, the condition or use of the premises covered by this license, or any means of ingress to or egress from such premises, except liability caused solely by the negligence of the City, its agents, officers or employees.
- 4. Licensee shall procure and maintain so long as the license is in effect comprehensive general liability insurance naming as additional insureds the City of Novi, its officers, agents and employees, to protect from claims for damages because of bodily injury or death and from claims for injury or destruction of property including loss of use resulting therefrom, any and all of which may arise out of or result from the Licensee's use of the licensed premises. The limits of liability for bodily injury including accidental death shall be \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. The limits of liability for property damage shall be \$1,000,000.00 The policy shall include general aggregate coverage in the amount of per occurrence. \$2,000,000. Such insurance shall be furnished by an insurance company qualified to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the City. The insurance shall be primary and noncontributory with respect to the additional insureds. The Licensee shall provide an endorsement on the insurance policy providing for thirty (30) days written, advance notice of cancellation to be furnished to the City of Novi.

- 5. This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties and any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Agreement shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent incorporated in this Agreement.
- 6. Any modification of this Agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this Agreement shall be binding only if evidenced in writing signed by each party or an authorized representative of each party.
- 7. Any notice provided for or concerning this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed sufficiently given when sent by certified or registered mail if sent to the respective address of each party as set forth at the beginning of this Agreement.
- 8. The rights of each party under this Agreement are personal to that party and may not be assigned or transferred to any other person, firm, corporation, or other entity without the prior, express, and written consent of the other party.
  - 9. This Agreement does not grant or convey an interest in any property to Licensee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party to this Agreement has caused it to be executed on the date indicated below.

CITY OF NOVI

By

Rob Hayes, City Engineer

LICENSEE
Charrington Green Homeowner's Association

Charrington Green Homeowner's Association

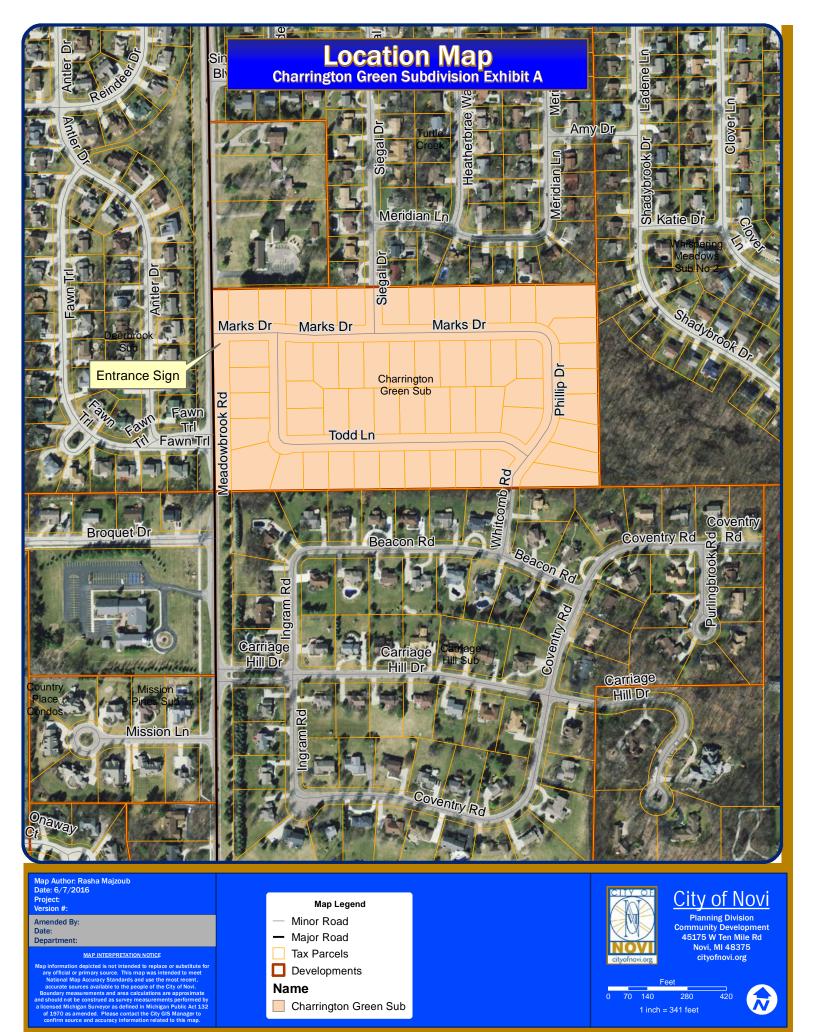
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# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 6/30/2016

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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Plymouth	MI 48170	INSURER A Auto Owners Insurance Co	18988		
INSURED		INSURER B:			
Charrington Green Homeowners Association PO Box 7025		INSURER C:			
		INSURER D:			
		INSURER E:			
Novi	MI 48376	INSURER F:			
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TYPE OF INSURANCE LIMITS LTR (MM/DD/YYYY) (MM/DD/YYYY) INSR WVD POLICY NUMBER **GENERAL LIABILITY** 1,000,000 EACH OCCURRENCE DAMAGE TO RENTED \$ 300,000 X COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY \$ PREMISES (Ea occurrence) 6/30/2016 6/30/2017 10,000 CLAIMS-MADE X OCCUR 04779302 Α MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 1,000,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 2,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ \$ X POLICY COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY BODILY INJURY (Per person) ANY AUTO \$ SCHEDULED AUTOS NON-OWNED AUTOS ALL OWNED AUTOS **BODILY INJURY (Per accident)** \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE \$ HIRED AUTOS \$ UMBRELLALIAB OCCUR EACH OCCURRENCE \$ **EXCESS LIAB** CLAIMS-MADE AGGREGATE \$ DED RETENTION \$ WORKERS COMPENSATION WC STATU-TORY LIMITS AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT

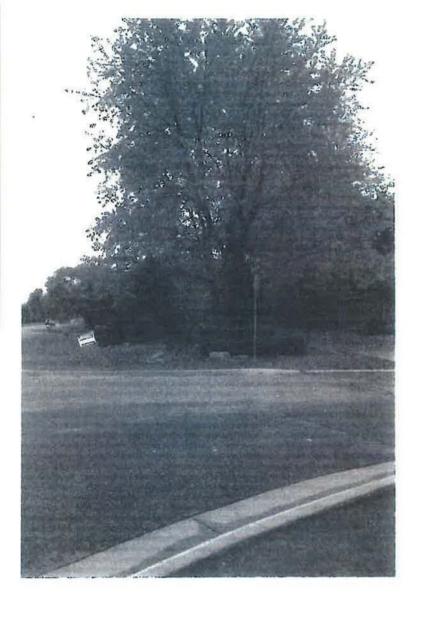
DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)
The City of Novi, its Officers, Agents and Employees are included as an Additional Insured under the
General Liability coverage as respect to License Agreement for Sign permit relating to Named Insureds'
premises. Insurance is Primary/Non-contributory in favor of the Additional Insured.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION		
City of Novi	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.		
45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE		
_	Lenore Wengert/AMH Lenore Wengert		









This is a view of the northeast corner of our subdivision entryway. This area is not included as part of our project for the entryway grant.



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Page 22 Attachment J Proposed Sign with Dimensions

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