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MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

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OFFICIAL BOND

THE STATE OF Indiana
Lake COUNTY

BOND No. IN 23431

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we RUSSELL DEWES
as Principal, and MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State
of Indiana, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto State of Indiana
in the penal sum of
Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that whereas the above bounden Principal was duly elected or
appointed to the office of Hammond Fire Dept Pension Fund

on the 1st day of January 2015
and ending on the 1st day of January 2016

NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his/her con-
tinuance therein then the above obligation to be void, to otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims
which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the
Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision
of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this
bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to
subsequent acts of the Principal.

Signed and dated this 1st day of November 2014

RUSSELL DEWES
By: [Signature]

Countersigned (if required):

By: [Signature]
MARGARET HEASLEY
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Taken and approved this _____ day of _____

Approving Officer

OATH OF OFFICE

THE STATE OF Indiana
Lake County

I, Russell W. Dewes, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the
State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to
enter, to the best of my ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day

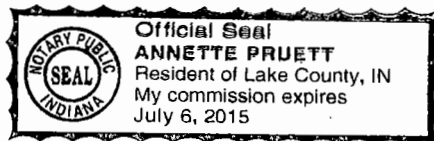
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Annette Pruett

Notary Public

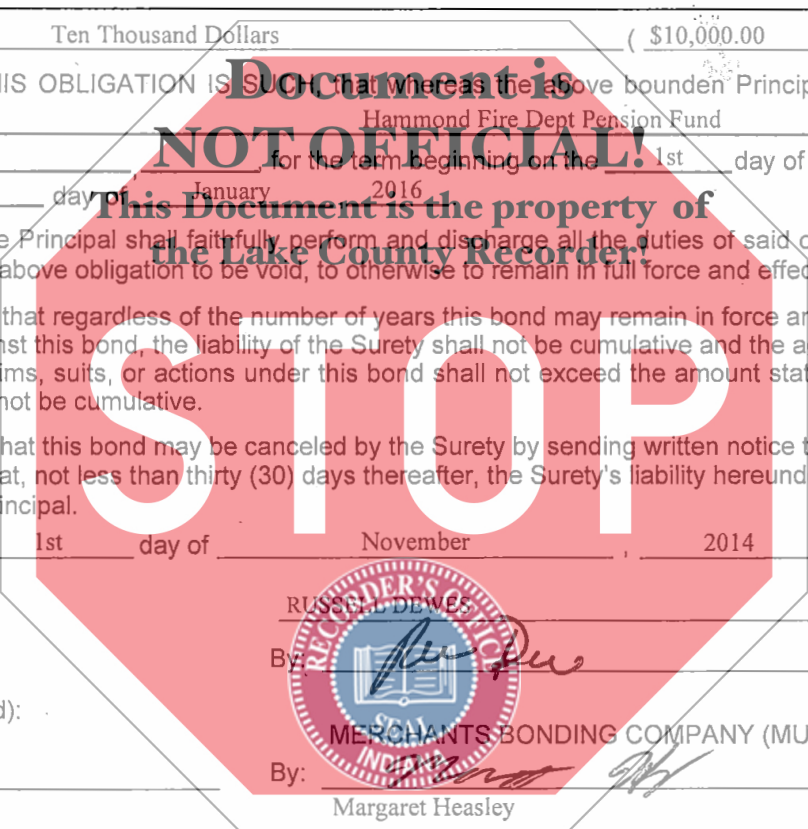
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MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY™
POWER OF ATTORNEY
for Company Employees

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint the following company employees, individually,

Margaret Heasley

of **Des Moines** and State of **Iowa** their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in their name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in their behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

Unlimited

and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 24, 2011.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or 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 fixed."

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 7th day of July, 2014.

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By

Larry Taylor

President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

On this 7th day of July, 2014, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument is the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Des Moines, Iowa, the day and year first above written.



Wendy Woody

Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 1st day of November, 2014.



William Warner Jr.

Secretary