



The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

136 N. Third Street, Hamilton, OH 45025

Bond # 3-722-443

BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we

VALLEY CITY SIGN COMPANY 5009 West River Drive Comstock Park, MI 49321

(Full Name [top line] and Address [bottom line] of Principal)

(hereinafter called the Principal) as Principal, and The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, with principal offices at Hamilton, Ohio (hereinafter called the Surety) as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE Planning & Building Department
7820 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410

(Full Name [top line] and Address [bottom line] of Obligor)

(hereinafter called the Obligor), in the penal sum of

Five Thousand and 00/100 _____* (Dollars) \$ *\$5,000.00

for the payment of which well and truly to made, we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has made or is about to make application to the Obligor for a permit for

All Cities, Towns or Municipalities in Lake County, IN (Sign Work)

for a term beginning on April 26, 2004 and ending on* April 26, 2005

(*strike out if license or permit is for an indefinite term)

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall indemnify the Obligor against any loss directly arising by reason of failure of said Principal to comply with the laws or ordinances under which said license or permit is granted, or any lawful rules or regulations pertaining thereto, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, AND UPON THE FOLLOWING EXPRESS CONDITIONS:

1. This bond shall be and remain in full force during the term of said license or permit unless canceled in accordance with paragraph 2 below; but if said license or permit was issued for a specific term, and is renewed for one or more specific terms, this bond will be extended to cover such additional term(s) upon the execution by the Surety of a Continuation Certificate, provided such certificate is acceptable to the Obligor. In no event, however, shall the liability of the Surety be cumulative from year to year or from period to period, nor exceed the penal sum written in this first paragraph of this bond.
2. The Surety shall have the right to terminate its liability by notifying the Obligor in writing ten (10) days in advance of its intention to do so.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED

4-27-04

By: _____

Randy Czupko, President

Principal

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

By: _____

Sharon K. Belliel

Attorney-in-Fact

S-3853

License or Permit Bond

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CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

No. 35-865

Know All Men by These Presents: That THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, an Ohio Corporation, and WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, an Indiana Corporation, in pursuance of authority granted by Article VI, Section 7 of the By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and Article VI, Section 1 of West American Insurance Company, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint: **Glenn S. Morris, R. Judd Schnoor or Sharon K. Belliel of Rockford, Michigan** its true and lawful agent (s) and attorney (s)-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all BONDS, UNDERTAKINGS, and RECOGNIZANCES, not exceeding in any single instance ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS, excluding, however, any bond(s) or undertaking(s) guaranteeing the payment of notes and interest thereon

And the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Companies at their administrative offices in Hamilton, Ohio, in their own proper persons. The authority granted hereunder supersedes any previous authority heretofore granted the above named attorney(s)-in-fact.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned officer of the said The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and West American Insurance Company has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the Corporate Seal of each Company this 17th day of October, 2001.



Sam Lawrence

Sam Lawrence, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF OHIO,
COUNTY OF BUTLER

On this 17th day of October, 2001 before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Ohio, in and for the County of Butler, duly commissioned and qualified, came **Sam Lawrence, Assistant Secretary of THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY and WEST AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY**, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn depose and saith, that he is the officer of the Companies aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and the said Corporate Seals and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Hamilton, State of Ohio, the day and year first above written.



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Cheryl S. Gregory

Notary Public in and for County of Butler, State of Ohio
My Commission expires August 6, 2002.

This power of attorney is granted under and by authority of Article VI, Section 7 of the By-Laws of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and Article VI, Section 1 of West American Insurance Company, extracts from which read:

Article VI, Section 7. APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS-IN-FACT, ETC. "The chairman of the board, the president, any vice-president, the secretary or any assistant secretary of each of these Companies shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint attorneys-in-fact for the purpose of signing the name of the Companies as surety to, and to execute, attach the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings or other instruments of suretyship and policies of insurance to be given in favor of any individual, firm, corporation, or the official representative thereof, or to any county or state, or any official board or boards of county or state, or the United States of America, or to any other political subdivision."

Article VI, Section 1. APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT OFFICERS. "The Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice President, a Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint attorneys in fact for the purpose of signing the name of the corporation as surety or guarantor, and to execute, attach the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings or other instruments of surety-ship or guarantee, and policies of insurance to be given in favor of an individual, firm, corporation, or the official representative thereof, or to any county or state, or any official board or boards of any county or state, or the United States of America, or to any other political subdivision."

This instrument is signed and sealed by facsimile as authorized by the following Resolution adopted by the respective directors of the Companies (adopted May 27, 1970-The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company; adopted April 24, 1980-West American Insurance Company):

"RESOLVED that the signature of any officer of the Company authorized by the By-Laws to appoint attorneys in fact, the signature of the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary certifying to the correctness of any copy of a power of attorney and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or copy thereof issued on behalf of the Company. Such signatures and seal are hereby adopted by the Company as original signatures and seal, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed."

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and West American Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney, the referenced By-Laws of the Companies and the above Resolution of their Boards of Directors are true and correct copies and are in full force and effect on this date. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seals of the Companies this 26th day of April 2004



Mark E. Schmidt

Assistant Secretary