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OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

BOND NO. 07495607

LICENSE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we,  
**CHERRY CREEK NURSERY, INC., 25310 S. STONEY ISLAND AVENUE, CRETE, IL 60417**, as Principal,  
and OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY, organized under the laws of the state of Wisconsin, as Surety, are held and firmly  
bound unto  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF INDIANA AND ANY CITIES AND TOWNS THEREIN,  
2293 N. MAIN, CROWN POINT, IN 46307**, as Obligee  
in the sum of **FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100** Dollars, lawful money of the United States, for which payment, well and truly to be  
made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly, by these  
presents.

WHEREAS, the said Principal has applied to said Obligee for a license to or permit as a **LANDSCAPING CONTRACTOR**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the said Principal shall indemnify said Obligee  
against all loss which the Obligee may be subject by reason of said Principal's non-compliance caused by said Principal's breach  
of any ordinance, rule or regulation relating thereto, then the above obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full  
force and effect.

This obligation may be cancelled by said Surety by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing of its intention to do so to said Obligee;  
and provided further, that nothing herein shall affect any rights of liabilities which shall have accrued under this bond prior to the  
date of termination; and the said Surety shall be relieved of any further liability under this bond thirty (30) days after receipt of said  
notice by the said Obligee.

The term of this bond is for a period commencing **11/14/2007** and terminating (or continuous) **11/14/2008** provided, however, this  
bond may be continued from year to year by continuation certificate executed by said Surety.

Signed, sealed and dated the **14th** day of **November, 2007**.

**CHERRY CREEK NURSERY, INC.**

By 

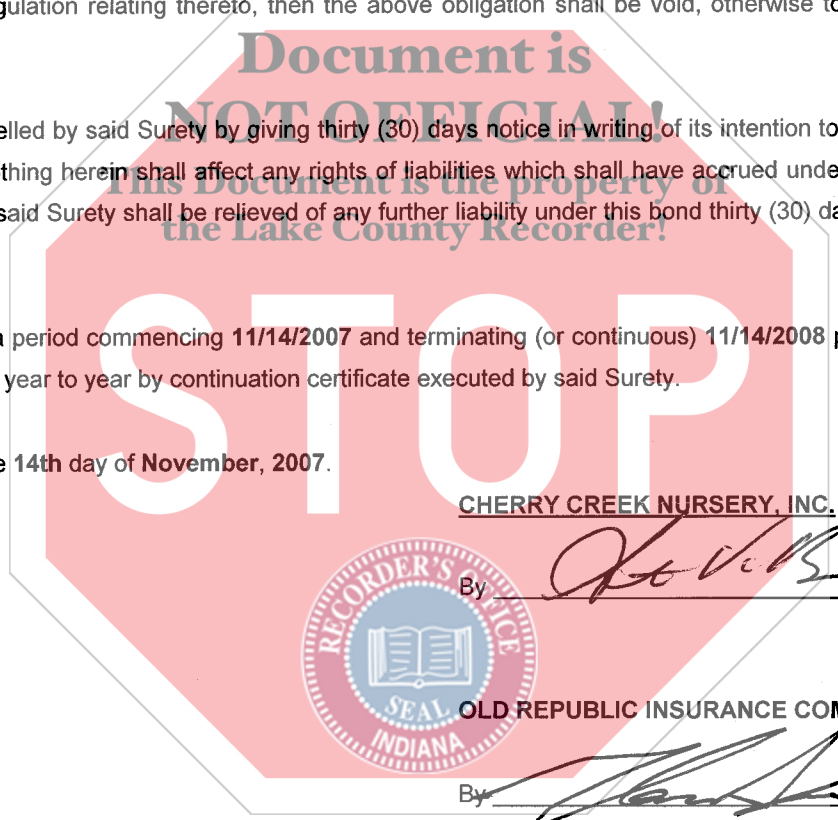


**OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY**

By 

**GLENN A. EVANS, Attorney-in-Fact**

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STATE OF INDIANA  
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COUNTY OF COOK

I, **Michelle Olson**, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, do hereby certify that **Glenn A. Evans** of **South Holland, Illinois** who is personally known to me, appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing instrument as his free and voluntary act as Attorney-in-Fact of the **Old Republic Insurance Company**, and as the free and voluntary act of the **Old Republic Insurance Company**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this 14th day of November, A.D. 20 07



My commission expires March 21, 2011.  
NOTARIAL JURAT

*Michelle Olson*

Notary Public







**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY, a Pennsylvania stock insurance corporation, does make, constitute and appoint: **GLENN A. EVANS, NANCY M. EVANS, VELMA I. DILDINE, PAMELA S. HIGGINBOTHAM, OF SOUTH HOLLAND, IL**

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority, not exceeding \$5,000,000, for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto (if a seal is required), bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, (other than self-insurance workers compensation bonds guaranteeing payment of benefits, asbestos abatement contract bonds, waste management bonds, hazardous waste remediation bonds or black lung bonds), as follows:

**ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN AGGREGATE OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) ----- FOR ANY SINGLE OBLIGATION, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS ISSUED FOR THE OBLIGATION.**

and to bind OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are ratified and confirmed. This document is not valid unless printed on colored background and is multi-colored. This appointment is made under and by authority of the board of directors at a special meeting held on May 29, 1986. This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY on May 29, 1986.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the chairman, president or any vice-president of the Company's surety division, in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary of the Company, be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute and deliver, to such persons as such officers of the Company may deem appropriate, Powers of Attorney in the form presented to and attached to the minutes of this meeting, authorizing such persons to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the Company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds, other than bail bonds, bank depository bonds, mortgage deficiency bonds, mortgage guaranty bonds, guarantees of installment paper and note guaranty bonds. The said officers may revoke any Power of Attorney previously granted to any such person. The authority of any Power of Attorney granted by any such officer of the Company as aforesaid shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), except (a) bonds required to be filed as open penalty bonds, and (b) bonds filed with any court or governmental authority requiring an unlimited penalty in bonds filed in that court.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the Company (i) when signed by the chairman, president or any vice president of the Company's surety division and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or (ii) when signed by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact and sealed with the seal of the Company (if a seal be required).

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the signature of any officer designated above, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney of certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 30TH day of NOVEMBER, 2006.

Geraldine J. Stelter Assistant Secretary      James E. Lee Vice President  
Seal: OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 1935

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA - SS  
On this 30TH day of NOVEMBER, 2006, personally came before me, JAMES E. LEE and GERALDINE J. STELTER to me known to be the individuals and officers of the OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say; that they are said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said organization.

Sharon A. Pizuo Notary Public  
Seal: SHARON A. PIZUO, NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF WISCONSIN

**CERTIFICATE** My commission expires: 01/18/2009  
I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY, a Pennsylvania corporation, CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached power of attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

63-2469 Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield this 14th day of November, 2007  
Glenn A. Evans & Co. James E. Cheney Assistant Secretary  
Seal: OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 1935