



AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-1275
COUNTY UNIFIED BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That ALLEN R. PENNINGTON DBA PENNINGTON HARDWOOD FLOORING
of 11199 W. St, Rd 2, Lot 85, Westville, IN 46391 as Principal
and AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY duly authorized to transact surety business in the State of Indiana, as
Surety, are held and firmly bound unto all cities, towns & municipalities of Lake County, Indiana
in the penal sum of FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, lawful money of the United States, for the
payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns,
jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed, sealed and dated this 4th day of February, 19 97.

Chapter 88 of IC17-2 requires the Principal to file this bond and guarantees the compliance with the ordinance
and regulations of the County or a city or town within LAKE County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the above bounden Principal shall
on and after the 4th day of February, 19 97, indemnify said Oblige against
all loss, costs, expenses or damage to it caused by said Principal's non-compliance with or breach of any laws, statutes,
ordinances, rules or regulations pertaining to such license or permit, then the above obligation shall be void, otherwise
to be and remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED the term of the bond is continuous.

AND, PROVIDED, the Surety may cancel this bond at any time by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing mailed
to the Oblige.

PROVIDED FURTHER, regardless of the number of years this bond shall continue or be continued in full force and
of the number of premiums that shall be payable or paid, the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for a larger amount,
in the aggregate, than the amount of this bond.

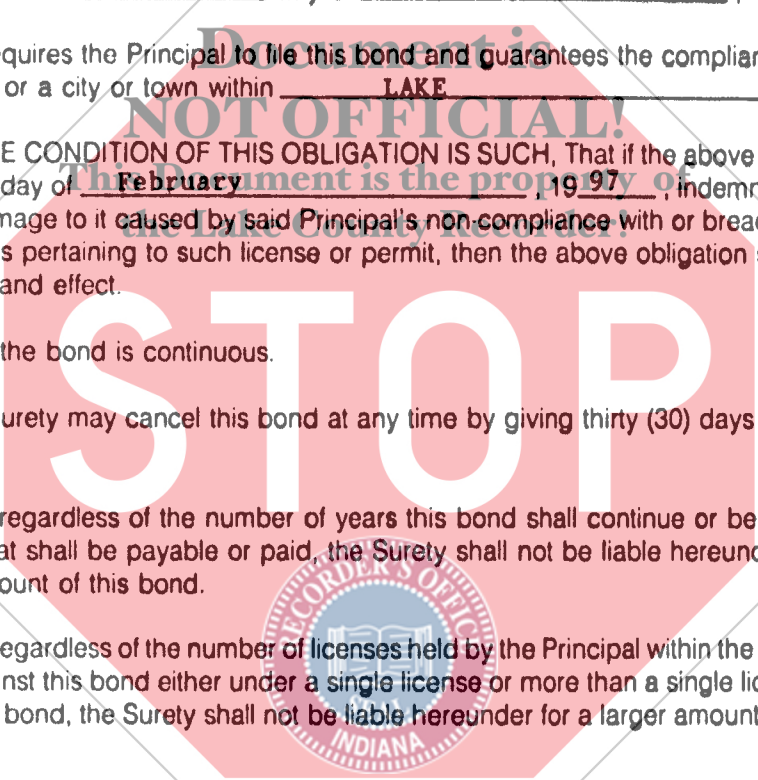
PROVIDED FURTHER, regardless of the number of licenses held by the Principal within the County and the number
of claims that may be filed against this bond either under a single license or more than a single license, the total of which
may exceed the penalty of this bond, the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for a larger amount, in the aggregate, than
the amount of this bond.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that this bond shall be not construed to provide indemnity as a result of the Principal's failure
to perform the terms of a construction contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Allen R. Pennington
ALLEN R. PENNINGTON Principal
AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: Roseann Keiser
ROSEANN KEISER Attorney-in-Fact



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American States Insurance Company

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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

ROSE M. AUGUSTINE, ROSEANN KEISER OR DEBORAH L. GUTHRIE

of Merrillville and State of Indiana
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
TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$250,000.00) 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, the President or any Vice-President (including any Executive Vice-President, Senior Vice-President, Second Vice-President or Assistant Vice-President) shall have power, by and with the concurrence with any other officer of the Corporation, to appoint Attorneys-in-fact as the business of the Corporation may require and to authorize any such person 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 Second Vice-President, attested by its Assistant Vice-President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 5th day of January
A D 19 94
AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY

ATTEST [Signature] By Joseph F. Heim
Assistant Vice-President Second Vice-President

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF MARION } SS
On this 5th day of January, A.D., 19 94, before me personally came

Joseph F. Heim, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged the execution of the above instrument and did depose and say; that he is a Second 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 authority of the Board of Directors of said Corporation; and that he signed his name thereto under like authority. And said Joseph F. Heim further said that he is acquainted with John J. Rosich and knows him to be the Assistant Vice-President of said Corporation; and that he executed the above instrument.

IRITA BROWN, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 12/4/96
Resident of Marion County [Signature]
Notary Public

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF MARION } SS
I, John J. Rosich, the Assistant Vice-President 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 force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of Section 8.03 of the By-Laws of AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY which reads as follows:
"All policies and other instruments of insurance issued by the Corporation shall be signed on behalf of the Corporation by the Chairman, the president or any vice-president (including any Executive Vice-President, Senior Vice-President, Vice-President, Second Vice-President, or Assistant Vice-President) and the secretary, assistant secretary, or other officer, whose signatures, if the instrument is duly countersigned by an authorized representative of the Corporation, may be facsimiles. Such signatures and facsimiles thereof shall be authorized and binding upon the Corporation notwithstanding the fact that any such officer shall have ceased to be such officer at the time such policy or other instrument of insurance shall have been actually issued by the Corporation."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Corporation, this _____ day of _____, A.D., 19 _____.

[Signature]
Assistant Vice-President

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY MUST CONTAIN A VALIDATING STATEMENT PRINTED IN THE MARGIN HEREOF IN RED INK, WITH A RED DIAGONAL IMPRINT — AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE — PRESENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE VALIDITY OF THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY, CALL 317-262-6262 OR WRITE US AT P.O. BOX 1636, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206-1636.

WARNING
THIS IS NOT A VALID POWER OF ATTORNEY IF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT APPEAR IN RED INK AND IF THE RED DIAGONAL IMPRINT — AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE — IS NOT PRESENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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