SAFEGUARDS DURING CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

PROJECT NAME: _____
SITE ADDRESS: _____
PERMIT APPLICATION NO: _____

1. PURPOSE & REGULATORY SCOPE

The Contractor acknowledges that the structural safety of the work site, protection of the public, and integrity of adjoining properties are paramount conditions for the issuance of building and demolition permits. The Contractor agrees to fully implement, maintain, and supervise all active field safety measures required under **Chapter 33 of the Virginia Construction Code (VCC).**

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR

By signing below, the Contractor agrees to enforce and bear sole operational liability for the following construction safeguards:

- **Construction Safeguards (VCC § 3302):** Separations between construction areas shall comply with section 3302.4. Fire safety during construction shall comply with sections 3302.3 and 3302.5.
- **Site work (VCC §3304):** Excavation and fill for buildings and structures shall be constructed or protected so as not to endanger life or property. Stumps and roots shall be removed from the soil to a depth of not less than 12 inches (305 mm) below the surface of the ground in the area to be occupied by the building. Wood forms that have been used in placing concrete, if within the ground or between foundation sills and the ground, shall be removed before a building is occupied or used for any purpose. Before completion, loose or casual wood shall be removed from direct contact with the ground under the building. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of sections 3304.1.1- 3304.1.4.
- **Public & Pedestrian Protection (VCC § 3306):** The contractor shall install all applicable walkways, railings, and barriers along all active site boundaries per sections **3306.1-3306.9**
- **Protection of Adjoining Property (VCC § 3307):** Adjoining public and private property shall be protected from damage during construction, remodeling and demolition work. Protection shall be provided for footings, foundations, party walls, chimneys, skylights and roofs. Provisions shall be made to control water runoff and erosion during construction or demolition activities. The person making

or causing an excavation to be made shall provide written notice to the *owners* of adjoining buildings advising them that the excavation is to be made and that the adjoining buildings should be protected. Said notification shall be delivered **not less than 10 days** prior to the scheduled starting date of the excavation. Section 3306.7: Where a retention system is used to provide support of an excavation for protection of adjacent *structures*, the system shall conform to the requirements in Sections 3307.2.1 through 3307.2.3.

- **Temporary Use of Streets, Alleys and Public Property (VCC § 3308):** The temporary use of streets or public property for the storage or handling of materials or of equipment required for construction or demolition, and the protection provided to the public shall comply with the provisions of the applicable governing authority and this chapter.
- **On-Site Fire Prevention (VCC § 3309, § 3311, § 3312, § 3313, & § 3314):** For structures under construction, alteration or demolition, contractor shall apply all requirements of sections 3309 and 3311-3314.
- **Means of Egress (VCC §3310):** Where building construction exceeds 40 feet in height above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, a temporary or permanent *stairway* shall be provided. As construction progresses, such *stairways* shall be extended to within one floor of the highest point of construction having secured decking or flooring. Means of egress and required accessible means of egress shall be maintained at all times during construction.

3. PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING

A pre-construction (site) meeting SHALL be scheduled with the Bureau of Permits and Inspections prior to starting work to ensure all required safeguards have been completed.

EXECUTION & SIGNATURES

GENERAL CONTRACTOR:
Conforms to the requirements and covenants outlined above.

Company Name: _____
VA DPOR License Number: _____ Class: _____ Specialty: _____
Authorized Representative Name: _____
Title: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____