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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we J. E. Pierce Builders, Inc. 1230 Burnham, Calumet City, IL

as Principal, and the AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, with its principal office at Indianapolis, Indiana, as Surety, are held firmly bound unto City of Merrillville, In. hereinafter called Obligee, in

the penal sum of Five Thousand and no/100 (\$ 5,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of January, 19 80

WHEREAS, the said Obligee has granted or is about to grant to the said Principal a License or Permit to engage in the business of general contractor

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall indemnify the Obligee against any loss directly arising by reason of the failure to comply with the laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations governing said business, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Surety shall have the right to terminate its liability hereunder by serving written notice upon the Obligee thirty (30) days in advance of its intention to do so.

Term of Bond: January 1, 19 80, to December 31

J. E. Pierce Builders, Inc. Principal

John A. Fjortz AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY

By Linda Forsythe Attorney-in-Fact



STATE OF INDIANA, S. NO. LAKE COUNTY FILED FOR RECORD JAN 20 11 00 AM '80 WILLIAM WIELSKI JR RECORDER

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that American States Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, and having its principal office in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

LINDA FORSYTHE

of Wheaton and State of Illinois its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings,

provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed ONE MILLION AND NO/100 (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS

and to bind the Corporation thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the common seal of the Corporation and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in the premises. This Power of Attorney is executed and may be revoked pursuant to and by authority granted by Section 7.07 of the By-Laws of the American States Insurance Company, which reads as follows:

"The Chairman of the Board, the President or any Vice-President shall have power, by and with the concurrence with the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, to appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact as the business of the Corporation may require or to authorize any one of such persons to execute, on behalf of the Corporation, any bonds, recognizances, stipulations and undertakings, whether by way of surety or otherwise"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, American States Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice-President,

attested by its Assistant Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 24th day of March

A. D. 19 77

AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY

(SEAL)

By William M. Evans Second Vice-President

ATTEST: Stanley L. Riegel Assistant Secretary

STATE OF INDIANA } SS: COUNTY OF MARION }

On this 24th day of March, A. D., 19 77, before me personally came

William M. Evans

to me known, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged the execution of the above instrument and did depose and say: that he is Vice-President of American States Insurance Company; that he knows the seal of said Corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Corporation; and that he signed his name

thereto by like order. And said William M. Evans further said that he is acquainted with Stanley L. Riegel and knows him to be the Assistant Secretary of said Corporation; and that he executed the above instrument.

January 10, 1981 My Commission Expires

Linda J. Cannon Notary Public

STATE OF INDIANA } SS: COUNTY OF MARION }

I, Thomas M. Ober, the Assistant Secretary of AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY, which is still in full force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of American States Insurance Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1972.

"RESOLVED: That the use of a printed facsimile of the corporate seal of the company and of the signature of an Assistant Secretary on any certification of the correctness of a copy of an instrument executed by the President or a Vice-President pursuant to Section 7.07 of the By-Laws appointing and authorizing an Attorney-in-Fact to sign in the name and on behalf of the company surety bonds, underwriting undertakings or other instruments described in said Section 7.07, with like effect as if such seal and such signature had been manually affixed and made, hereby is authorized and approved."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Corporation, this 21st

day of January, A. D., 1980

(SEAL)

Thomas M. Ober Assistant Secretary