

**SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT**  
**Eagle Cliff Estates**  
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**(Yellowstone County)**

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# SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT

## Eagle Cliff Estates

**This agreement** is made and entered this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between *Yellowstone Property Holdings, LLC*, whose address for the purpose of this agreement is **PO Box 21280, Billings MT 59104**, hereinafter referred to as “Subdivider,” and **YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, Montana**, hereinafter referred to as “County.”

### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, at a regular meeting conducted on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the Board of Planning recommended conditional approval of a preliminary plat of *Eagle Cliff Estates*; and

**WHEREAS**, at a regular meeting conducted on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners conditionally approved a preliminary plat of *Eagle Cliff Estates*; and

**WHEREAS**, a Subdivision Improvements Agreement is required by the County prior to the approval of the final plat.

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of this agreement shall be effective and applicable to *Eagle Cliff Estates* upon the filing of the final plat thereof in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Yellowstone County, Montana. The Subdivision shall comply with all requirements of the Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations, the rules, regulations, policies, and resolutions of Yellowstone County, and the laws and administrative rules of the State of Montana.

**THEREFORE, THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT**, for and in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, do hereby agree as follows:

### **I. VARIANCES**

Subdivider has requested, and the County hereby grants, the following variances by the Board of County Commissioners from the strict interpretation of the County’s Subdivision Regulations (Chapter 11, Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations):

1. No variances requested.

### **II. CONDITIONS THAT RUN WITH THE LAND**

- A.** Lot owners should be aware that this subdivision is being built in close proximity to prime deer and antelope habitat and it is likely that homeowners will experience problems with damage to landscaped shrubs, flowers, and gardens. The Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department does not provide damage assistance unless there is damage to commercial crops and/or a threat to public health and safety.

- B.** Lot owners should be aware that soil characteristics within the area of this subdivision, as described in the 1972 Yellowstone County Soil Survey, indicate that there could be potential limitations for proposed construction on the lots, which may require a geotechnical survey prior to construction.
- C.** There is attached hereto a Waiver waiving the right to protest the creation of the special improvement district or districts which by this reference is expressly incorporated herein and made as much a part hereof as though fully and completely set forth herein at this point. The Waiver will be filed with the plat, shall run with the land, and shall constitute the guarantee by the Subdivider and property owner or owners of the developments described herein. Said Waiver is effective upon filing and is not conditioned by the completion of the conditions set forth in the Agreement. The Subdivider and owner specifically agree that they are waiving valuable rights and do so voluntarily.
- D.** Culverts and associated drainage swales shall not be filled in or altered by the Subdivider or subsequent lot owners.
- E.** When required by road improvements, all fences and irrigation ditches in the public right-of-way adjacent to this subdivision shall be removed or relocated outside of the public right-of-way and any relocation outside of the public right-of-way shall be subject to securing and recording easements.
- F.** Future maintenance of all public (or common) improvements shall be done through one (1) or more RSID(s) created as part of the SIA for this subdivision.
- G.** Lot owners or their agent will obtain an Access Permit from County Public Works prior to any construction on any lot within the subdivision. The application will include a site plan showing the desired location of the access and show that it meets the requirements outlined by the DEQ storm water requirements for the subdivision. Failure to do so will result in the lot owner or their agent removing what has been installed and locating the access in an approved location at the lot owner's expense.
- H.** The subdivider and subsequent contractors/builders acknowledge that there is a Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan (SWPPP) filed with the city and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). This SWPPP shall be adhered to during all phases of construction and shall be updated as required by MDEQ under the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity, Chapter 28, BMCC and the Billings Stormwater Management Manual.
- I.** Individual lot owners should be aware that Best Management Practices for stormwater control shall be required for new construction on lots. Best Management Practices are defined within Section 28-201, BMCC and detailed in the Billings Stormwater Management Manual.

### **III. TRANSPORTATION**

#### **A. Streets**

*Right-of-way Widths:* All the streets within Eagle Cliff Estates are public roadways and have a minimum right-of-way width of 60 feet.

*Pavements Widths and Surface Types:* All streets shall be built to grade with a satisfactory engineered subbase, base course, and asphalt surface. All internal roads shall have a minimum pavement width of 24 feet with 2-foot gravel shoulders. The engineered designed cross-sections of said streets shall be submitted to the Yellowstone County Public Works Department.

*Other Required Street Improvements:* Drainage ditches shall be constructed adjacent to the roadways in accordance with Yellowstone County Public Works standards and DEQ requirements to convey stormwater. Culverts shall be provided to convey stormwater across roadways and driveways.

#### **B. Sidewalks**

5-foot minimum width sidewalks are required along all right-of-way frontages. The Subdivider shall be responsible for the installation of sidewalks along the frontages of the parkland areas and corner intersection handicap ramps and aprons. Sidewalks to be installed by the Subdivider shall be completed with the subdivision improvements.

Subdivider will bond for all sidewalks at the time of Final Platting. The construction of uncompleted sidewalks shall begin a minimum of one month prior to the five-year mark from Final Platting. The Subdivider shall be responsible for the installation of uncompleted sidewalks. Subdivider will provide security for the for 5 years and 6 months after the initial opening.

#### **C. Traffic Control Devices**

*Traffic Control Devices:* Subdivider shall furnish the necessary traffic control devices within and adjacent to the subdivision as required by the County. Traffic control devices shall comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and County standards.

*Street Name Signs:* Subdivider shall furnish and install street name signs for streets within the subdivision, or located immediately adjacent thereto, in accordance with the specifications of the County Publics Works and Fire Departments.

#### **D. Access**

Access to Eagle Cliff Estates shall be provided by an extension of the existing Navarro Drive and the extension of the existing Eagle Cliff Meadows Road. A 60-foot-wide right-of-way shall be dedicated to the public by Subdivider for all internal streets.

No Access strips are provided as depicted on the Plat.

**E. Billings Area Bikeways and Trail Master Plan (BABTMP)**

The proposed subdivision is included withing the BABTMP. An easement capable of accommodating a multi-use trail shall be provided the Noblewood Drive and Eagle Cliff Road corridor as part of a future filing.

**IV. EMERGENCY SERVICE**

The Lockwood Fire District currently provides fire protection services for the subdivision.

At the time of future lot development, construction of buildings made of combustible materials shall have adequate fire apparatus access roads and fire hydrant(s) in place to allow for fire suppression requirements. Prior to issuance of a building permit for construction using combustible materials (i.e. lumber, plywood, wood trusses, etc.), fire apparatus access roads and water supply requirements shall be provided in accordance with the International Fire Code as adopted by the Lockwood Fire District.

At a minimum, the following is required:

- An unobstructed gravel road or gravel road base must be within 150 feet of the furthest portion of a building under construction as measured along the approved route.
- The access roads are required to support fire apparatus vehicle loading (40 tons) during all weather conditions and shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet wide.
- An operational fire hydrant shall be located within 600 feet of the furthest portion of a residence under construction or within 400 feet of the furthest portion of a commercial building under construction as measured along the access roads to the site.

The above requirements do not alter or effect the current minimum subdivision requirements for apparatus access and water supply.

**V. STORM DRAINAGE**

All drainage improvements shall comply with the provisions of the Section 4.7, Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations, and a stormwater management plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), or its designee.

**VI. UTILITIES**

**A. Water**

In accordance with Section 4.9 of the Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations, all proposed water systems must obtain Approval by Montana Department of Environmental Quality, or its designee.

Public water shall be supplied by the Lockwood Water and Sewer District. The district shall review the water system extension plans. The extension of the public water supply shall be reviewed and approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. The Subdivider shall obtain all necessary approvals prior to final plat approval.

The public water supply extension shall be installed by the Subdivider prior to final plat or financially guaranteed.

## **B. Septic System**

In accordance with Section 4.8 of the Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations, all sanitary sewer systems must obtain approval by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, or its designee.

Municipal public sanitary sewer service is not available in the subdivision at this time. The subdivision will be served by individual wastewater disposal systems as approved by Montana Department of Environmental Quality. These systems shall be located and installed as shown on the site layout approved by Montana Department of Environmental Quality submitted with the final plat.

Individual septic tanks, dosing tanks, and drainfields will be the responsibility of the future lot owner at the time of lot development.

## **C. Power, Telephone, Gas, and Cable Television**

Power, natural gas, telephone, and cable will be located within the public right-of-way and utility easements shown on the plat.

All power, natural gas, telephone, and cable (where said utilities are actually available and existing to the subdivision) shall be installed prior to street paving. Extension of private utilities into each lot shall be the responsibility of the individual lot owners. The location of all such off-site facilities within the existing public rights-of-way shall be subject to approval of the County Public Works Department and shall be installed underground. The Subdivider shall coordinate installation with various utility companies.

## **VII. PARKS/OPEN SPACE**

Section 76-3-621 of the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act covers the park dedication requirement. Per 10.2(A) of the Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations:

- Lots 0.50 acres or less, 11% dedication:  $0.964 \text{ acres} \times 11\% = 0.106 \text{ acres}$
- Lots 0.50 – 1.0 acres, 7.5% dedication:  $11.189 \text{ acres} \times 7.5\% = 0.280 \text{ acres}$
- Lots 1.0 acres – 3.0 acres, 5% dedication:  $2.800 \text{ acres} \times 5\% = 0.070 \text{ acres}$
- Lots greater than 3.0 acres, 2.5% dedication:  $22.594 \text{ acres} \times 2.5\% = 0.565 \text{ acres}$

Required parkland dedication is 1.021 acres, Subdivider is proposing to dedicate 1.447 acres of parkland area to the public. The parkland will be maintained by the creation of an RSIDM.

**VIII. IRRIGATION**

Subdivider agrees there will be not irrigation water available to this Subdivision. No irrigation water shares shall be transferred to individual lot owners.

**IX. SOILS/GEOTECHNICAL STUDY**

A geotechnical study is not required by the Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations as part of this plat. Lot owners should be aware that soil characteristics within the area of this subdivision, as described in the 1972 Yellowstone County Soil Survey, indicate that there could be potential limitation for proposed construction on the lots, which may require a geotechnical survey prior to construction.

**X. PHASING OF IMPROVEMENTS**

There are no intended phasing improvements.

**XI. FINANCIAL GUARANTEES**

Except as otherwise provided, Subdivider shall install and construct said required improvements by private contracts secured by bonds, irrevocable letters of credit, sequential development, or any other method that may be acceptable to the Planning Board and Board of County Commissioners. All engineering and legal work in connection with such improvements shall be paid by the contracting parties pursuant to said special improvement district or private contract, and the improvements shall be designed and constructed under the supervision of a professional engineer competent in civil engineering, licensed in the State of Montana. Upon completion of the improvements, the consulting Engineer shall file with the Public Works Department, a statement certifying that the improvements have been completed in accordance with approved, seal stamped, record drawings, along with all required post-construction certification per Section 4.6.C of the Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations.

(In the event that all required improvements are not installed and constructed prior to final plat approval, the Subdivider shall provide a monetary security guarantee in the amount of 125% of the estimated total cost by one (1) of the methods listed in Chapter 5 of the Yellowstone County Subdivision Regulations.

**XII. LEGAL PROVISIONS**

A. Subdivider agrees to guarantee all public improvements for a period of one year from the date of final acceptance by Yellowstone County.

- B.** The owners of the properties involved in this proposed Subdivision by signature subscribed herein below agree, consent, and shall be bound by the provisions of this Agreement.
- C.** The covenants, agreements, and all statements in this Agreement apply to and shall be binding on the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the respective parties.
- D.** In the event it becomes necessary for either party to this Agreement to retain an attorney to enforce any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or to give any notice required herein, then the prevailing party or the party giving notice shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.
- E.** Any amendments or modifications of this Agreement or any provisions herein shall be made in writing and executed in the same manner as this original document and shall after execution become a part of this Agreement.
- F.** Subdivider shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, and administrative regulations during the performance and discharge of its obligations. Subdivider acknowledges and agrees that nothing contained herein shall relieve or exempt it from such compliance.
- G.** Subdivider agrees to create any required (or expansion of existing) RSID(s) for future maintenance of all public (or common) constructed improvements prior to final plat approval.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have set their hands and official seals on the date first above written.

“SUBDIVIDER”

*Yellowstone Property Holdings, LLC*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MONTANA     )  
  : ss  
County of Yellowstone     )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Montana, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of *Yellowstone Property Holdings, LLC* who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of Montana  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement is hereby approved and accepted by Yellowstone County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

“COUNTY”  
COUNTY OF YELLOWSTONE  
MONTANA

County of Yellowstone  
Board of County Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk and Recorder

STATE OF MONTANA     )  
  : ss  
County of Yellowstone     )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Montana, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the Board of County Commissioners and the County Clerk and Recorder, respectively, of Yellowstone County, Montana, whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument in such capacity and acknowledged to me that they executed the same on behalf of Yellowstone County, Montana.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of Montana  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

# Waiver of Right to Protest

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the undersigned, being the Subdivider and all of the owners of the hereinafter described real property, do hereby waive the right to protest the formation of one or more Rural Special Improvement Districts (RSID's), for a period of no more than twenty years from the recording of this waiver, which Yellowstone County may require.

This Waiver and Agreement is independent from all the other agreements and is supported by sufficient independent consideration to which the undersigned are parties, and shall run with the land and shall be binding upon the undersigned, their successors and assigns, and the same shall be recorded in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Yellowstone County, Montana.

The real property hereinabove mentioned is more particularly describe as follows:

Eagle Cliff Estates

Signed and dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

*Yellowstone Property Holdings, LLC*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MONTANA     )  
  : ss  
County of Yellowstone     )

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Notary Public in and for the State of Montana  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_