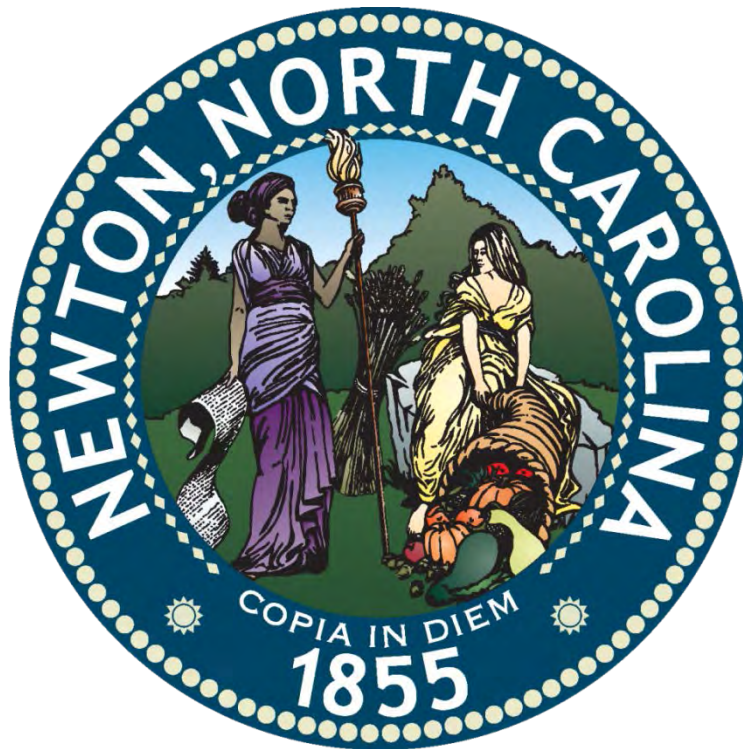


AGENDA

CITY OF NEWTON



October 6, 2020

AGENDA
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NEWTON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

October 6, 2020

7:00 p.m.

	1. <u>Call to Order – Mayor Eddie Haupt</u>
Page	2. <u>Opening – Council Member Jody Dixon</u>
3	3. <u>Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2020, 7:30 pm Special Meeting</u>
	4. <u>Consideration of Consent Agenda Items</u>
5	A. Sewer Adjustments
6	B. Resolution Promoting Public Power Week, October 4-10, 2020
7	C. Proclamation – Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2020
9	D. Consideration of Appointment to Boards and Commissions Business Advisory Committee – David Hayes
11	E. Consideration to Refurbish Downtown Clock
	5. <u>Comments from the Public: (IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS PLEASE SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING):</u>
	6. <u>Presentations</u>
	A. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
	7. <u>New Business</u>
13	A. Consideration to Accept Tree Trimming Bid
14	B. Consideration of State Revolving Loan for the East 2 nd Street Sewer Rehabilitation/ Relocation
19	C. Consideration of a Provisional Offer to Purchase and Contract for Acquisition of Real Property
64	D. CARES Act Funding
	8. <u>City Manager’s Report</u>
	9. <u>Questions and Comments From Mayor and Council</u>
	A. Reports from Appointed Representatives on Outside Boards – Council Member Jerry Hodge
	10. <u>Closed Session - Per North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6)</u>
	11. <u>Adjournment</u>

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**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEWTON CITY COUNCIL**

September 22, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

The special meeting of the Newton City Council was held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Newton City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Eddie Haupt, Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver and Council Members Jerry Hodge, Anne Wepner, Jody Dixon, Beverly Danner and Ed Sain

STAFF: City Manager Todd Clark, Assistant City Manager Sean Hovis, City Clerk Amy S. Falowski, City Attorney John Cilley, City Department Heads and members of the management team

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eddie Haupt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the September 22, 2020, 7:30 p.m. Special Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, seconded by Council Member Anne Wepner, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes from the September 22, 2020, 7:30 p.m. Special Meeting be
– APPROVED

ITEM 3: Consideration of Award of Bid for Annual Street Paving Project

Public Works and Utilities Director Dusty Wentz stated that the following street segments have been selected by staff from the Asphalt and Sidewalk Condition assessment completed in late 2015 and also based upon recent visual inspections completed by city staff. Mr. Wentz stated that the following selected streets have been identified based on the level of degradation and the amount of funding staff anticipates receiving this fiscal year for street resurfacing projects.

Base 1	E. Herman St: Mill and Resurface
Base 2	Hamilton Dr. from Valley to Westside: Replacement
Alt 1	Brentwood Cir from Pinehurst to Brentwood Dr.: Replacement
Alt 2	W. 6 th St.: Mill and Resurface
Alt 3	Chandy St.: Mill and Resurface
Alt 4	Cobble Stone Ct: Mill and Resurface

Mr. Wentz stated that Staff has solicited for bids from local contractors and that the first round of bidding only received two bids. Per State law the city is required to obtain three bids, so the project was re-bid and staff received three bids on the second attempt. All three bids were found to be complete and accurate. The low bid per street segment is highlighted for your convenience.

Mr. Wentz advised that Midstate Construction and J.T. Russell have agreed to “split” the bid, allowing the City to award a contract to each firm based on the lowest bid for each street. The construction cost for both contracts is \$421,740, with a 10% contingency of \$42,174, the total cost is \$463,914.

Mr. Wentz explained that as reported in the September 15, 2020 City Council Agenda packet, the amount of funding for street paving that was appropriated by City Council in the current FY 2021 budget is \$538,500. This included funding from a new Vehicle Tag Fee as well as revenue from the State Powell Bill Fund. Mr. Wentz stated that staff has revisited revenue projections for the current fiscal year and the budget for street paving has been adjusted down based on several factors. First, we have contacted the State of North Carolina Department of Transportation Powell Bill Program to obtain an update on projected Powell Bill fund distributions this year which can fluctuate based upon

actual fuel tax receipts. Due to COVID-19, the actual volume of fuel purchased is expected to be lower and therefore we believe state funding will be lower. Although the Powell Bill staff will not be able to provide accurate estimates until October, we believe a conservative estimate of the amount of Powell Bill funding that will be available for paving will be \$140,000. Second, the County could not begin processing the new Vehicle Tag Fee until September so the revenue generated will include approximately nine months instead of the twelve months of billings originally projected. Mr. Wentz stated this is estimated to produce \$260,000 of revenue, bringing the total estimated amount of funding for street paving to \$400,000.

Mr. Wentz stated that in consideration of the very favorable bids the city received, staff recommends moving forward with the paving projects as recommended, but with an appropriation of \$50,000 from Powell Bill Fund Balance. This \$50,000 is the balance remaining from the \$200,000 transfer from the General Fund in FY2019 that was originally designated to be used for sidewalks. City Council should be aware, however, that if the full 10% contingency is needed, we will exceed our revenue estimate by \$13,914. In addition, this is the first year implementing the Vehicle Tag Fee, so that revenue estimate is less certain and could result in the need to use Fund Balance to cover any revenue deficiencies. Mr. Wentz stated that if City Council elects to move forward with the staff recommendation, Staff will closely monitor the Street Department budget through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Wentz stated Staff recommends the approval of the attached budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$50,000.

Also, Staff recommends awarding the bid for the Annual Overlay project as follows:

- Base Bid 2 (Hamilton) and Alternate 1 (Brentwood) be awarded to Midstate Construction in the amount of \$210,580.
- Base Bid 1 (E. Herman) and Alternate 3 (Chandy) be awarded to J.T. Russell in the amount of \$211,160.

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, seconded by Council Member Ed Sain, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Budget Ordinance Amendment be – ADOPTED

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem John Stiver, seconded by Council Member Ed Sain, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Base Bid 2 (Hamilton) and Alternate 1 (Brentwood) be Awarded to Midstate Construction in the amount of \$210,580 be - APPROVED

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Jody Dixon, seconded by Council Member Ed Sain, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Base Bid 1 (E. Herman) and Alternate 3 (Chandy) be Awarded to J.T. Russell in the Amount of \$211,160 be - APPROVED

(Ordinances, Resolutions and Proclamations are hereby referenced and on file in the Office of the City Clerk)

ITEM 4: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Council Member Jody Dixon, seconded by Council Member Ed Sain, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Meeting be – ADJOURNED

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



Eddie Haupt, Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

Sewer Adjustments

TO: E. Todd Clark, City Manager **DATE:** 9/28/2020
RE: Sewer Adjustments – 10/6/2020
FROM: Vickie Thomas, Finance Director

The following sewer adjustment is recommended for approval. The adjustment is recommended as a result of a water leak at the service address or a pool fill up.

Account Number	Name	Service Address	Adjustment Period	Amount of Adjustment
19000390-002	Jerry Shephard	2636 Touchstone Cir	July- Aug	141.08
46000200-001	Rebecca Smith	215 Kilborne Dr	Aug	31.35

Backup documentation to support each adjustment is on file in the Finance Department. Should you have questions or require further clarification, please notify.

**Resolution
Promoting NC Public Power During
Public Power Week, October 4-10, 2020**

WHEREAS, public power is a crucial component in cities and towns across North Carolina, contributing to the overall health of communities by providing reliable electricity, excellent local service and prompt restoration;

WHEREAS, North Carolina's more than 70 public power cities and towns are among more than 2,000 across the country;

WHEREAS, many of North Carolina's public power cities and towns have been electric providers for more than 100 years;

WHEREAS, public power meets the electric needs of 40 million Americans, almost 15 percent of electricity consumers;

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are valuable community assets that contribute to the well-being of the community and provide economic development opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina's public power utilities are dependable institutions that provide excellent service and a commitment to community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the week of October 4-10, 2020, is Public Power Week, a week to promote North Carolina's public power cities and towns for their contributions to their communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NC Public Power communities join with all public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power.

Adopted this day of October 6, 2020.

Eddie Haupt, Mayor

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



CITY OF NEWTON

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: E. Todd Clark, City Manager

DATE: September 21, 2020

FROM: Kevin Yoder, Fire Chief

ACTION REQUESTED: Proclamation designating the recognition of Fire Prevention Week.

Approved for Council Consideration



1. Each year the Fire Service recognizes the week of October 9th as Fire Prevention Week.
2. This date commemorates the anniversary of the “Great Chicago Fire”.
3. During this week each year, Fire Departments nationwide double their efforts to educate the public on the dangers of fire and stress the importance of fire safety to school children and other members of the public.
4. The City of Newton Fire Department recognizes this week by encouraging the citizens of Newton to remember and put into practice the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe.



Action Suggested: Proclamation designating the recognition of Fire Prevention Week.

City of Newton Proclamation Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the City of Newton is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk to fire; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and

WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in which no smoke alarms or no *working* smoke alarms were present; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and

WHEREAS, informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves as an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newton Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newton's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2020, October 4th-10th theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Eddie Haupt, Mayor of the City of Newton, do hereby proclaim October 4th - 10th, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this City, and I urge all people of Newton to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2020, and to support the many activities and efforts of the City of Newton's fire and emergency services.

This 6th day of October, 2020



Eddie Haupt, Mayor

**CITY OF NEWTON
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

DATE: September 29, 2020

TO: City Council

FROM: Eddie Haupt, Mayor

CONSIDERATION OF: Appointment

Members of City Council, I would like to recommend the appointment of David Hayes to the Business Advisory Committee.

Falowski,Amy

From: noreply@revize.com
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Falowski,Amy
Cc: Frick,Alex
Subject: Board/Committee application

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Name = David Hayes
Address = 603 N Main Ave
City_Town = Newton
Stat_Prov = Nc
Zip_Postal_Code = 28658
Phone = 828 238 3370
Email = davidamyhayes@gmail.com
Which board or committee? = Business Advisory
Why are you interested? = To help Newton grow
Professional/educational background = 30 years business IT consultant, small business owner
Special skills, experience and background = See above
How did you hear about vacancy? = Was on Appearance Commission
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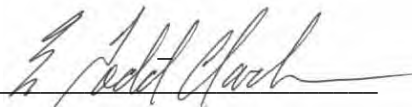
DATE: October 1, 2020

TO: E. Todd Clark, City Manager

FROM: Sean Hovis, Assistant City Manager

CONSIDERATION OF: Restoration of City Clock

Approved for Council Consideration



The City clock has been returned to the intersection of A Street and College Avenue beside Yount Park following the completion of the second phase of the Newton Streetscape Revitalization Project. The clock, an O.B. McClintock City Post Clock, will require restoration to operate correctly. Staff contacted Jim Van Orsdel of The Clock Shop in Charlotte to gather more information about restoring the clock. Mr. Van Orsdel inspected the clock on Sept. 20 and determined several new parts will be needed for the clock to operate correctly.

The cost of restoration is \$7,486, which includes all necessary parts and as many visits as required by Mr. Van Orsdel to ensure the clock is operating correctly. All parts associated with the restoration will be guaranteed for a period of three years. The City will provide a hydraulic bucket lift with two staff members and a licensed electrician to complete the restoration under Mr. Van Orsdel's supervision.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends City Council consider hiring Jim Van Orsdel of The Clock Shop to complete the restoration of the City clock, and to adopt the budget ordinance amendment.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR THE CITY OF NEWTON

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newton have adopted a Budget Ordinance for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appropriate funds to restore the City clock;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve utilization of fund balance and to approve the related expenditure appropriation within the operating budget; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

THE FOLLOWING SOURCE OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

General Fund Revenues		
Fund Balance Appropriation	11-0000.3990	\$7,500
General Fund Appropriations		
Other Services	11-4120.6990	\$7,500

Adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

Eddie Haupt, Mayor

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



**CITY OF NEWTON
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

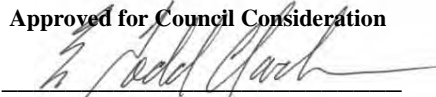
DATE: September 17, 2020

TO: E. Todd Clark, City Manager

FROM: Doug Wesson

CONSIDERATION OF: Award Tree Trimming Contract

Approved for Council Consideration



Background:

Staff requested bids for Tree Trimming services throughout its entire distribution system on August 25. Also, staff published a legal notice in the One Classified newspaper on the same date. Staff received the following bids:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Asplundh Tree Expert | \$144,795.48 |
| 2. Wolf Tree, Inc. | No Bid |
| 3. Lewis Tree | No Bid |
| 4. Davey | No Bid |
| 5. Brent Mackey Tree Service | No Bid |

Staff had appropriated \$150,000 for Fiscal Year 20-21.

Since this is a service and not a construction contract, state law does not require three bids or Council approval. The city's purchasing policy, however, requires council approval for expenditures exceeding \$90,000. After reviewing the only bid, staff is recommending awarding tree trimming contract to Asplundh Tree Expert.

Action Suggested:

Staff is recommending Council to award the bid to Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC in the amount of \$144,795.48 for fiscal year 20-21.

CITY OF NEWTON REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

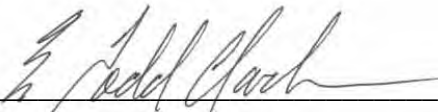
DATE: October 1, 2020

TO: E. Todd Clark, City Manager

FROM: Vickie Thomas, Finance Director

CONSIDERATION OF: Consideration of State Revolving Loan for the East 2nd Street Sewer Relocation Project

Approved for Council Consideration



Background:

On October 2, 2018, the City applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's State Revolving Loan (SRF) program for funding the relocation of the East 2nd Street Sewer Line. The Local Government Commission has reviewed and approved the proposed loan, and the City has now received "Funding Offer and Acceptance" documents for this loan.

The sewer relocation loan is for \$1,900,000, with \$278,440 in principal forgiveness, a 0% interest rate and a twenty year term. The loan requires a closing fee of 2%, estimated to be \$38,000.

The loan requires that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution accepting the offer and making the applicable assurances contained herein.

Action Suggested:

Approve the attached Resolution for the East 2nd Street Sewer State Revolving Loan.



NORTH CAROLINA
Environmental Quality

ROY COOPER
Governor

MICHAEL S. REGAN
Secretary

Kim H. Colson
Director

September 10, 2020

Mr. Todd Clark, City Manager
City of Newton
PO Box 550
Newton, NC 28658

SUBJECT: Offer and Acceptance for a State Loan
Project No. CS370685-03
2nd Street Sewer Relocation

Dear Mr. Clark:

The City of Newton has been approved for loan assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Enclosed are two (2) copies of an Offer-and-Acceptance Document extending a State Revolving Loan in the amount of **\$1,900,000**, with \$278,440 in principal forgiveness. This offer is made subject to the assurances and conditions set forth in the Offer-and-Acceptance Document.

Please submit the following items to Pam Whitley, Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1633.

1. A resolution adopted by the governing body accepting the loan offer and making the applicable assurances contained therein. (Sample copy attached)
2. One (1) copy of the original Offer-and-Acceptance Document executed by the Authorized Representative for the project, along with the signed "Standard Conditions for the Federal SRF loans". **Retain the other copy for your files.**
3. Federal Identification Number and DUNS Number of the Recipient (Memo attached)
4. Sales-Tax Certification (attached)

Please note that if a Fiscal Sustainability Plan is applicable to this project, the certification is not due until the final reimbursement request.



The Site Certification, a Capital Project Ordinance (or budget ordinance covering the project), and the Professional Engineering Services Procurement Form are due before disbursements will begin. Please see the attached Guidance Document for a complete list of items due no later than the project's first disbursement.

Reimbursement requests (see printed form attached to this letter) should be sent to Jackie Moore at the address noted.

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Quality, I am pleased to make this offer of State Revolving Loan funds, made available by North Carolina Water Infrastructure Fund and the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987.

Sincerely,



Kim H. Colson, P.E., Director
Division of Water Infrastructure, NCDEQ

- Enclosures:
- Resolution to Accept Loan Offer (suggested format)
 - Loan Offer and Acceptance Document (two copies)
 - Federal ID and DUNS Number Request Form
 - Sales-Tax Certification Form
 - Fiscal Sustainability Plan Certification
 - Guidance Document
 - Reimbursement Request Form
 - Site Certification
 - Capital Project Ordinance Sample
 - Professional Engineering Services Procurement Form

- cc:
- Clarence Lockamy, P.E., The Wooten Company (Hickory, NC)
 - Pam Whitley
 - Dee Browder
 - SRF (COM_LOX)



(Suggested Format)

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems, water conservation projects, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered a (State Revolving Loan, State Grant, or State Bond Loan) in the amount of \$ _____ for the construction of (project description), and

WHEREAS, the (unit of government) intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE (GOVERNING BODY) OF THE (UNIT OF GOVERNMENT):

That (unit of government) does hereby accept the (State Revolving Loan, Grant, or State Bond Loan) offer of \$ _____.

That the (unit of government) does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that all items specified in the (loan or grant) offer, Section II - Assurances will be adhered to.

That (name and title of authorized representative), and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That (unit of government) has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the (date adopted) at (place), North Carolina.

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

Date

RESOLUTION
BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems, water conservation projects, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered a State Revolving Fund Loan in the amount of \$1,900,000 for the relocation of the 2nd Street Sewer Line (Project No. CS370685-03), and

WHEREAS, the City of Newton intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON:

That City of Newton does hereby accept the State Revolving Loan offer of \$1,900,000.

That the City of Newton does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that all items specified in the loan offer, Section II – Assurances will be adhered to.

That E. Todd Clark, City Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That City of Newton has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 6th day of October, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall in Newton, North Carolina.

Eddie Haupt, Mayor

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk



CITY OF NEWTON REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: October 2, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Todd Clark, City Manager

CONSIDERATION OF: Consideration of Provisional Offer to Purchase and Contract for Real Property

Approved for Council Consideration



Background:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has listed several parcels of land for sale in the City of Newton. The parcels are located at the intersection of 20th Street and NC Highway 16 (Thornburg Drive) and are further identified by Catawba County as GIS parcel numbers 374115723792 and 374119628175. City staff has attached maps to this Request for Council Action that depict the parcel locations relative to 20th Street and NC Highway 16.

The staff recommends that City Council consider the purchase of these parcels to enable the City to protect the appearance of a key gateway entry into the City.

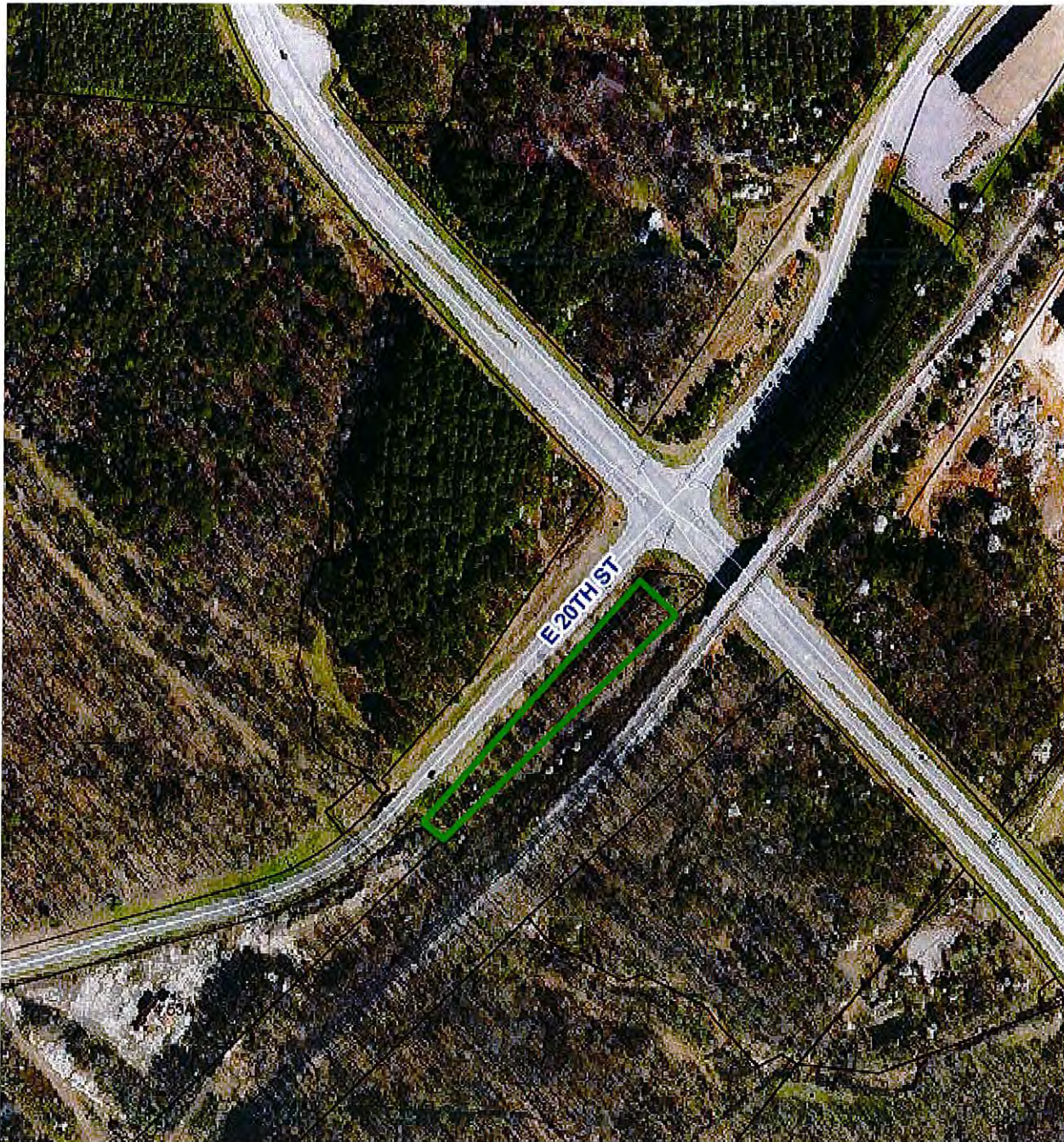
City Council is advised that one of the parcels was bisected when NC Highway 16 was constructed. Although the two parcels are separately deeded at the present time, NCDOT is marketing the property as three (3) separate parcels. Consequently, NCDOT has provided three separate Offers to Purchase and Contract to the City for execution. The City Attorney has reviewed each of the Offers to Purchase and Contract and has approved each as to form and content.

The total cost for these three parcels is \$1,690. Two of the parcels are listed for \$500 each with the third and final piece offered for \$690. The third parcel, which is listed for \$690, is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of 20th Street and NC Highway 16. In addition to the location maps provided in this Request for Council Action, the staff is providing copies of the “Offer to Purchase and Contract – Vacant Lot/Land” for each of the three parcels.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the purchase of the three parcels. A motion to purchase one or more parcels, if made, should be made separately and should reference each parcel as follows:

- Parcel #1, NCDOT Asset Number 89107, for \$500.00
- Parcel #2, NCDOT Asset Number 205914, for \$500.00
- Parcel #3, NCDOT Asset Number 205921, for \$690.00



1in=300ft

Parcel: 374119628175, E 20TH ST NEWTON, 28658

Owners: NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Owner Address: 1546 MAIL SERVICE CENTER

Values - Building(s): \$0, Land: \$18,300, Total: \$18,300



1in=400ft

Parcel: 374115723792, E 20TH ST CONOVER, 28613

Owners: NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Owner Address: PO BOX 25201

Values - Building(s): \$0, Land: \$28,300, Total: \$28,300

This map/report product was prepared from the Catawba County, NC Geospatial Information Services. Catawba County has made substantial efforts to ensure the accuracy of location and labeling information contained on this map or data on this report. Catawba County promotes and recommends the independent verification of any data contained on this map/report product by the user. The County of Catawba, its employees, agents, and personnel, disclaim, and shall not be held liable for any and all damages, loss or liability, whether direct, indirect or consequential which arises or may arise from this map/report product or the use thereof by any person or entity.

OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT - VACANT LOT/LAND

[Consult "Guidelines" (form 12G) for guidance in completing this form]

NOTE: This contract is intended for unimproved real property that Buyer will purchase only for personal use and does not have immediate plans to subdivide. It should not be used to sell property that is being subdivided unless the property has been platted, properly approved and recorded with the register of deeds as of the date of the contract. If Seller is Buyer's builder and the sale involves the construction of a new single family dwelling prior to closing, use the standard Offer to Purchase and Contract--New Construction (Form 800-T) or, if the construction is completed, use the Offer to Purchase and Contract (Form 2-T) with the New Construction Addendum (Form 2A3-T).

For valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Buyer offers to purchase and Seller upon acceptance agrees to sell and convey the Property on the terms and conditions of this Offer To Purchase and Contract and any addendum or modification made in accordance with its terms (together the "Contract").

1. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS: The terms listed below shall have the respective meaning given them as set forth adjacent to each term.

(a) **"Seller":** North Carolina Department of Transportation

(b) **"Buyer":** City of Newton

(c) **"Property":** The Property shall include all that real estate described below together with all appurtenances thereto including the improvements located thereon.

NOTE: If the Property will include a manufactured (mobile) home(s), Buyer and Seller should consider including the Manufactured (Mobile) Home provision in the Additional Provisions Addendum (Standard Form 2A11-T) with this offer.

Street Address: PO Box 550
City: Newton Zip: 28658
County: Catawba, North Carolina

NOTE: Governmental authority over taxes, zoning, school districts, utilities and mail delivery may differ from address shown.

Legal Description: (Complete ALL applicable)
Plat Reference :Lot/Unit _____, Block/Section _____, Subdivision/Condominium _____, as shown on Plat Book/Slide _____ at Page(s) _____

The PIN/PID or other identification number of the Property is: LRK 0033792


Other description: NCDOT Assets 89107

Some or all of the Property may be described in Deed Book 2475 at Page 624

(d) **"Purchase Price":**

\$ 500.00
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ 500.00

paid in U.S. Dollars upon the following terms:
BY DUE DILIGENCE FEE made payable and delivered to Seller by the Effective Date.
BY INITIAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT made payable and delivered to Escrow Agent named in Paragraph 1(f) by cash personal check official bank check wire transfer, electronic transfer, EITHER with this offer OR within five (5) days of the Effective Date of this Contract.
BY (ADDITIONAL) EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT made payable and delivered to Escrow Agent named in Paragraph 1(f) by cash, official bank check, wire transfer or electronic transfer no later than 5 p.m. on _____, **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE.**
BY ASSUMPTION of the unpaid principal balance and all obligations of Seller on the existing loan(s) secured by a deed of trust on the Property in accordance with the attached Loan Assumption Addendum (Standard Form 2A6-T).
BY SELLER FINANCING in accordance with the attached Seller Financing Addendum (Standard Form 2A5-T).
BALANCE of the Purchase Price in cash at Settlement (some or all of which may be paid with the proceeds of a new loan).

 This form jointly approved by:
North Carolina Bar Association
North Carolina Association of REALTORS®, Inc.



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Should Buyer fail to deliver either the Due Diligence Fee or any Initial Earnest Money Deposit by their due dates, or should any check or other funds paid by Buyer be dishonored, for any reason, by the institution upon which the payment is drawn, Buyer shall have one (1) banking day after written notice to deliver cash, official bank check, wire transfer or electronic transfer to the payee. In the event Buyer does not timely deliver the required funds, Seller shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to Buyer.

(e) **"Earnest Money Deposit"**: The Initial Earnest Money Deposit, the Additional Earnest Money Deposit and any other earnest monies paid or required to be paid in connection with this transaction, collectively the "Earnest Money Deposit", shall be deposited and held in escrow by Escrow Agent until Closing, at which time it will be credited to Buyer, or until this Contract is otherwise terminated. In the event: (1) this offer is not accepted; or (2) a condition of any resulting contract is not satisfied, then the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer. In the event of breach of this Contract by Seller, the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer upon Buyer's request, but such return shall not affect any other remedies available to Buyer for such breach. In the event of breach of this Contract by Buyer, the Earnest Money Deposit shall be paid to Seller. The payment of the Earnest Money Deposit to Seller and the retention of any Due Diligence Fee by Seller (without regard to their respective amounts, including zero) together shall serve as liquidated damages ("Liquidated Damages") and as Seller's sole and exclusive remedy for such breach, but without limiting Seller's rights under Paragraphs 4(d) and 4(e) for damage to the Property. It is acknowledged by the parties that the amount of the Liquidated Damages is compensatory and not punitive, such amount being a reasonable estimation of the actual loss that Seller would incur as a result of a breach of this Contract by Buyer. The payment to Seller and/or retention by Seller of the Liquidated Damages shall not constitute a penalty or forfeiture but actual compensation for Seller's anticipated loss, both parties acknowledging the difficulty determining Seller's actual damages for such breach. If legal proceedings are brought by Buyer or Seller against the other to recover the Earnest Money Deposit, the prevailing party in the proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorney fees and court costs incurred in connection with the proceeding.

(f) **"Escrow Agent"** (insert name): Foothills Commercial Real Estate Shelby, NC

NOTE: In the event of a dispute between Seller and Buyer over the disposition of the Earnest Money Deposit held in escrow, a licensed real estate broker ("Broker") is required by state law (and Escrow Agent, if not a Broker, hereby agrees) to retain the Earnest Money Deposit in the Escrow Agent's trust or escrow account until Escrow Agent has obtained a written release from the parties consenting to its disposition or until disbursement is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Alternatively, if a Broker or an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina ("Attorney") is holding the Earnest Money Deposit, the Broker or Attorney may deposit the disputed monies with the appropriate clerk of court in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. §93A-12.

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT A REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE FIRM ACTING AS ESCROW AGENT MAY PLACE THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT IN AN INTEREST BEARING TRUST ACCOUNT AND THAT ANY INTEREST EARNED THEREON SHALL BE DISBURSED TO THE ESCROW AGENT MONTHLY IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY MAINTAINING SUCH ACCOUNT AND RECORDS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

(g) **"Effective Date"**: The date that: (1) the last one of Buyer and Seller has signed or initialed this offer or the final counteroffer, if any, and (2) such signing or initialing is communicated to the party making the offer or counteroffer, as the case may be. The parties acknowledge and agree that the initials lines at the bottom of each page of this Contract are merely evidence of their having reviewed the terms of each page, and that the complete execution of such initials lines shall not be a condition of the effectiveness of this Agreement.

(h) **"Due Diligence"**: Buyer's opportunity to investigate the Property and the transaction contemplated by this Contract, including but not necessarily limited to the matters described in Paragraph 2 below, to decide whether Buyer, in Buyer's sole discretion, will proceed with or terminate the transaction.

(i) **"Due Diligence Fee"**: A negotiated amount, if any, paid by Buyer to Seller with this Contract for Buyer's right to terminate the Contract for any reason or no reason during the Due Diligence Period. It shall be the property of Seller upon the Effective Date and shall be a credit to Buyer at Closing. The Due Diligence Fee shall be non-refundable except in the event of a material breach of this Contract by Seller, or if this Contract is terminated under Paragraph 6(n) or as otherwise provided in any addendum hereto. Buyer and Seller each expressly waive any right that they may have to deny the right to conduct Due Diligence or to assert any defense as to the enforceability of this Contract based on the absence or alleged insufficiency of any Due Diligence Fee, it being the intent of the parties to create a legally binding contract for the purchase and sale of the Property without regard to the existence or amount of any Due Diligence Fee.

(j) **"Due Diligence Period"**: The period beginning on the Effective Date and extending through 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2020 *TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE.*

(k) **"Settlement"**: The proper execution and delivery to the closing attorney of all documents necessary to complete the transaction contemplated by this Contract, including the deed, settlement statement, deed of trust and other loan or conveyance documents, and the closing attorney's receipt of all funds necessary to complete such transaction.

(l) **"Settlement Date"**: The parties agree that Settlement will take place on on or before December 31, 2020 (the "Settlement Date"), unless otherwise agreed in writing, at a time and place designated by Buyer.

(m) **"Closing"**: The completion of the legal process which results in the transfer of title to the Property from Seller to Buyer, which includes the following steps: (1) the Settlement (defined above); (2) the completion of a satisfactory title update to the Property following the Settlement; (3) the closing attorney's receipt of authorization to disburse all necessary funds; and (4) recordation in the appropriate county registry of the deed(s) and deed(s) of trust, if any, which shall take place as soon as reasonably possible for the closing attorney after Settlement. Upon Closing, the proceeds of sale shall be disbursed by the closing attorney in accordance with the settlement statement and the provisions of Chapter 45A of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the title update should reveal unexpected liens, encumbrances or other title defects, or if the closing attorney is not authorized to disburse all necessary funds, then the Closing shall be suspended and the Settlement deemed delayed under Paragraph 9 (Delay in Settlement/Closing).

WARNING: The North Carolina State Bar has determined that the performance of most acts and services required for a closing constitutes the practice of law and must be performed only by an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina. State law prohibits unlicensed individuals or firms from rendering legal services or advice. Although non-attorney settlement agents may perform limited services in connection with a closing, they may not perform all the acts and services required to complete a closing. A closing involves significant legal issues that should be handled by an attorney. Accordingly it is the position of the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina Association of REALTORS® that all buyers should hire an attorney licensed in North Carolina to perform a closing.

(n) **"Special Assessments"**: A charge against the Property by a governmental authority in addition to ad valorem taxes and recurring governmental service fees levied with such taxes, or by an owners' association in addition to any regular assessment (dues), either of which may be a lien against the Property. A Special Assessment may be either proposed or confirmed.

"Proposed Special Assessment": A Special Assessment that is under formal consideration but which has not been approved prior to Settlement.

"Confirmed Special Assessment": A Special Assessment that has been approved prior to Settlement whether payable in a lump sum or future installments.

NOTE: Any Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments must be identified by Seller in paragraph 5(b), and Buyer's and Seller's respective responsibilities for Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments are addressed in paragraphs 4(a) and 6(k).

2. **BUYER'S DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS:**

WARNING: BUYER IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT DUE DILIGENCE DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD. If Buyer is not satisfied with the results or progress of Buyer's Due Diligence, Buyer should terminate this Contract, prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, unless Buyer can obtain a written extension from Seller. SELLER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO GRANT AN EXTENSION. Although Buyer may continue to investigate the Property following the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, Buyer's failure to deliver a Termination Notice to Seller prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period will constitute a waiver by Buyer of any right to terminate this Contract based on any matter relating to Buyer's Due Diligence. Provided however, following the Due Diligence Period, Buyer may still exercise a right to terminate if Seller fails to materially comply with any of Seller's obligations under paragraph 6 of this Contract or for any other reason permitted under the terms of this Contract or North Carolina law.

(a) **Loan:** Buyer, at Buyer's expense, shall be entitled to pursue qualification for and approval of the Loan if any.

NOTE: Buyer's obligation to purchase the Property is not contingent on obtaining a Loan. Therefore, Buyer is advised to consult with Buyer's lender prior to signing this offer to assure that the Due Diligence Period allows sufficient time for the appraisal to be completed and for Buyer's lender to provide Buyer sufficient information to decide whether to proceed with or terminate the transaction.

(b) **Property Investigation:** Buyer or Buyer's agents or representatives, at Buyer's expense, shall be entitled to conduct all desired tests, surveys, appraisals, investigations, examinations and inspections of the Property as Buyer deems appropriate, including but NOT limited to the following:

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- (i) **Soil And Environmental:** Reports to determine whether the soil is suitable for Buyer's intended use and whether there is any environmental contamination, law, rule or regulation that may prohibit, restrict or limit Buyer's intended use.
- (ii) **Septic/Sewer System:** Any applicable investigation(s) to determine: (1) the condition of an existing sewage system, (2) the costs and expenses to install a sewage system approved by an existing Improvement Permit, (3) the availability and expense to connect to a public or community sewer system, and/or (4) whether an Improvement Permit or written evaluation may be obtained from the County Health Department for a suitable ground absorption sewage system.
- (iii) **Water:** Any applicable investigation(s) to determine: (1) the condition of an existing private drinking water well, (2) the costs and expenses to install a private drinking water well approved by an existing Construction Permit, (3) the availability, costs and expenses to connect to a public or community water system, or a shared private well, and/or (4) whether a Construction Permit may be obtained from the County Health Department for a private drinking water well.
- (iv) **Review of Documents:** Review of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Rules and Regulations, and other governing documents of any applicable owners' association and/or subdivision. If the Property is subject to regulation by an owners' association, it is recommended that Buyer review the completed Owners' Association And Addendum (Standard Form 2A12-T) provided by Seller prior to signing this offer. It is also recommended that the Buyer determine if the owners' association or its management company charges fees for providing information required by Buyer's lender or confirming restrictive covenant compliance.
- (v) **Appraisals:** An appraisal of the Property.
- (vi) **Survey:** A survey to determine whether the property is suitable for Buyer's intended use and the location of easements, setbacks, property boundaries and other issues which may or may not constitute title defects.
- (vii) **Zoning and Governmental Regulation:** Investigation of current or proposed zoning or other governmental regulation that may affect Buyer's intended use of the Property, adjacent land uses, planned or proposed road construction, and school attendance zones.
- (viii) **Flood Hazard:** Investigation of potential flood hazards on the Property, and/or any requirement to purchase flood insurance in order to obtain the Loan.
- (ix) **Utilities and Access:** Availability, quality, and obligations for maintenance of utilities including electric, gas, communication services, storm water management, and means of access to the Property and amenities.
- (x) **Streets/Roads:** Investigation of the status of the street/road upon which the Property fronts as well as any other street/road used to access the Property, including: (1) whether any street(s)/road(s) are public or private, (2) whether any street(s)/road(s) designated as public are accepted for maintenance by the State of NC or any municipality, or (3) if private or not accepted for public maintenance, the consequences and responsibility for maintenance and the existence, terms and funding of any maintenance agreements.

NOTE: NC General Statutes Section 136-102.6(f) (the "Statute") requires that under circumstances described in the Statute, a buyer must be provided a subdivision streets disclosure statement prior to entering into an agreement to buy subdivided property described in the Statute. If Buyer or Seller are uncertain whether the sale of the Property described in this Contract is subject to the Statute, consult a NC real estate attorney.

- (xi) **Sale/Lease of Existing Property:** As noted in paragraph 3(b), this Contract is not conditioned upon the sale/lease or closing of other property owned by Buyer. Therefore, if Buyer must sell or lease other real property in order to qualify for a new loan or to otherwise complete the purchase of the Property, Buyer should seek to close on Buyer's other property prior to the end of the Due Diligence Period or be reasonably satisfied that closing on Buyer's other property will take place prior to the Settlement Date of this Contract.

(c) **Buyer's Obligation to Repair Damage:** Buyer shall, at Buyer's expense, promptly repair any damage to the Property resulting from any activities of Buyer and Buyer's agents and contractors, but Buyer shall not be responsible for any damage caused by accepted practices applicable to any N.C. licensed professional performing reasonable appraisals, tests, surveys, examinations and inspections of the Property. This repair obligation shall survive any termination of this Contract.

(d) **Indemnity:** Buyer will indemnify and hold Seller harmless from all loss, damage, claims, suits or costs, which shall arise out of any contract, agreement, or injury to any person or property as a result of any activities of Buyer and Buyer's agents and contractors relating to the Property except for any loss, damage, claim, suit or cost arising out of pre-existing conditions of the Property and/or out of Seller's negligence or willful acts or omissions. This indemnity shall survive this Contract and any termination hereof.

(e) **Buyer's Right to Terminate:** Buyer shall have the right to terminate this Contract for any reason or no reason, by delivering to Seller written notice of termination (the "Termination Notice") during the Due Diligence Period (or any agreed-upon written extension of the Due Diligence Period), **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE**. If Buyer timely delivers the Termination Notice, this Contract shall be terminated and the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer.

(f) **CLOSING SHALL CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPERTY IN ITS THEN EXISTING CONDITION UNLESS PROVISION IS OTHERWISE MADE IN WRITING.**

3. **BUYER REPRESENTATIONS:**

(a) **Loan:** Buyer does does not intend to obtain a new loan in order to purchase the Property. If Buyer is obtaining a new loan, Buyer intends to obtain a loan as follows: Conventional Other: _____ loan at a Fixed Rate Adjustable Rate in the principal amount of _____ for a term of _____ year(s), at an initial interest rate not to exceed _____ % per annum (the "Loan").

NOTE: Buyer's obligation under this Contract are not conditioned upon obtaining or closing any loan.

NOTE: If Buyer does not intend to obtain a new loan, Seller is advised, prior to signing this offer, to obtain documentation from Buyer which demonstrates that Buyer will be able to close on the Property without the necessity of obtaining a new loan.

(b) **Other Property:** Buyer DOES DOES NOT have to sell or lease other real property in order to qualify for a new loan or to complete the purchase. *(Complete the following only if Buyer DOES have to sell or lease other real property:)*

Other Property Address: _____

(Check if applicable) Buyer's other property IS under contract as of the date of this offer, and a copy of the contract has either been previously provided to Seller or accompanies this offer. *(Buyer may mark out any confidential information, such as the purchase price and the buyer's identity, prior to providing a copy of the contract to Seller.)* Failure to provide a copy of the contract shall not prevent this offer from becoming a binding contract; however, SELLER IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN AND REVIEW THE CONTRACT ON BUYER'S PROPERTY PRIOR TO ACCEPTING THIS OFFER.

(Check if applicable) Buyer's other property IS NOT under contract as of the date of this offer. Buyer's property *(check only ONE of the following options):*

- is listed with and actively marketed by a licensed real estate broker.
- will be listed with and actively marketed by a licensed real estate broker.
- Buyer is attempting to sell/lease the Buyer's Property without the assistance of a licensed real estate broker.

NOTE: This Contract is NOT conditioned upon the sale/lease or closing of Buyer's other property. If the parties agree to make this Contract conditioned on a sale/lease or closing of Buyer's other property, an appropriate contingency addendum should be drafted by a North Carolina real estate attorney and added to this Contract.

(c) **Performance of Buyer's Financial Obligations:** To the best of Buyer's knowledge, there are no other circumstances or conditions existing as of the date of this offer that would prohibit Buyer from performing Buyer's financial obligations in accordance with this Contract, except as maybe specifically set forth herein.

4. **BUYER OBLIGATIONS:**

(a) **Responsibility for Proposed Special Assessments:** Buyer shall take title subject to all Proposed Special Assessments.

(b) **Responsibility for Certain Costs:** Buyer shall be responsible for all costs with respect to:

- (i) any loan obtained by Buyer, including charges by an owners association and/or management company as agent of an owners' association for providing information required by Buyer's lender;
- (ii) charges required by an owners' association declaration to be paid by Buyer for Buyer's future use and enjoyment of the Property, including, without limitation, working capital contributions, membership fees, or charges for Buyer's use of the common elements and/or services provided to Buyer, such as "move-in fees";
- (iii) determining restrictive covenant compliance;
- (iv) appraisal;
- (v) title search;
- (vi) title insurance;
- (vii) any fees charged by the closing attorney for the preparation of the Closing Disclosure, Seller Disclosure and any other settlement statement;
- (viii) recording the deed; and
- (ix) preparation and recording of all instruments required to secure the balance of the Purchase Price unpaid at Settlement.

(c) **Authorization to Disclose Information:** Buyer authorizes the Buyer's lender(s), the parties' real estate agent(s) and closing attorney:(1) to provide this Contract to any appraiser employed by Buyer or by Buyer's lender(s); and (2) to release and disclose any buyer's closing disclosure, settlement statement and/or disbursement summary, or any information therein, to the parties to this transaction, their real estate agent(s) and Buyer's lender(s).

5. SELLER REPRESENTATIONS:

(a) **Ownership:** Seller represents that Seller:

- has owned the Property for at least one year.
- has owned the Property for less than one year.
- does not yet own the Property.

(b) **Assessments:** To the best of Seller's knowledge there are are not any Proposed Special Assessments. If any Proposed Special Assessments, identify: _____

Seller warrants that there are are not any Confirmed Special Assessments. If any Confirmed Special Assessments, identify: _____

NOTE: Buyer's and Seller's respective responsibilities for Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments are addressed in paragraphs 4(a) and 6(k).

(c) **Owners' Association(s) and Dues:** To best of Seller's knowledge, ownership of the Property subjects does not subject Buyer to regulation by one or more owners' association(s) and governing documents, which impose various mandatory covenants, conditions and restrictions upon the Property and Buyer's enjoyment thereof, including but not limited to obligations to pay regular assessments (dues) and Special Assessments. If there is an owners' association, then an Owners' Association Disclosure and Addendum For Properties Exempt from Residential Property Disclosure Statement (Standard Form 2A12-T) shall be completed by Seller, at Seller's expense, and must be attached as an addendum to this Contract.

(d) **Sewage System Permit:** (Applicable Not Applicable) Seller warrants that the sewage system described in the Improvement Permit attached hereto has been installed, which representation survives Closing, but makes no further representations as to the system.

(e) **Private Drinking Water Well Permit:** (Applicable Not Applicable) Seller warrants that a private drinking water well has been installed, which representation survives Closing, but makes no further representations as to the well. (If well installed after July 1, 2008, attach Improvement Permit hereto.)

6. SELLER OBLIGATIONS:

(a) **Evidence of Title, Payoff Statement(s) and Non Foreign Status:**

- (i) Seller agrees to use best efforts to provide to the closing attorney as soon as reasonably possible after the Effective Date, copies of all title information in possession of or available to Seller, including but not limited to: title insurance policies, attorney's opinions on title, surveys, covenants, deeds, notes and deeds of trust, leases, and easements relating to the Property.
- (ii) Seller shall provide to the closing attorney all information needed to obtain a written payoff statement from any lender(s) regarding any security interest in the Property as soon as reasonably possible after the Effective Date, and Seller designates the closing attorney as Seller's agent with express authority to request and obtain on Seller's behalf payoff statements and/or short-pay statements from any such lender(s).
- (iii) If Seller is not a foreign person as defined by the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act, Seller shall also provide to the closing attorney a non-foreign status affidavit (pursuant to the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act). In the event Seller shall not provide a non-foreign status affidavit, Seller acknowledges that there maybe withholding as provided by the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) **Authorization to Disclose Information:** Seller authorizes: (1) any attorney presently or previously representing Seller to release and disclose any title insurance policy in such attorney's file to Buyer and both Buyer's and Seller's agents and attorneys; (2) the Property's title insurer or its agent to release and disclose all materials in the Property's title insurer's (or title insurer's agent's) file to Buyer and both Buyer's and Seller's agents and attorneys, and (3) the closing attorney to release and disclose any seller's closing disclosure, settlement statement and/or disbursement summary, or any information therein, to the parties to this transaction, their real estate agent(s) and Buyer's lender(s).

(c) **Access to Property:** Seller shall provide reasonable access to the Property through the earlier of Closing or possession by Buyer, including, but not limited to, allowing the Buyer and/or Buyer's agents or representatives an opportunity to (i) conduct Due Diligence, (ii) verify the satisfactory completion of negotiated repairs/improvements, and (iii) conduct a final walk-through inspection of the Property. Seller's obligation includes providing existing utilities operating at Seller's cost including any connections and dewatering. To the extent applicable, Seller shall also be responsible for timely clearing that portion of the Property required by the County to perform tests, inspections and/or evaluations to determine the suitability of the Property for a sewage system and/or private drinking water well.

NOTE: See WARNING in paragraph 2 above for limitation on Buyer's right to terminate this Contract as a result of Buyer's continued investigation of the Property following the expiration of the Due Diligence Period.

(d) **Removal of Seller's Property:** Seller shall remove from the Property, by the date possession is delivered, (i) all personal property which is not a part of the purchase and (ii) unless otherwise agreed, all garbage and debris.

(e) **Affidavit and Indemnification Agreement:** Seller shall furnish at Settlement an affidavit(s) and indemnification agreement(s) in form satisfactory to Buyer and Buyer's title insurer, if any, executed by Seller and any person or entity who has performed or furnished labor, services, materials or rental equipment to the Property within 120 days prior to the date of Settlement and who may be entitled to claim a lien against the Property as described in N.C.G.S. §44A-8 verifying that each such person or entity has been paid in full and agreeing to indemnify Buyer, Buyer's lender(s) and Buyer's title insurer against all loss from any cause or claim arising there from.

(f) **Designation of Lien Agent, Payment and Satisfaction of Liens:** If required by N.C.G.S. §44A-11.1, Seller shall have designated a Lien Agent, and Seller shall deliver to Buyer as soon as reasonably possible a copy of the appointment of Lien Agent. All deeds of trust, deferred ad valorem taxes, liens and other charges against the Property, not assumed by Buyer, must be paid and satisfied by Seller prior to or at Settlement such that cancellation may be promptly obtained following Closing. Seller shall remain obligated to obtain any such cancellations following Closing.

(g) **Good Title, Legal Access:** Seller shall execute and deliver a GENERAL WARRANTY DEED for the Property in recordable form no later than Settlement, which shall convey fee simple marketable and insurable title, without exception for mechanics' liens, and free of any other liens, encumbrances or defects, including those which would be revealed by a current and accurate survey of the Property, except: ad valorem taxes for the current year (prorated through the date of Settlement); utility easements and unviolated covenants, conditions or restrictions that do not materially affect the value of the Property; and such other liens, encumbrances or defects as may be assumed or specifically approved by Buyer in writing. The Property must have legal access to a public right of way.

NOTE: Buyer's failure to conduct a survey or examine title of the Property prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period does not relieve the Seller of their obligation to deliver good title under this paragraph.

NOTE: If any sale of the Property may be a "short sale," consideration should be given to attaching a Short Sale Addendum (Standard Form 2A14-T) as an addendum to this Contract.

(h) **Deed, Taxes, and Fees:** Seller shall pay for preparation of a deed and all other documents necessary to perform Seller's obligations under this Contract, and for state and county excise taxes, and any deferred, discounted or rollback taxes, and local conveyance fees required by law. The deed is to be made to: _____

(i) **Agreement to Pay Buyer Expenses:** Seller shall pay at Settlement \$ _____ toward any of Buyer's expenses associated with the purchase of the Property, at the discretion of Buyer and/or lender, if any, including any FHA/VA lender and inspection costs that Buyer is not permitted to pay.

(j) **Owners' Association Fees/Charges: Seller shall pay:** (i) any fees required for confirming Seller's account payment information on owners' association dues or assessments for payment or proration; (ii) any fees imposed by an owners' association and/or a management company as agent of the owners' association in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Contract other than those fees required to be paid by Buyer under paragraph 4(b) above; and (iii) fees incurred by Seller in completing the Residential Property and Owners' Association Disclosure Statement, and resale or other certificates related to a proposed sale of the Property.

(k) **Payment of Confirmed Special Assessments:** Seller shall pay, in full at Settlement, all Confirmed Special Assessments, whether payable in a lump sum or future installments, provided that the amount thereof can be reasonably determined or estimated. The payment of such estimated amount shall be the final payment between the Parties.

(l) **Late Listing Penalties:** All property tax late listing penalties, if any, shall be paid by Seller.

(m) **Owners' Association Disclosure and Condominium Resale Statement Addendum** (Standard Form 2A12-T): If applicable, Seller shall provide the completed Owners' Association Disclosure and Condominium Resale Statement Addendum to Buyer on or before the Effective Date.

(n) **Seller's Failure to Comply or Breach:** If Seller fails to materially comply with any of Seller's obligations under this Paragraph 6 or Seller materially breaches this Contract, and Buyer elects to terminate this Contract as a result of such failure or breach, then the Earnest Money Deposit and the Due Diligence Fee shall be refunded to Buyer and Seller shall reimburse to Buyer the reasonable costs actually incurred by Buyer in connection with Buyer's Due Diligence without affecting any other remedies. If

legal proceedings are brought by Buyer against the Seller to recover the Earnest Money Deposit, the Due Diligence Fee and/or the reasonable costs actually incurred by Buyer in connection with Buyer's Due Diligence, the prevailing party in the proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorney fees and court costs incurred in connection with the proceeding.

7. **PRORATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS:** Unless otherwise provided, the following items shall be prorated, with Seller responsible for the prorated amounts through the date of Settlement, and either adjusted between the parties or paid at Settlement:

- (a) **Taxes on Real Property:** Ad valorem taxes and recurring governmental service fees levied with such taxes on real property shall be prorated on a calendar year basis;
- (b) **Rents:** Rents, if any, for the Property;
- (c) **Dues:** Owners' association regular assessments (dues) and other like charges.

8. **RISK OF LOSS/CONDITION OF PROPERTY AT CLOSING:** The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty prior to Closing shall be upon Seller. Seller is advised not to cancel existing insurance on the Property until after confirming recordation of the deed.

Buyer's obligation to complete the transaction contemplated by this Contract shall be contingent upon the Property being in substantially the same or better condition at Closing as on the date of this offer, reasonable wear and tear excepted. If the Property is not in substantially the same or better condition at Closing as on the date of this offer, reasonable wear and tear excepted, Buyer may terminate this Contract by written notice delivered to Seller and the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer. If the Property is not in such condition and Buyer does NOT elect to terminate this Contract, Buyer shall be entitled to receive, in addition to the Property, the proceeds of any insurance claim filed by Seller on account of any damage or destruction to the Property.

9. **DELAY IN SETTLEMENT/CLOSING:** Absent agreement to the contrary in this Contract or any subsequent modification thereto, if a party is unable to complete Settlement by the Settlement Date but intends to complete the transaction and is acting in good faith and with reasonable diligence to proceed to Settlement ("Delaying Party"), and if the other party is ready, willing and able to complete Settlement on the Settlement Date ("Non-Delaying Party") then the Delaying Party shall give as much notice as possible to the Non-Delaying Party and closing attorney and shall be entitled to a delay in Settlement. If the parties fail to complete Settlement and Closing within fourteen (14) days of the Settlement Date (including any amended Settlement Date agreed to in writing by the parties) or to otherwise extend the Settlement Date by written agreement, then the Delaying Party shall be in breach and the Non-Delaying Party may terminate this Contract and shall be entitled to enforce any remedies available to such party under this Contract for the breach.

10. **POSSESSION:** Unless otherwise provided herein, possession, including all means of access to the Property (keys, codes, including security codes, gate openers, electronic devices, etc.) shall be delivered at Closing as defined in Paragraph 1(m). No alterations, excavations, tree or vegetation removal or other such activities may be done before possession is delivered.

11. **ADDENDA:** CHECK ALL STANDARD ADDENDA THAT MAY BE A PART OF THIS CONTRACT, IF ANY, AND ATTACH HERETO. ITEMIZE ALL OTHER ADDENDA TO THIS CONTRACT, IF ANY, AND ATTACH HERETO.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Provisions Addendum (Form 2A11-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Owners' Association Disclosure And Addendum For Properties Exempt from Residential Property Disclosure Statement (Form 2A12-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Signatures Addendum (Form 3-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller Financing Addendum (Form 2A5-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back-Up Contract Addendum (Form 2A1-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Sale Addendum (Form 2A14-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Assumption Addendum (Form 2A6-T) | |

Identify other attorney or party drafted addenda: NCDOT Addendum

NOTE: UNDER NORTH CAROLINA LAW, REAL ESTATE BROKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRAFT ADDENDA TO THIS CONTRACT.

12. **ASSIGNMENTS:** This Contract may not be assigned without the written consent of all parties except in connection with a tax-deferred exchange, but if assigned by agreement, then this Contract shall be binding on the assignee and assignee's heirs and successors.

13. **TAX-DEFERRED EXCHANGE:** In the event Buyer or Seller desires to effect a tax-deferred exchange in connection with the conveyance of the Property, Buyer and Seller agree to cooperate in effecting such exchange; provided, however, that the exchanging party shall be responsible for all additional costs associated with such exchange, and provided further, that a non-exchanging party shall not assume any additional liability with respect to such tax-deferred exchange. Buyer and Seller shall execute such additional

Buyer initials ETL Seller initials _____

documents, including assignment of this Contract in connection therewith, at no cost to the non-exchanging party, as shall be required to give effect to this provision.

14. **PARTIES:** This Contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Buyer and Seller and their respective heirs, successors and assigns. As used herein, words in the singular include the plural and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders, as appropriate.

15. **SURVIVAL:** If any provision herein contained which by its nature and effect is required to be observed, kept or performed after the Closing, it shall survive the Closing and remain binding upon and for the benefit of the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

16. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducements or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions hereto must be in writing and signed by all parties. Nothing contained herein shall alter any agreement between a REALTOR® or broker and Seller or Buyer as contained in any listing agreement, buyer agency agreement, or any other agency agreement between them.

17. **CONDUCT OF TRANSACTION:** The parties agree that any action between them relating to the transaction contemplated by this Contract may be conducted by electronic means, including the signing of this Contract by one or more of them and any notice or communication given in connection with this Contract. Any written notice or communication may be transmitted to any mailing address, e-mail address or fax number set forth in the "Notice Information" section below. Any notice or communication to be given to a party herein, any any fee, deposit of other payment to be delivered to a party herein, may be given to the party or to such party's agent. Seller and Buyer agree that the "Notice Information" and "Acknowledgment of Receipt of Monies" sections below shall not constitute a material part of this Contract, and that the addition or modification of any information therein shall not constitute a rejection of an offer or the creation of a counter offer.

18. **EXECUTION:** This Contract may be signed in multiple originals or counterparts, all of which together constitute one and the same instrument.

19. **COMPUTATION OF DAYS/TIME OF DAY:** Unless otherwise provided, for purposes of this Contract, the term "days" shall mean consecutive calendar days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, whether federal, state, local or religious. For the purposes of calculating days, the count of "days" shall begin on the day following the day upon which any act or notice as provided in this Contract was required to be performed or made. Any reference to a date or time of day shall refer to the date and/or time of day in the State of North Carolina.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, INC. AND THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION MAKE NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE LEGAL VALIDITY OR ADEQUACY OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS FORM IN ANY SPECIFIC TRANSACTION. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS FORM OR FEEL THAT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR YOUR LEGAL NEEDS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY BEFORE YOU SIGN IT.

This offer shall become a binding contract on the Effective Date. Unless specifically provided otherwise, Buyer's failure to timely deliver any fee, deposit or other payment provided for herein shall not prevent this offer from becoming a binding contract, provided that any such failure shall give Seller certain rights to terminate the contract as described herein or as otherwise permitted by law.

Date: _____

Date: _____

Buyer _____
City of Newton

Seller _____
North Carolina Department of Transportation

Date: _____

Date: _____

Buyer _____

Seller _____

Entity Buyer: _____
City of Newton

Entity Seller: _____
North Carolina Department of Transportation

(Name of LLC/Corporation/Partnership/Trust/etc.)

(Name of LLC/Corporation/Partnership/Trust/etc.)

By: *Todd Clark*

By: _____

Name: Todd Clark

Name: _____

Title: Manager

Title: _____

Date: 9/30/2020 | 6:36 AM PDT

Date: _____

WIRE FRAUD WARNING

TO BUYERS: BEFORE SENDING ANY WIRE, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO VERIFY THE INSTRUCTIONS. IF YOU RECEIVE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS FOR A DIFFERENT BANK, BRANCH LOCATION, ACCOUNT NAME OR ACCOUNT NUMBER, THEY SHOULD BE PRESUMED FRAUDULENT. DO NOT SEND ANY FUNDS AND CONTACT THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

TO SELLERS: IF YOUR PROCEEDS WILL BE WIRED, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PROVIDE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS AT CLOSING IN WRITING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ATTORNEY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CLOSING, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO SEND AN ORIGINAL NOTARIZED DIRECTIVE TO THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONTAINING THE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS. THIS MAY BE SENT WITH THE DEED, LIEN WAIVER AND TAX FORMS IF THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR YOU BY THE CLOSING ATTORNEY. AT A MINIMUM, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE THE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS. THE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE VERIFIED OVER THE TELEPHONE VIA A CALL TO YOU INITIATED BY THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT FROM A FRAUDULENT SOURCE.

WHETHER YOU ARE A BUYER OR A SELLER, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT A NUMBER THAT IS INDEPENDENTLY OBTAINED. TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CONTACT IS LEGITIMATE, YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON A PHONE NUMBER IN AN EMAIL FROM THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, YOUR REAL ESTATE AGENT OR ANYONE ELSE.

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NOTICE INFORMATION

NOTE: INSERT AT LEAST ONE ADDRESS AND/OR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY ADDRESS EACH PARTY AND AGENT APPROVES FOR THE RECEIPT OF ANY NOTICE CONTEMPLATED BY THIS CONTRACT. INSERT "N/A" FOR ANY WHICH ARE NOT APPROVED.

BUYER NOTICE ADDRESS:

Mailing Address: _____

Buyer Fax#: _____

Buyer E-mail: _____

SELLER NOTICE ADDRESS:

Mailing Address: 1546 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC
27699-1500

Seller Fax#: _____

Seller E-mail: _____

CONFIRMATION OF AGENCY/NOTICE ADDRESSES

Selling Firm Name: _____
Acting as Buyer's Agent Seller's(sub)Agent Dual Agent
Firm License#: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Individual Selling Agent: _____
 Acting as a Designated Dual Agent (check only if applicable)

Selling Agent License#: _____

Selling Agent Phone#: _____

Selling Agent Fax#: _____

Selling Agent E-mail: _____

Listing Firm Name: Foothills Commercial Real Estate LLC
Acting as Seller's Agent Dual Agent
Firm License#: C24755
Mailing Address: 221-1 S Lafayette St, Shelby, NC 28150

Individual Listing Agent: Bill McCarter
 Acting as a Designated Dual Agent (check only if applicable)

Listing Agent License#: _____

Listing Agent Phone#: _____

Listing Agent Fax#: _____

Listing Agent E-mail: bill.mccarter@foothillscommercial.com

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF MONIES

Seller: North Carolina Department of Transportation ("Seller")

Buyer: City of Newton ("Buyer")

Property Address: PO Box 550, Newton, 28658 ("Property")

LISTING AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DUE DILIGENCE FEE

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Seller of a Due Diligence Fee in the amount of \$ _____, receipt of which Listing Agent hereby acknowledges.

Date: _____ Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate LLC

By: _____

(Signature)

Bill McCarter

(Print name)

SELLER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DUE DILIGENCE FEE

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Seller of a Due Diligence Fee in the amount of \$ _____, receipt of which Seller hereby acknowledges.

Date: _____ Seller: _____

(Signature)

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Date: _____ Seller: _____

(Signature)

ESCROW AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF INITIAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Escrow Agent of an Initial Earnest Money Deposit in the amount of \$ _____. Escrow Agent as identified in Paragraph 1(f) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract hereby acknowledges receipt of the Initial Earnest Money Deposit and agrees to hold and disburse the same in accordance with the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract.

Date: _____ Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate

By: _____

(Signature)

Shelby, NC

(Print name)

ESCROW AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF (ADDITIONAL) EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Escrow Agent of an (Additional) Earnest Money Deposit in the amount of \$ _____. Escrow Agent as identified in Paragraph 1(f) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract hereby acknowledges receipt of the (Additional) Earnest Money Deposit and agrees to hold and disburse the same in accordance with the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract.

Date: _____ Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate

Time: _____ AM. PM

By: _____

(Signature)

Shelby, NC

(Print name)

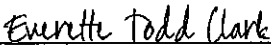
ADDENDUM TO OFFER TO PURCHASE

As part of this offer, Buyer acknowledges the following items:

1. Buyer is responsible for all recording fees associated with the recording of the executed Deed;
2. Closing will be handled via e-file by NCDOT and not at the buyer's attorney's office;
3. All final payment funds will be made out to NCDOT via a certified or cashier's check, payable at the time of closing and recording of the Deed;
4. Buyer has physically reviewed the property and is aware of any access or control of access;
5. The sale of the subject property must be approved by the Board of Transportation and, when necessary, by the Council of State, and these approvals may delay by several months the sale and delivery of the Deed conveying the property.
6. The Department retains the right to decline, reject or set aside any and all offers prior closing if deemed in the best interest of the Department.
7. This bullet replaces Section 6(g) in the Purchase contract. *The NCDOT shall execute and deliver a QUIT CLAIM DEED or SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED for the Property in recordable form no later than Settlement, which shall convey fee simple interest. Access to public right of way is not guaranteed and is the responsibility of the buyer to acquire.*

CONVEY TO: _____ City of Newton _____

HAVING AN ADDRESS OF: PO Box 550, Newton, NC 28658 _____

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 Buyer
 Date 9/30/2020 | 6:36 AM PDT

 Buyer
 Date

 Denise Amato, Accelerated Residue Sales Coordinator
 Date

OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT - VACANT LOT/LAND

[Consult "Guidelines" (form 12G) for guidance in completing this form]

NOTE: This contract is intended for unimproved real property that Buyer will purchase only for personal use and does not have immediate plans to subdivide. It should not be used to sell property that is being subdivided unless the property has been platted, properly approved and recorded with the register of deeds as of the date of the contract. If Seller is Buyer's builder and the sale involves the construction of a new single family dwelling prior to closing, use the standard Offer to Purchase and Contract--New Construction (Form 800-T) or, if the construction is completed, use the Offer to Purchase and Contract (Form 2-T) with the New Construction Addendum (Form 2A3-T).

For valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Buyer offers to purchase and Seller upon acceptance agrees to sell and convey the Property on the terms and conditions of this Offer To Purchase and Contract and any addendum or modification made in accordance with its terms (together the "Contract").

1. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS: The terms listed below shall have the respective meaning given them as set forth adjacent to each term.

(a) **"Seller":** North Carolina Department of Transportation

(b) **"Buyer":** City of Newton

(c) **"Property":** The Property shall include all that real estate described below together with all appurtenances thereto including the improvements located thereon.

NOTE: If the Property will include a manufactured (mobile) home(s), Buyer and Seller should consider including the Manufactured (Mobile) Home provision in the Additional Provisions Addendum (Standard Form 2A11-T) with this offer.

Street Address: PO Box 550
City: Newton Zip: 28658
County: Catawba, North Carolina

NOTE: Governmental authority over taxes, zoning, school districts, utilities and mail delivery may differ from address shown.

Legal Description: (Complete ALL applicable)
Plat Reference :Lot/Unit _____, Block/Section _____, Subdivision/Condominium _____, as shown on Plat Book/Slide _____ at Page(s) _____


The PIN/PID or other identification number of the Property is: LRK 903966

Other description: NCDOT Assets 205914

Some or all of the Property may be described in Deed Book 2842 at Page 895

(d) **"Purchase Price":**
\$ 500.00
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ 500.00

paid in U.S. Dollars upon the following terms:
BY DUE DILIGENCE FEE made payable and delivered to Seller by the Effective Date.
BY INITIAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT made payable and delivered to Escrow Agent named in Paragraph 1(f) by cash personal check official bank check wire transfer, electronic transfer, EITHER with this offer OR within five (5) days of the Effective Date of this Contract.
BY (ADDITIONAL) EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT made payable and delivered to Escrow Agent named in Paragraph 1(f) by cash, official bank check, wire transfer or electronic transfer no later than 5 p.m. on _____, **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE.**
BY ASSUMPTION of the unpaid principal balance and all obligations of Seller on the existing loan(s) secured by a deed of trust on the Property in accordance with the attached Loan Assumption Addendum (Standard Form 2A6-T).
BY SELLER FINANCING in accordance with the attached Seller Financing Addendum (Standard Form 2A5-T).
BALANCE of the Purchase Price in cash at Settlement (some or all of which may be paid with the proceeds of a new loan).

 This form jointly approved by:
North Carolina Bar Association
North Carolina Association of REALTORS®, Inc.



STANDARD FORM 12-T
Revised 7/2019
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Buyer initials etc Seller initials _____

Should Buyer fail to deliver either the Due Diligence Fee or any Initial Earnest Money Deposit by their due dates, or should any check or other funds paid by Buyer be dishonored, for any reason, by the institution upon which the payment is drawn, Buyer shall have one (1) banking day after written notice to deliver cash, official bank check, wire transfer or electronic transfer to the payee. In the event Buyer does not timely deliver the required funds, Seller shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to Buyer.

(e) **"Earnest Money Deposit"**: The Initial Earnest Money Deposit, the Additional Earnest Money Deposit and any other earnest monies paid or required to be paid in connection with this transaction, collectively the "Earnest Money Deposit", shall be deposited and held in escrow by Escrow Agent until Closing, at which time it will be credited to Buyer, or until this Contract is otherwise terminated. In the event: (1) this offer is not accepted; or (2) a condition of any resulting contract is not satisfied, then the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer. In the event of breach of this Contract by Seller, the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer upon Buyer's request, but such return shall not affect any other remedies available to Buyer for such breach. In the event of breach of this Contract by Buyer, the Earnest Money Deposit shall be paid to Seller. The payment of the Earnest Money Deposit to Seller and the retention of any Due Diligence Fee by Seller (without regard to their respective amounts, including zero) together shall serve as liquidated damages ("Liquidated Damages") and as Seller's sole and exclusive remedy for such breach, but without limiting Seller's rights under Paragraphs 4(d) and 4(e) for damage to the Property. It is acknowledged by the parties that the amount of the Liquidated Damages is compensatory and not punitive, such amount being a reasonable estimation of the actual loss that Seller would incur as a result of a breach of this Contract by Buyer. The payment to Seller and/or retention by Seller of the Liquidated Damages shall not constitute a penalty or forfeiture but actual compensation for Seller's anticipated loss, both parties acknowledging the difficulty determining Seller's actual damages for such breach. If legal proceedings are brought by Buyer or Seller against the other to recover the Earnest Money Deposit, the prevailing party in the proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorney fees and court costs incurred in connection with the proceeding.

(f) **"Escrow Agent"** (insert name): Foothills Commercial Real Estate Shelby, NC

NOTE: In the event of a dispute between Seller and Buyer over the disposition of the Earnest Money Deposit held in escrow, a licensed real estate broker ("Broker") is required by state law (and Escrow Agent, if not a Broker, hereby agrees) to retain the Earnest Money Deposit in the Escrow Agent's trust or escrow account until Escrow Agent has obtained a written release from the parties consenting to its disposition or until disbursement is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Alternatively, if a Broker or an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina ("Attorney") is holding the Earnest Money Deposit, the Broker or Attorney may deposit the disputed monies with the appropriate clerk of court in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. §93A-12.

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT A REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE FIRM ACTING AS ESCROW AGENT MAY PLACE THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT IN AN INTEREST BEARING TRUST ACCOUNT AND THAT ANY INTEREST EARNED THEREON SHALL BE DISBURSED TO THE ESCROW AGENT MONTHLY IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY MAINTAINING SUCH ACCOUNT AND RECORDS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

(g) **"Effective Date"**: The date that: (1) the last one of Buyer and Seller has signed or initialed this offer or the final counteroffer, if any, and (2) such signing or initialing is communicated to the party making the offer or counteroffer, as the case may be. The parties acknowledge and agree that the initials lines at the bottom of each page of this Contract are merely evidence of their having reviewed the terms of each page, and that the complete execution of such initials lines shall not be a condition of the effectiveness of this Agreement.

(h) **"Due Diligence"**: Buyer's opportunity to investigate the Property and the transaction contemplated by this Contract, including but not necessarily limited to the matters described in Paragraph 2 below, to decide whether Buyer, in Buyer's sole discretion, will proceed with or terminate the transaction.

(i) **"Due Diligence Fee"**: A negotiated amount, if any, paid by Buyer to Seller with this Contract for Buyer's right to terminate the Contract for any reason or no reason during the Due Diligence Period. It shall be the property of Seller upon the Effective Date and shall be a credit to Buyer at Closing. The Due Diligence Fee shall be non-refundable except in the event of a material breach of this Contract by Seller, or if this Contract is terminated under Paragraph 6(n) or as otherwise provided in any addendum hereto. Buyer and Seller each expressly waive any right that they may have to deny the right to conduct Due Diligence or to assert any defense as to the enforceability of this Contract based on the absence or alleged insufficiency of any Due Diligence Fee, it being the intent of the parties to create a legally binding contract for the purchase and sale of the Property without regard to the existence or amount of any Due Diligence Fee.

(j) **"Due Diligence Period"**: The period beginning on the Effective Date and extending through 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2020 TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE.

Buyer initials ETL Seller initials _____

(k) **"Settlement"**: The proper execution and delivery to the closing attorney of all documents necessary to complete the transaction contemplated by this Contract, including the deed, settlement statement, deed of trust and other loan or conveyance documents, and the closing attorney's receipt of all funds necessary to complete such transaction.

(l) **"Settlement Date"**: The parties agree that Settlement will take place on on or before December 31, 2020 (the "Settlement Date"), unless otherwise agreed in writing, at a time and place designated by Buyer.

(m) **"Closing"**: The completion of the legal process which results in the transfer of title to the Property from Seller to Buyer, which includes the following steps: (1) the Settlement (defined above); (2) the completion of a satisfactory title update to the Property following the Settlement; (3) the closing attorney's receipt of authorization to disburse all necessary funds; and (4) recordation in the appropriate county registry of the deed(s) and deed(s) of trust, if any, which shall take place as soon as reasonably possible for the closing attorney after Settlement. Upon Closing, the proceeds of sale shall be disbursed by the closing attorney in accordance with the settlement statement and the provisions of Chapter 45A of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the title update should reveal unexpected liens, encumbrances or other title defects, or if the closing attorney is not authorized to disburse all necessary funds, then the Closing shall be suspended and the Settlement deemed delayed under Paragraph 9 (Delay in Settlement/Closing).

WARNING: The North Carolina State Bar has determined that the performance of most acts and services required for a closing constitutes the practice of law and must be performed only by an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina. State law prohibits unlicensed individuals or firms from rendering legal services or advice. Although non-attorney settlement agents may perform limited services in connection with a closing, they may not perform all the acts and services required to complete a closing. A closing involves significant legal issues that should be handled by an attorney. Accordingly it is the position of the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina Association of REALTORS® that all buyers should hire an attorney licensed in North Carolina to perform a closing.

(n) **"Special Assessments"**: A charge against the Property by a governmental authority in addition to ad valorem taxes and recurring governmental service fees levied with such taxes, or by an owners' association in addition to any regular assessment (dues), either of which may be a lien against the Property. A Special Assessment may be either proposed or confirmed.

"Proposed Special Assessment": A Special Assessment that is under formal consideration but which has not been approved prior to Settlement.

"Confirmed Special Assessment": A Special Assessment that has been approved prior to Settlement whether payable in a lump sum or future installments.

NOTE: Any Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments must be identified by Seller in paragraph 5(b), and Buyer's and Seller's respective responsibilities for Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments are addressed in paragraphs 4(a) and 6(k).

2. **BUYER'S DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS:**

WARNING: BUYER IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT DUE DILIGENCE DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD. If Buyer is not satisfied with the results or progress of Buyer's Due Diligence, Buyer should terminate this Contract, *prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period*, unless Buyer can obtain a written extension from Seller. SELLER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO GRANT AN EXTENSION. Although Buyer may continue to investigate the Property following the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, Buyer's failure to deliver a Termination Notice to Seller prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period will constitute a waiver by Buyer of any right to terminate this Contract based on any matter relating to Buyer's Due Diligence. Provided however, following the Due Diligence Period, Buyer may still exercise a right to terminate if Seller fails to materially comply with any of Seller's obligations under paragraph 6 of this Contract or for any other reason permitted under the terms of this Contract or North Carolina law.

(a) **Loan:** Buyer, at Buyer's expense, shall be entitled to pursue qualification for and approval of the Loan if any.

NOTE: Buyer's obligation to purchase the Property is not contingent on obtaining a Loan. Therefore, Buyer is advised to consult with Buyer's lender prior to signing this offer to assure that the Due Diligence Period allows sufficient time for the appraisal to be completed and for Buyer's lender to provide Buyer sufficient information to decide whether to proceed with or terminate the transaction.

(b) **Property Investigation:** Buyer or Buyer's agents or representatives, at Buyer's expense, shall be entitled to conduct all desired tests, surveys, appraisals, investigations, examinations and inspections of the Property as Buyer deems appropriate, including but NOT limited to the following:

Buyer initials DS etl Seller initials _____

- (i) **Soil And Environmental:** Reports to determine whether the soil is suitable for Buyer's intended use and whether there is any environmental contamination, law, rule or regulation that may prohibit, restrict or limit Buyer's intended use.
- (ii) **Septic/Sewer System:** Any applicable investigation(s) to determine: (1) the condition of an existing sewage system, (2) the costs and expenses to install a sewage system approved by an existing Improvement Permit, (3) the availability and expense to connect to a public or community sewer system, and/or (4) whether an Improvement Permit or written evaluation may be obtained from the County Health Department for a suitable ground absorption sewage system.
- (iii) **Water:** Any applicable investigation(s) to determine: (1) the condition of an existing private drinking water well, (2) the costs and expenses to install a private drinking water well approved by an existing Construction Permit, (3) the availability, costs and expenses to connect to a public or community water system, or a shared private well, and/or (4) whether a Construction Permit may be obtained from the County Health Department for a private drinking water well.
- (iv) **Review of Documents:** Review of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Rules and Regulations, and other governing documents of any applicable owners' association and/or subdivision. If the Property is subject to regulation by an owners' association, it is recommended that Buyer review the completed Owners' Association And Addendum (Standard Form 2A12-T) provided by Seller prior to signing this offer. It is also recommended that the Buyer determine if the owners' association or its management company charges fees for providing information required by Buyer's lender or confirming restrictive covenant compliance.
- (v) **Appraisals:** An appraisal of the Property.
- (vi) **Survey:** A survey to determine whether the property is suitable for Buyer's intended use and the location of easements, setbacks, property boundaries and other issues which may or may not constitute title defects.
- (vii) **Zoning and Governmental Regulation:** Investigation of current or proposed zoning or other governmental regulation that may affect Buyer's intended use of the Property, adjacent land uses, planned or proposed road construction, and school attendance zones.
- (viii) **Flood Hazard:** Investigation of potential flood hazards on the Property, and/or any requirement to purchase flood insurance in order to obtain the Loan.
- (ix) **Utilities and Access:** Availability, quality, and obligations for maintenance of utilities including electric, gas, communication services, storm water management, and means of access to the Property and amenities.
- (x) **Streets/Roads:** Investigation of the status of the street/road upon which the Property fronts as well as any other street/road used to access the Property, including: (1) whether any street(s)/road(s) are public or private, (2) whether any street(s)/road(s) designated as public are accepted for maintenance by the State of NC or any municipality, or (3) if private or not accepted for public maintenance, the consequences and responsibility for maintenance and the existence, terms and funding of any maintenance agreements.

NOTE: NC General Statutes Section 136-102.6(f) (the "Statute") requires that under circumstances described in the Statute, a buyer must be provided a subdivision streets disclosure statement prior to entering into an agreement to buy subdivided property described in the Statute. If Buyer or Seller are uncertain whether the sale of the Property described in this Contract is subject to the Statute, consult a NC real estate attorney.

- (xi) **Sale/Lease of Existing Property:** As noted in paragraph 3(b), this Contract is not conditioned upon the sale/lease or closing of other property owned by Buyer. Therefore, if Buyer must sell or lease other real property in order to qualify for a new loan or to otherwise complete the purchase of the Property, Buyer should seek to close on Buyer's other property prior to the end of the Due Diligence Period or be reasonably satisfied that closing on Buyer's other property will take place prior to the Settlement Date of this Contract.
- (c) **Buyer's Obligation to Repair Damage:** Buyer shall, at Buyer's expense, promptly repair any damage to the Property resulting from any activities of Buyer and Buyer's agents and contractors, but Buyer shall not be responsible for any damage caused by accepted practices applicable to any N.C. licensed professional performing reasonable appraisals, tests, surveys, examinations and inspections of the Property. This repair obligation shall survive any termination of this Contract.
- (d) **Indemnity:** Buyer will indemnify and hold Seller harmless from all loss, damage, claims, suits or costs, which shall arise out of any contract, agreement, or injury to any person or property as a result of any activities of Buyer and Buyer's agents and contractors relating to the Property except for any loss, damage, claim, suit or cost arising out of pre-existing conditions of the Property and/or out of Seller's negligence or willful acts or omissions. This indemnity shall survive this Contract and any termination hereof.
- (e) **Buyer's Right to Terminate:** Buyer shall have the right to terminate this Contract for any reason or no reason, by delivering to Seller written notice of termination (the "Termination Notice") during the Due Diligence Period (or any agreed-upon written extension of the Due Diligence Period), **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE**. If Buyer timely delivers the Termination Notice, this Contract shall be terminated and the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer.

Buyer initials ett

Seller initials _____

(f) CLOSING SHALL CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPERTY IN ITS THEN EXISTING CONDITION UNLESS PROVISION IS OTHERWISE MADE IN WRITING.

3. BUYER REPRESENTATIONS:

(a) Loan: Buyer does does not intend to obtain a new loan in order to purchase the Property. If Buyer is obtaining a new loan, Buyer intends to obtain a loan as follows: Conventional Other: _____ loan at a Fixed Rate Adjustable Rate in the principal amount of _____ for a term of _____ year(s), at an initial interest rate not to exceed _____ % per annum (the "Loan").

NOTE: Buyer's obligation under this Contract are not conditioned upon obtaining or closing any loan.

NOTE: If Buyer does not intend to obtain a new loan, Seller is advised, prior to signing this offer, to obtain documentation from Buyer which demonstrates that Buyer will be able to close on the Property without the necessity of obtaining a new loan.

(b) Other Property: Buyer DOES DOES NOT have to sell or lease other real property in order to qualify for a new loan or to complete the purchase. (Complete the following only if Buyer DOES have to sell or lease other real property:)

Other Property Address: _____

(Check if applicable) Buyer's other property IS under contract as of the date of this offer, and a copy of the contract has either been previously provided to Seller or accompanies this offer. (Buyer may mark out any confidential information, such as the purchase price and the buyer's identity, prior to providing a copy of the contract to Seller.) Failure to provide a copy of the contract shall not prevent this offer from becoming a binding contract; however, SELLER IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN AND REVIEW THE CONTRACT ON BUYER'S PROPERTY PRIOR TO ACCEPTING THIS OFFER.

(Check if applicable) Buyer's other property IS NOT under contract as of the date of this offer. Buyer's property (check only ONE of the following options):

- is listed with and actively marketed by a licensed real estate broker.
- will be listed with and actively marketed by a licensed real estate broker.
- Buyer is attempting to sell/lease the Buyer's Property without the assistance of a licensed real estate broker.

NOTE: This Contract is NOT conditioned upon the sale/lease or closing of Buyer's other property. If the parties agree to make this Contract conditioned on a sale/lease or closing of Buyer's other property, an appropriate contingency addendum should be drafted by a North Carolina real estate attorney and added to this Contract.

(c) Performance of Buyer's Financial Obligations: To the best of Buyer's knowledge, there are no other circumstances or conditions existing as of the date of this offer that would prohibit Buyer from performing Buyer's financial obligations in accordance with this Contract, except as maybe specifically set forth herein.

4. BUYER OBLIGATIONS:

(a) Responsibility for Proposed Special Assessments: Buyer shall take title subject to all Proposed Special Assessments.

(b) Responsibility for Certain Costs: Buyer shall be responsible for all costs with respect to:

- (i) any loan obtained by Buyer, including charges by an owners association and/or management company as agent of an owners' association for providing information required by Buyer's lender;
- (ii) charges required by an owners' association declaration to be paid by Buyer for Buyer's future use and enjoyment of the Property, including, without limitation, working capital contributions, membership fees, or charges for Buyer's use of the common elements and/or services provided to Buyer, such as "move-in fees";
- (iii) determining restrictive covenant compliance;
- (iv) appraisal;
- (v) title search;
- (vi) title insurance;
- (vii) any fees charged by the closing attorney for the preparation of the Closing Disclosure, Seller Disclosure and any other settlement statement;
- (viii) recording the deed; and
- (ix) preparation and recording of all instruments required to secure the balance of the Purchase Price unpaid at Settlement.

(c) Authorization to Disclose Information: Buyer authorizes the Buyer's lender(s), the parties' real estate agent(s) and closing attorney:(1) to provide this Contract to any appraiser employed by Buyer or by Buyer's lender(s); and (2) to release and disclose any buyer's closing disclosure, settlement statement and/or disbursement summary, or any information therein, to the parties to this transaction, their real estate agent(s) and Buyer's lender(s).

Buyer initials etl Seller initials _____

5. SELLER REPRESENTATIONS:

(a) **Ownership:** Seller represents that Seller:

- has owned the Property for at least one year.
- has owned the Property for less than one year.
- does not yet own the Property.

(b) **Assessments:** To the best of Seller's knowledge there are are not any Proposed Special Assessments. If any Proposed Special Assessments, identify: _____

Seller warrants that there are are not any Confirmed Special Assessments. If any Confirmed Special Assessments, identify: _____

NOTE: Buyer's and Seller's respective responsibilities for Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments are addressed in paragraphs 4(a) and 6(k).

(c) **Owners' Association(s) and Dues:** To best of Seller's knowledge, ownership of the Property subjects does not subject Buyer to regulation by one or more owners' association(s) and governing documents, which impose various mandatory covenants, conditions and restrictions upon the Property and Buyer's enjoyment thereof, including but not limited to obligations to pay regular assessments (dues) and Special Assessments. If there is an owners' association, then an Owners' Association Disclosure and Addendum For Properties Exempt from Residential Property Disclosure Statement (Standard Form 2A12-T) shall be completed by Seller, at Seller's expense, and must be attached as an addendum to this Contract.

(d) **Sewage System Permit:** (Applicable Not Applicable) Seller warrants that the sewage system described in the Improvement Permit attached hereto has been installed, which representation survives Closing, but makes no further representations as to the system.

(e) **Private Drinking Water Well Permit:** (Applicable Not Applicable) Seller warrants that a private drinking water well has been installed, which representation survives Closing, but makes no further representations as to the well. (If well installed after July 1, 2008, attach Improvement Permit hereto.)

6. SELLER OBLIGATIONS:

(a) **Evidence of Title, Payoff Statement(s) and Non Foreign Status:**

- (i) Seller agrees to use best efforts to provide to the closing attorney as soon as reasonably possible after the Effective Date, copies of all title information in possession of or available to Seller, including but not limited to: title insurance policies, attorney's opinions on title, surveys, covenants, deeds, notes and deeds of trust, leases, and easements relating to the Property.
- (ii) Seller shall provide to the closing attorney all information needed to obtain a written payoff statement from any lender(s) regarding any security interest in the Property as soon as reasonably possible after the Effective Date, and Seller designates the closing attorney as Seller's agent with express authority to request and obtain on Seller's behalf payoff statements and/or short-pay statements from any such lender(s).
- (iii) If Seller is not a foreign person as defined by the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act, Seller shall also provide to the closing attorney a non-foreign status affidavit (pursuant to the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act). In the event Seller shall not provide a non-foreign status affidavit, Seller acknowledges that there maybe withholding as provided by the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) **Authorization to Disclose Information:** Seller authorizes: (1) any attorney presently or previously representing Seller to release and disclose any title insurance policy in such attorney's file to Buyer and both Buyer's and Seller's agents and attorneys; (2) the Property's title insurer or its agent to release and disclose all materials in the Property's title insurer's (or title insurer's agent's) file to Buyer and both Buyer's and Seller's agents and attorneys, and (3) the closing attorney to release and disclose any seller's closing disclosure, settlement statement and/or disbursement summary, or any information therein, to the parties to this transaction, their real estate agent(s) and Buyer's lender(s).

(c) **Access to Property:** Seller shall provide reasonable access to the Property through the earlier of Closing or possession by Buyer, including, but not limited to, allowing the Buyer and/or Buyer's agents or representatives an opportunity to (i) conduct Due Diligence, (ii) verify the satisfactory completion of negotiated repairs/improvements, and (iii) conduct a final walk-through inspection of the Property. Seller's obligation includes providing existing utilities operating at Seller's cost including any connections and dewatering. To the extent applicable, Seller shall also be responsible for timely clearing that portion of the Property required by the County to perform tests, inspections and/or evaluations to determine the suitability of the Property for a sewage system and/or private drinking water well.

NOTE: See WARNING in paragraph 2 above for limitation on Buyer's right to terminate this Contract as a result of Buyer's continued investigation of the Property following the expiration of the Due Diligence Period.

Buyer initials etl Seller initials _____

(d) **Removal of Seller's Property:** Seller shall remove from the Property, by the date possession is delivered, (i) all personal property which is not a part of the purchase and (ii) unless otherwise agreed, all garbage and debris.

(e) **Affidavit and Indemnification Agreement:** Seller shall furnish at Settlement an affidavit(s) and indemnification agreement(s) in form satisfactory to Buyer and Buyer's title insurer, if any, executed by Seller and any person or entity who has performed or furnished labor, services, materials or rental equipment to the Property within 120 days prior to the date of Settlement and who may be entitled to claim a lien against the Property as described in N.C.G.S. §44A-8 verifying that each such person or entity has been paid in full and agreeing to indemnify Buyer, Buyer's lender(s) and Buyer's title insurer against all loss from any cause or claim arising there from.

(f) **Designation of Lien Agent, Payment and Satisfaction of Liens:** If required by N.C.G.S. §44A-11.1, Seller shall have designated a Lien Agent, and Seller shall deliver to Buyer as soon as reasonably possible a copy of the appointment of Lien Agent. All deeds of trust, deferred ad valorem taxes, liens and other charges against the Property, not assumed by Buyer, must be paid and satisfied by Seller prior to or at Settlement such that cancellation may be promptly obtained following Closing. Seller shall remain obligated to obtain any such cancellations following Closing.

(g) **Good Title, Legal Access:** Seller shall execute and deliver a GENERAL WARRANTY DEED for the Property in recordable form no later than Settlement, which shall convey fee simple marketable and insurable title, without exception for mechanics' liens, and free of any other liens, encumbrances or defects, including those which would be revealed by a current and accurate survey of the Property, except: ad valorem taxes for the current year (prorated through the date of Settlement); utility easements and unviolated covenants, conditions or restrictions that do not materially affect the value of the Property; and such other liens, encumbrances or defects as may be assumed or specifically approved by Buyer in writing. The Property must have legal access to a public right of way.

NOTE: Buyer's failure to conduct a survey or examine title of the Property prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period does not relieve the Seller of their obligation to deliver good title under this paragraph.

NOTE: If any sale of the Property may be a "short sale," consideration should be given to attaching a Short Sale Addendum (Standard Form 2A14-T) as an addendum to this Contract.

(h) **Deed, Taxes, and Fees:** Seller shall pay for preparation of a deed and all other documents necessary to perform Seller's obligations under this Contract, and for state and county excise taxes, and any deferred, discounted or rollback taxes, and local conveyance fees required by law. The deed is to be made to: _____

(i) **Agreement to Pay Buyer Expenses:** Seller shall pay at Settlement \$ _____ toward any of Buyer's expenses associated with the purchase of the Property, at the discretion of Buyer and/or lender, if any, including any FHA/VA lender and inspection costs that Buyer is not permitted to pay.

(j) **Owners' Association Fees/Charges: Seller shall pay:** (i) any fees required for confirming Seller's account payment information on owners' association dues or assessments for payment or proration; (ii) any fees imposed by an owners' association and/or a management company as agent of the owners' association in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Contract other than those fees required to be paid by Buyer under paragraph 4(b) above; and (iii) fees incurred by Seller in completing the Residential Property and Owners' Association Disclosure Statement, and resale or other certificates related to a proposed sale of the Property.

(k) **Payment of Confirmed Special Assessments:** Seller shall pay, in full at Settlement, all Confirmed Special Assessments, whether payable in a lump sum or future installments, provided that the amount thereof can be reasonably determined or estimated. The payment of such estimated amount shall be the final payment between the Parties.

(l) **Late Listing Penalties:** All property tax late listing penalties, if any, shall be paid by Seller.

(m) **Owners' Association Disclosure and Condominium Resale Statement Addendum** (Standard Form 2A12-T): If applicable, Seller shall provide the completed Owners' Association Disclosure and Condominium Resale Statement Addendum to Buyer on or before the Effective Date.

(n) **Seller's Failure to Comply or Breach:** If Seller fails to materially comply with any of Seller's obligations under this Paragraph 6 or Seller materially breaches this Contract, and Buyer elects to terminate this Contract as a result of such failure or breach, then the Earnest Money Deposit and the Due Diligence Fee shall be refunded to Buyer and Seller shall reimburse to Buyer the reasonable costs actually incurred by Buyer in connection with Buyer's Due Diligence without affecting any other remedies. If

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Seller initials _____

legal proceedings are brought by Buyer against the Seller to recover the Earnest Money Deposit, the Due Diligence Fee and/or the reasonable costs actually incurred by Buyer in connection with Buyer's Due Diligence, the prevailing party in the proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorney fees and court costs incurred in connection with the proceeding.

7. **PRORATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS:** Unless otherwise provided, the following items shall be prorated, with Seller responsible for the prorated amounts through the date of Settlement, and either adjusted between the parties or paid at Settlement:

- (a) **Taxes on Real Property:** Ad valorem taxes and recurring governmental service fees levied with such taxes on real property shall be prorated on a calendar year basis;
- (b) **Rents:** Rents, if any, for the Property;
- (c) **Dues:** Owners' association regular assessments (dues) and other like charges.

8. **RISK OF LOSS/CONDITION OF PROPERTY AT CLOSING:** The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty prior to Closing shall be upon Seller. Seller is advised not to cancel existing insurance on the Property until after confirming recordation of the deed.

Buyer's obligation to complete the transaction contemplated by this Contract shall be contingent upon the Property being in substantially the same or better condition at Closing as on the date of this offer, reasonable wear and tear excepted. If the Property is not in substantially the same or better condition at Closing as on the date of this offer, reasonable wear and tear excepted, Buyer may terminate this Contract by written notice delivered to Seller and the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer. If the Property is not in such condition and Buyer does NOT elect to terminate this Contract, Buyer shall be entitled to receive, in addition to the Property, the proceeds of any insurance claim filed by Seller on account of any damage or destruction to the Property.

9. **DELAY IN SETTLEMENT/CLOSING:** Absent agreement to the contrary in this Contract or any subsequent modification thereto, if a party is unable to complete Settlement by the Settlement Date but intends to complete the transaction and is acting in good faith and with reasonable diligence to proceed to Settlement ("Delaying Party"), and if the other party is ready, willing and able to complete Settlement on the Settlement Date ("Non-Delaying Party") then the Delaying Party shall give as much notice as possible to the Non-Delaying Party and closing attorney and shall be entitled to a delay in Settlement. If the parties fail to complete Settlement and Closing within fourteen (14) days of the Settlement Date (including any amended Settlement Date agreed to in writing by the parties) or to otherwise extend the Settlement Date by written agreement, then the Delaying Party shall be in breach and the Non-Delaying Party may terminate this Contract and shall be entitled to enforce any remedies available to such party under this Contract for the breach.

10. **POSSESSION:** Unless otherwise provided herein, possession, including all means of access to the Property (keys, codes, including security codes, gate openers, electronic devices, etc.) shall be delivered at Closing as defined in Paragraph 1(m). No alterations, excavations, tree or vegetation removal or other such activities may be done before possession is delivered.

11. **ADDENDA:** CHECK ALL STANDARD ADDENDA THAT MAY BE A PART OF THIS CONTRACT, IF ANY, AND ATTACH HERETO. ITEMIZE ALL OTHER ADDENDA TO THIS CONTRACT, IF ANY, AND ATTACH HERETO.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Provisions Addendum (Form 2A11-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Owners' Association Disclosure And Addendum For Properties Exempt from Residential Property Disclosure Statement (Form 2A12-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Signatures Addendum (Form 3-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller Financing Addendum (Form 2A5-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back-Up Contract Addendum (Form 2A1-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Sale Addendum (Form 2A14-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Assumption Addendum (Form 2A6-T) | |
- Identify other attorney or party drafted addenda: NCDOT Addendum

NOTE: UNDER NORTH CAROLINA LAW, REAL ESTATE BROKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRAFT ADDENDA TO THIS CONTRACT.

12. **ASSIGNMENTS:** This Contract may not be assigned without the written consent of all parties except in connection with a tax-deferred exchange, but if assigned by agreement, then this Contract shall be binding on the assignee and assignee's heirs and successors.

13. **TAX-DEFERRED EXCHANGE:** In the event Buyer or Seller desires to effect a tax-deferred exchange in connection with the conveyance of the Property, Buyer and Seller agree to cooperate in effecting such exchange; provided, however, that the exchanging party shall be responsible for all additional costs associated with such exchange, and provided further, that a non-exchanging party shall not assume any additional liability with respect to such tax-deferred exchange. Buyer and Seller shall execute such additional

Buyer initials etl Seller initials _____

documents, including assignment of this Contract in connection therewith, at no cost to the non-exchanging party, as shall be required to give effect to this provision.

14. **PARTIES:** This Contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Buyer and Seller and their respective heirs, successors and assigns. As used herein, words in the singular include the plural and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders, as appropriate.

15. **SURVIVAL:** If any provision herein contained which by its nature and effect is required to be observed, kept or performed after the Closing, it shall survive the Closing and remain binding upon and for the benefit of the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

16. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducements or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions hereto must be in writing and signed by all parties. Nothing contained herein shall alter any agreement between a REALTOR® or broker and Seller or Buyer as contained in any listing agreement, buyer agency agreement, or any other agency agreement between them.

17. **CONDUCT OF TRANSACTION:** The parties agree that any action between them relating to the transaction contemplated by this Contract may be conducted by electronic means, including the signing of this Contract by one or more of them and any notice or communication given in connection with this Contract. Any written notice or communication may be transmitted to any mailing address, e-mail address or fax number set forth in the "Notice Information" section below. Any notice or communication to be given to a party herein, any any fee, deposit of other payment to be delivered to a party herein, may be given to the party or to such party's agent. Seller and Buyer agree that the "Notice Information" and "Acknowledgment of Receipt of Monies" sections below shall not constitute a material part of this Contract, and that the addition or modification of any information therein shall not constitute a rejection of an offer or the creation of a counter offer.

18. **EXECUTION:** This Contract may be signed in multiple originals or counterparts, all of which together constitute one and the same instrument.

19. **COMPUTATION OF DAYS/TIME OF DAY:** Unless otherwise provided, for purposes of this Contract, the term "days" shall mean consecutive calendar days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, whether federal, state, local or religious. For the purposes of calculating days, the count of "days" shall begin on the day following the day upon which any act or notice as provided in this Contract was required to be performed or made. Any reference to a date or time of day shall refer to the date and/or time of day in the State of North Carolina.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, INC. AND THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION MAKE NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE LEGAL VALIDITY OR ADEQUACY OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS FORM IN ANY SPECIFIC TRANSACTION. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS FORM OR FEEL THAT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR YOUR LEGAL NEEDS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY BEFORE YOU SIGN IT.

This offer shall become a binding contract on the Effective Date. Unless specifically provided otherwise, Buyer's failure to timely deliver any fee, deposit or other payment provided for herein shall not prevent this offer from becoming a binding contract, provided that any such failure shall give Seller certain rights to terminate the contract as described herein or as otherwise permitted by law.

Date: _____

Date: _____

Buyer _____
City of Newton

Seller _____
North Carolina Department of Transportation

Date: _____

Date: _____

Buyer _____

Seller _____

Entity Buyer: _____
City of Newton

Entity Seller: _____
North Carolina Department of Transportation

(Name of LLC/Corporation/Partnership/Trust/etc.)

(Name of LLC/Corporation/Partnership/Trust/etc.)

By: *Todd Clark*

By: _____

Name: Todd Clark

Name: _____

Title: Manager

Title: _____

Date: 9/30/2020 | 6:49 AM PDT

Date: _____

WIRE FRAUD WARNING

TO BUYERS: BEFORE SENDING ANY WIRE, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO VERIFY THE INSTRUCTIONS. IF YOU RECEIVE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS FOR A DIFFERENT BANK, BRANCH LOCATION, ACCOUNT NAME OR ACCOUNT NUMBER, THEY SHOULD BE PRESUMED FRAUDULENT. DO NOT SEND ANY FUNDS AND CONTACT THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

TO SELLERS: IF YOUR PROCEEDS WILL BE WIRED, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PROVIDE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS AT CLOSING IN WRITING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ATTORNEY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CLOSING, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO SEND AN ORIGINAL NOTARIZED DIRECTIVE TO THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONTAINING THE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS. THIS MAY BE SENT WITH THE DEED, LIEN WAIVER AND TAX FORMS IF THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR YOU BY THE CLOSING ATTORNEY. AT A MINIMUM, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE THE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS. THE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE VERIFIED OVER THE TELEPHONE VIA A CALL TO YOU INITIATED BY THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT FROM A FRAUDULENT SOURCE.

WHETHER YOU ARE A BUYER OR A SELLER, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT A NUMBER THAT IS INDEPENDENTLY OBTAINED. TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CONTACT IS LEGITIMATE, YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON A PHONE NUMBER IN AN EMAIL FROM THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, YOUR REAL ESTATE AGENT OR ANYONE ELSE.

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NOTICE INFORMATION

NOTE: INSERT AT LEAST ONE ADDRESS AND/OR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY ADDRESS EACH PARTY AND AGENT APPROVES FOR THE RECEIPT OF ANY NOTICE CONTEMPLATED BY THIS CONTRACT. INSERT "N/A" FOR ANY WHICH ARE NOT APPROVED.

BUYER NOTICE ADDRESS:

Mailing Address: _____

Buyer Fax#: _____

Buyer E-mail: _____

SELLER NOTICE ADDRESS:

Mailing Address: 1546 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC
27699-1500

Seller Fax#: _____

Seller E-mail: _____

CONFIRMATION OF AGENCY/NOTICE ADDRESSES

Selling Firm Name: _____
Acting as Buyer's Agent Seller's(sub)Agent Dual Agent
Firm License#: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Individual Selling Agent: _____
 Acting as a Designated Dual Agent (check only if applicable)

Selling Agent License#: _____

Selling Agent Phone#: _____

Selling Agent Fax#: _____

Selling Agent E-mail: _____

Listing Firm Name: Foothills Commercial Real Estate LLC
Acting as Seller's Agent Dual Agent
Firm License#: C24755
Mailing Address: 221-1 S Lafayette St, Shelby, NC 28150

Individual Listing Agent: Bill McCarter
 Acting as a Designated Dual Agent (check only if applicable)

Listing Agent License#: _____

Listing Agent Phone#: _____

Listing Agent Fax#: _____

Listing Agent E-mail: bill.mccarter@foothillscommercial.com

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF MONIES

Seller: North Carolina Department of Transportation ("Seller")

Buyer: City of Newton ("Buyer")

Property Address: PO Box 550, Newton, 28658 ("Property")

LISTING AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DUE DILIGENCE FEE

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Seller of a Due Diligence Fee in the amount of \$ _____, receipt of which Listing Agent hereby acknowledges.

Date: _____ Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate LLC

By: _____

(Signature)

Bill McCarter

(Print name)

SELLER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DUE DILIGENCE FEE

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Seller of a Due Diligence Fee in the amount of \$ _____, receipt of which Seller hereby acknowledges.

Date: _____ Seller: _____

(Signature)

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Date: _____ Seller: _____

(Signature)

ESCROW AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF INITIAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Escrow Agent of an Initial Earnest Money Deposit in the amount of \$ _____. Escrow Agent as identified in Paragraph 1(f) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract hereby acknowledges receipt of the Initial Earnest Money Deposit and agrees to hold and disburse the same in accordance with the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract.

Date: _____ Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate

By: _____

(Signature)

Shelby, NC

(Print name)

ESCROW AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF (ADDITIONAL) EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Escrow Agent of an (Additional) Earnest Money Deposit in the amount of \$ _____. Escrow Agent as identified in Paragraph 1(f) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract hereby acknowledges receipt of the (Additional) Earnest Money Deposit and agrees to hold and disburse the same in accordance with the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract.

Date: _____ Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate

Time: _____ AM. PM By: _____

(Signature)

Shelby, NC

(Print name)

ADDENDUM TO OFFER TO PURCHASE

As part of this offer, Buyer acknowledges the following items:

1. Buyer is responsible for all recording fees associated with the recording of the executed Deed;
2. Closing will be handled via e-file by NCDOT and not at the buyer's attorney's office;
3. All final payment funds will be made out to NCDOT via a certified or cashier's check, payable at the time of closing and recording of the Deed;
4. Buyer has physically reviewed the property and is aware of any access or control of access;
5. The sale of the subject property must be approved by the Board of Transportation and, when necessary, by the Council of State, and these approvals may delay by several months the sale and delivery of the Deed conveying the property.
6. The Department retains the right to decline, reject or set aside any and all offers prior closing if deemed in the best interest of the Department.
7. This bullet replaces Section 6(g) in the Purchase contract. *The NCDOT shall execute and deliver a QUIT CLAIM DEED or SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED for the Property in recordable form no later than Settlement, which shall convey fee simple interest. Access to public right of way is not guaranteed and is the responsibility of the buyer to acquire.*

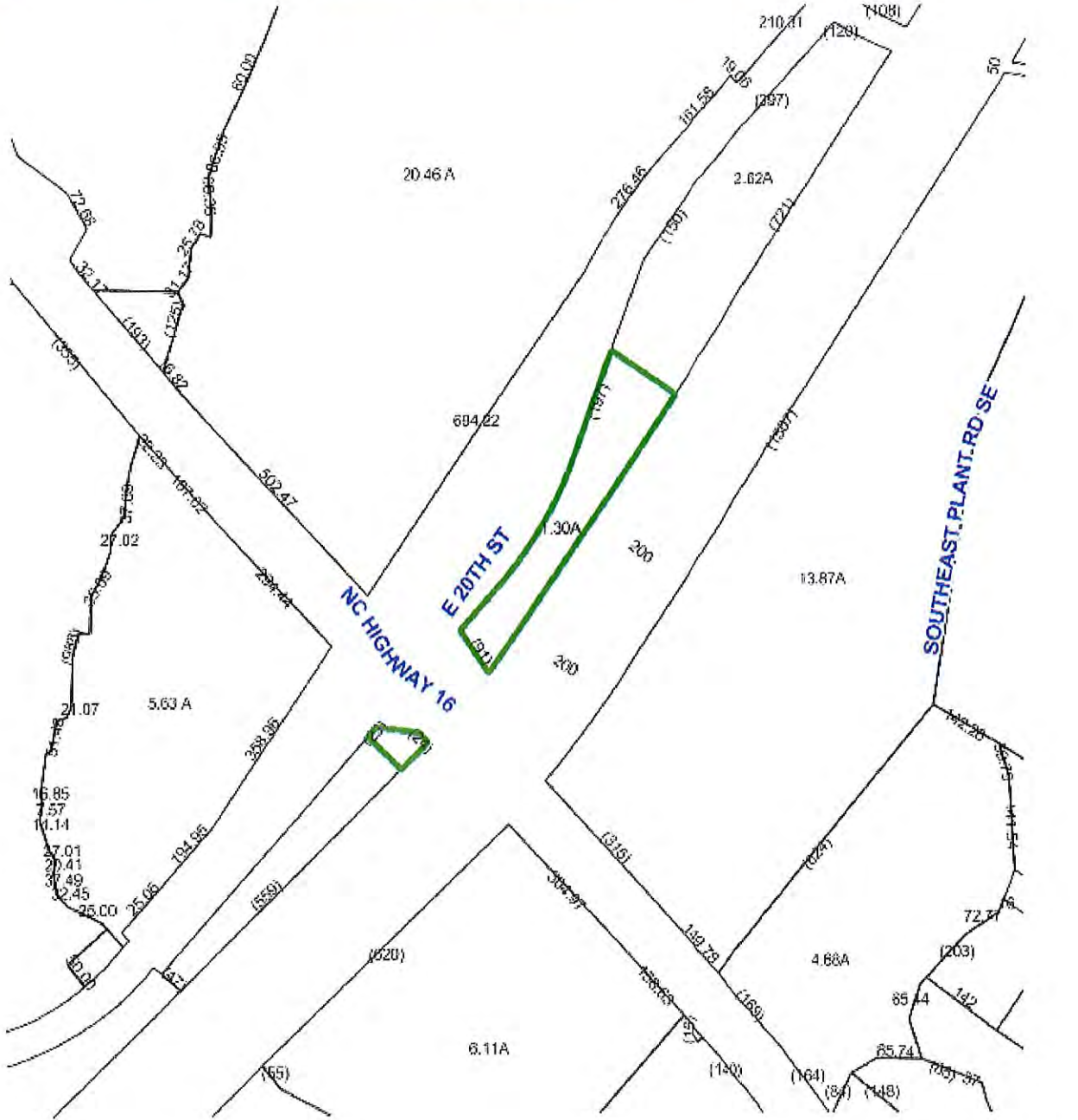
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HAVING AN ADDRESS OF: PO Box 550, Newton, NC 28658

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Buyer	Date

Buyer	Date

Denise Amato, Accelerated Residue Sales Coordinator	Date



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Parcel: 374115723792, E 20TH ST CONOVER, 28613

Owners: NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Owner Address: PO BOX 25201

Values - Building(s): \$0, Land: \$28,300, Total: \$28,300

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OFFER TO PURCHASE AND CONTRACT - VACANT LOT/LAND

[Consult "Guidelines" (form 12G) for guidance in completing this form]

NOTE: This contract is intended for unimproved real property that Buyer will purchase only for personal use and does not have immediate plans to subdivide. It should not be used to sell property that is being subdivided unless the property has been platted, properly approved and recorded with the register of deeds as of the date of the contract. If Seller is Buyer's builder and the sale involves the construction of a new single family dwelling prior to closing, use the standard Offer to Purchase and Contract-New Construction (Form 800-T) or, if the construction is completed, use the Offer to Purchase and Contract (Form 2-T) with the New Construction Addendum (Form 2A3-T).

For valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Buyer offers to purchase and Seller upon acceptance agrees to sell and convey the Property on the terms and conditions of this Offer To Purchase and Contract and any addendum or modification made in accordance with its terms (together the "Contract").

1. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS: The terms listed below shall have the respective meaning given them as set forth adjacent to each term.

(a) **"Seller":** North Carolina Department of Transportation

(b) **"Buyer":** City of Newton

(c) **"Property":** The Property shall include all that real estate described below together with all appurtenances thereto including the improvements located thereon.

NOTE: If the Property will include a manufactured (mobile) home(s), Buyer and Seller should consider including the Manufactured (Mobile) Home provision in the Additional Provisions Addendum (Standard Form 2A11-T) with this offer.

Street Address: PO Box 550
City: Newton Zip: 28658
County: Catawba, North Carolina

NOTE: Governmental authority over taxes, zoning, school districts, utilities and mail delivery may differ from address shown.

Legal Description: (Complete ALL applicable)
Plat Reference :Lot/Unit _____, Block/Section _____, Subdivision/Condominium _____, as shown on Plat Book/Slide _____ at Page(s) _____

The PIN/PID or other identification number of the Property is: Lrk 903966


Other description: NCDOT Assets 205921

Some or all of the Property may be described in Deed Book 2842 at Page 895

(d) **"Purchase Price":**

\$ 690.00
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____
\$ 690.00

paid in U.S. Dollars upon the following terms:
BY DUE DILIGENCE FEE made payable and delivered to Seller by the Effective Date.
BY INITIAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT made payable and delivered to Escrow Agent named in Paragraph 1(f) by cash personal check official bank check wire transfer, electronic transfer, EITHER with this offer OR within five (5) days of the Effective Date of this Contract.
BY (ADDITIONAL) EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT made payable and delivered to Escrow Agent named in Paragraph 1(f) by cash, official bank check, wire transfer or electronic transfer no later than 5 p.m. on _____, **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE.**
BY ASSUMPTION of the unpaid principal balance and all obligations of Seller on the existing loan(s) secured by a deed of trust on the Property in accordance with the attached Loan Assumption Addendum (Standard Form 2A6-T).
BY SELLER FINANCING in accordance with the attached Seller Financing Addendum (Standard Form 2A5-T).
BALANCE of the Purchase Price in cash at Settlement (some or all of which may be paid with the proceeds of a new loan).

 This form jointly approved by:
North Carolina Bar Association
North Carolina Association of REALTORS®, Inc.



STANDARD FORM 12-T
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Buyer initials etl Seller initials _____

Should Buyer fail to deliver either the Due Diligence Fee or any Initial Earnest Money Deposit by their due dates, or should any check or other funds paid by Buyer be dishonored, for any reason, by the institution upon which the payment is drawn, Buyer shall have one (1) banking day after written notice to deliver cash, official bank check, wire transfer or electronic transfer to the payee. In the event Buyer does not timely deliver the required funds, Seller shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to Buyer.

(e) **"Earnest Money Deposit"**: The Initial Earnest Money Deposit, the Additional Earnest Money Deposit and any other earnest monies paid or required to be paid in connection with this transaction, collectively the "Earnest Money Deposit", shall be deposited and held in escrow by Escrow Agent until Closing, at which time it will be credited to Buyer, or until this Contract is otherwise terminated. In the event: (1) this offer is not accepted; or (2) a condition of any resulting contract is not satisfied, then the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer. In the event of breach of this Contract by Seller, the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer upon Buyer's request, but such return shall not affect any other remedies available to Buyer for such breach. In the event of breach of this Contract by Buyer, the Earnest Money Deposit shall be paid to Seller. The payment of the Earnest Money Deposit to Seller and the retention of any Due Diligence Fee by Seller (without regard to their respective amounts, including zero) together shall serve as liquidated damages ("Liquidated Damages") and as Seller's sole and exclusive remedy for such breach, but without limiting Seller's rights under Paragraphs 4(d) and 4(e) for damage to the Property. It is acknowledged by the parties that the amount of the Liquidated Damages is compensatory and not punitive, such amount being a reasonable estimation of the actual loss that Seller would incur as a result of a breach of this Contract by Buyer. The payment to Seller and/or retention by Seller of the Liquidated Damages shall not constitute a penalty or forfeiture but actual compensation for Seller's anticipated loss, both parties acknowledging the difficulty determining Seller's actual damages for such breach. If legal proceedings are brought by Buyer or Seller against the other to recover the Earnest Money Deposit, the prevailing party in the proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorney fees and court costs incurred in connection with the proceeding.

(f) **"Escrow Agent"** (insert name): Foothills Commercial Real Estate Shelby, NC

NOTE: In the event of a dispute between Seller and Buyer over the disposition of the Earnest Money Deposit held in escrow, a licensed real estate broker ("Broker") is required by state law (and Escrow Agent, if not a Broker, hereby agrees) to retain the Earnest Money Deposit in the Escrow Agent's trust or escrow account until Escrow Agent has obtained a written release from the parties consenting to its disposition or until disbursement is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Alternatively, if a Broker or an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina ("Attorney") is holding the Earnest Money Deposit, the Broker or Attorney may deposit the disputed monies with the appropriate clerk of court in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. §93A-12.

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT A REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE FIRM ACTING AS ESCROW AGENT MAY PLACE THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT IN AN INTEREST BEARING TRUST ACCOUNT AND THAT ANY INTEREST EARNED THEREON SHALL BE DISBURSED TO THE ESCROW AGENT MONTHLY IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY MAINTAINING SUCH ACCOUNT AND RECORDS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

(g) **"Effective Date"**: The date that: (1) the last one of Buyer and Seller has signed or initialed this offer or the final counteroffer, if any, and (2) such signing or initialing is communicated to the party making the offer or counteroffer, as the case may be. The parties acknowledge and agree that the initials lines at the bottom of each page of this Contract are merely evidence of their having reviewed the terms of each page, and that the complete execution of such initials lines shall not be a condition of the effectiveness of this Agreement.

(h) **"Due Diligence"**: Buyer's opportunity to investigate the Property and the transaction contemplated by this Contract, including but not necessarily limited to the matters described in Paragraph 2 below, to decide whether Buyer, in Buyer's sole discretion, will proceed with or terminate the transaction.

(i) **"Due Diligence Fee"**: A negotiated amount, if any, paid by Buyer to Seller with this Contract for Buyer's right to terminate the Contract for any reason or no reason during the Due Diligence Period. It shall be the property of Seller upon the Effective Date and shall be a credit to Buyer at Closing. The Due Diligence Fee shall be non-refundable except in the event of a material breach of this Contract by Seller, or if this Contract is terminated under Paragraph 6(n) or as otherwise provided in any addendum hereto. Buyer and Seller each expressly waive any right that they may have to deny the right to conduct Due Diligence or to assert any defense as to the enforceability of this Contract based on the absence or alleged insufficiency of any Due Diligence Fee, it being the intent of the parties to create a legally binding contract for the purchase and sale of the Property without regard to the existence or amount of any Due Diligence Fee.

(j) **"Due Diligence Period"**: The period beginning on the Effective Date and extending through 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2020 *TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE.*

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(k) **"Settlement"**: The proper execution and delivery to the closing attorney of all documents necessary to complete the transaction contemplated by this Contract, including the deed, settlement statement, deed of trust and other loan or conveyance documents, and the closing attorney's receipt of all funds necessary to complete such transaction.

(l) **"Settlement Date"**: The parties agree that Settlement will take place on on or before December 31, 2020 (the "Settlement Date"), unless otherwise agreed in writing, at a time and place designated by Buyer.

(m) **"Closing"**: The completion of the legal process which results in the transfer of title to the Property from Seller to Buyer, which includes the following steps: (1) the Settlement (defined above); (2) the completion of a satisfactory title update to the Property following the Settlement; (3) the closing attorney's receipt of authorization to disburse all necessary funds; and (4) recordation in the appropriate county registry of the deed(s) and deed(s) of trust, if any, which shall take place as soon as reasonably possible for the closing attorney after Settlement. Upon Closing, the proceeds of sale shall be disbursed by the closing attorney in accordance with the settlement statement and the provisions of Chapter 45A of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the title update should reveal unexpected liens, encumbrances or other title defects, or if the closing attorney is not authorized to disburse all necessary funds, then the Closing shall be suspended and the Settlement deemed delayed under Paragraph 9 (Delay in Settlement/Closing).

WARNING: The North Carolina State Bar has determined that the performance of most acts and services required for a closing constitutes the practice of law and must be performed only by an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina. State law prohibits unlicensed individuals or firms from rendering legal services or advice. Although non-attorney settlement agents may perform limited services in connection with a closing, they may not perform all the acts and services required to complete a closing. A closing involves significant legal issues that should be handled by an attorney. Accordingly it is the position of the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina Association of REALTORS® that all buyers should hire an attorney licensed in North Carolina to perform a closing.

(n) **"Special Assessments"**: A charge against the Property by a governmental authority in addition to ad valorem taxes and recurring governmental service fees levied with such taxes, or by an owners' association in addition to any regular assessment (dues), either of which may be a lien against the Property. A Special Assessment may be either proposed or confirmed.

"Proposed Special Assessment": A Special Assessment that is under formal consideration but which has not been approved prior to Settlement.

"Confirmed Special Assessment": A Special Assessment that has been approved prior to Settlement whether payable in a lump sum or future installments.

NOTE: Any Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments must be identified by Seller in paragraph 5(b), and Buyer's and Seller's respective responsibilities for Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments are addressed in paragraphs 4(a) and 6(k).

2. **BUYER'S DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS:**

WARNING: BUYER IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT DUE DILIGENCE DURING THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD. If Buyer is not satisfied with the results or progress of Buyer's Due Diligence, Buyer should terminate this Contract, *prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period*, unless Buyer can obtain a written extension from Seller. SELLER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO GRANT AN EXTENSION. Although Buyer may continue to investigate the Property following the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, Buyer's failure to deliver a Termination Notice to Seller prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period will constitute a waiver by Buyer of any right to terminate this Contract based on any matter relating to Buyer's Due Diligence. Provided however, following the Due Diligence Period, Buyer may still exercise a right to terminate if Seller fails to materially comply with any of Seller's obligations under paragraph 6 of this Contract or for any other reason permitted under the terms of this Contract or North Carolina law.

(a) **Loan:** Buyer, at Buyer's expense, shall be entitled to pursue qualification for and approval of the Loan if any.

NOTE: Buyer's obligation to purchase the Property is not contingent on obtaining a Loan. Therefore, Buyer is advised to consult with Buyer's lender prior to signing this offer to assure that the Due Diligence Period allows sufficient time for the appraisal to be completed and for Buyer's lender to provide Buyer sufficient information to decide whether to proceed with or terminate the transaction.

(b) **Property Investigation:** Buyer or Buyer's agents or representatives, at Buyer's expense, shall be entitled to conduct all desired tests, surveys, appraisals, investigations, examinations and inspections of the Property as Buyer deems appropriate, including but NOT limited to the following:

Buyer initials ETC Seller initials _____

- (i) **Soil And Environmental:** Reports to determine whether the soil is suitable for Buyer's intended use and whether there is any environmental contamination, law, rule or regulation that may prohibit, restrict or limit Buyer's intended use.
- (ii) **Septic/Sewer System:** Any applicable investigation(s) to determine: (1) the condition of an existing sewage system, (2) the costs and expenses to install a sewage system approved by an existing Improvement Permit, (3) the availability and expense to connect to a public or community sewer system, and/or (4) whether an Improvement Permit or written evaluation may be obtained from the County Health Department for a suitable ground absorption sewage system.
- (iii) **Water:** Any applicable investigation(s) to determine: (1) the condition of an existing private drinking water well, (2) the costs and expenses to install a private drinking water well approved by an existing Construction Permit, (3) the availability, costs and expenses to connect to a public or community water system, or a shared private well, and/or (4) whether a Construction Permit may be obtained from the County Health Department for a private drinking water well.
- (iv) **Review of Documents:** Review of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Rules and Regulations, and other governing documents of any applicable owners' association and/or subdivision. If the Property is subject to regulation by an owners' association, it is recommended that Buyer review the completed Owners' Association And Addendum (Standard Form 2A12-T) provided by Seller prior to signing this offer. It is also recommended that the Buyer determine if the owners' association or its management company charges fees for providing information required by Buyer's lender or confirming restrictive covenant compliance.
- (v) **Appraisals:** An appraisal of the Property.
- (vi) **Survey:** A survey to determine whether the property is suitable for Buyer's intended use and the location of easements, setbacks, property boundaries and other issues which may or may not constitute title defects.
- (vii) **Zoning and Governmental Regulation:** Investigation of current or proposed zoning or other governmental regulation that may affect Buyer's intended use of the Property, adjacent land uses, planned or proposed road construction, and school attendance zones.
- (viii) **Flood Hazard:** Investigation of potential flood hazards on the Property, and/or any requirement to purchase flood insurance in order to obtain the Loan.
- (ix) **Utilities and Access:** Availability, quality, and obligations for maintenance of utilities including electric, gas, communication services, storm water management, and means of access to the Property and amenities.
- (x) **Streets/Roads:** Investigation of the status of the street/road upon which the Property fronts as well as any other street/road used to access the Property, including: (1) whether any street(s)/road(s) are public or private, (2) whether any street(s)/road(s) designated as public are accepted for maintenance by the State of NC or any municipality, or (3) if private or not accepted for public maintenance, the consequences and responsibility for maintenance and the existence, terms and funding of any maintenance agreements.

NOTE: NC General Statutes Section 136-102.6(f) (the "Statute") requires that under circumstances described in the Statute, a buyer must be provided a subdivision streets disclosure statement prior to entering into an agreement to buy subdivided property described in the Statute. If Buyer or Seller are uncertain whether the sale of the Property described in this Contract is subject to the Statute, consult a NC real estate attorney.

(xi) **Sale/Lease of Existing Property:** As noted in paragraph 3(b), this Contract is not conditioned upon the sale/lease or closing of other property owned by Buyer. Therefore, if Buyer must sell or lease other real property in order to qualify for a new loan or to otherwise complete the purchase of the Property, Buyer should seek to close on Buyer's other property prior to the end of the Due Diligence Period or be reasonably satisfied that closing on Buyer's other property will take place prior to the Settlement Date of this Contract.

(c) **Buyer's Obligation to Repair Damage:** Buyer shall, at Buyer's expense, promptly repair any damage to the Property resulting from any activities of Buyer and Buyer's agents and contractors, but Buyer shall not be responsible for any damage caused by accepted practices applicable to any N.C. licensed professional performing reasonable appraisals, tests, surveys, examinations and inspections of the Property. This repair obligation shall survive any termination of this Contract.

(d) **Indemnity:** Buyer will indemnify and hold Seller harmless from all loss, damage, claims, suits or costs, which shall arise out of any contract, agreement, or injury to any person or property as a result of any activities of Buyer and Buyer's agents and contractors relating to the Property except for any loss, damage, claim, suit or cost arising out of pre-existing conditions of the Property and/or out of Seller's negligence or willful acts or omissions. This indemnity shall survive this Contract and any termination hereof.

(e) **Buyer's Right to Terminate:** Buyer shall have the right to terminate this Contract for any reason or no reason, by delivering to Seller written notice of termination (the "Termination Notice") during the Due Diligence Period (or any agreed-upon written extension of the Due Diligence Period), **TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE**. If Buyer timely delivers the Termination Notice, this Contract shall be terminated and the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer.

Buyer initials et Seller initials _____

(f) CLOSING SHALL CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPERTY IN ITS THEN EXISTING CONDITION UNLESS PROVISION IS OTHERWISE MADE IN WRITING.

3. BUYER REPRESENTATIONS:

(a) Loan: Buyer does does not intend to obtain a new loan in order to purchase the Property. If Buyer is obtaining a new loan, Buyer intends to obtain a loan as follows: Conventional Other: _____ loan at a Fixed Rate Adjustable Rate in the principal amount of _____ for a term of _____ year(s), at an initial interest rate not to exceed _____ % per annum (the "Loan").

NOTE: Buyer's obligation under this Contract are not conditioned upon obtaining or closing any loan.

NOTE: If Buyer does not intend to obtain a new loan, Seller is advised, prior to signing this offer, to obtain documentation from Buyer which demonstrates that Buyer will be able to close on the Property without the necessity of obtaining a new loan.

(b) Other Property: Buyer DOES DOES NOT have to sell or lease other real property in order to qualify for a new loan or to complete the purchase. (Complete the following only if Buyer DOES have to sell or lease other real property:) Other Property Address: _____

(Check if applicable) Buyer's other property IS under contract as of the date of this offer, and a copy of the contract has either been previously provided to Seller or accompanies this offer. (Buyer may mark out any confidential information, such as the purchase price and the buyer's identity, prior to providing a copy of the contract to Seller.) Failure to provide a copy of the contract shall not prevent this offer from becoming a binding contract; however, SELLER IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN AND REVIEW THE CONTRACT ON BUYER'S PROPERTY PRIOR TO ACCEPTING THIS OFFER.

(Check if applicable) Buyer's other property IS NOT under contract as of the date of this offer. Buyer's property (check only ONE of the following options):

- is listed with and actively marketed by a licensed real estate broker.
- will be listed with and actively marketed by a licensed real estate broker.
- Buyer is attempting to sell/lease the Buyer's Property without the assistance of a licensed real estate broker.

NOTE: This Contract is NOT conditioned upon the sale/lease or closing of Buyer's other property. If the parties agree to make this Contract conditioned on a sale/lease or closing of Buyer's other property, an appropriate contingency addendum should be drafted by a North Carolina real estate attorney and added to this Contract.

(c) Performance of Buyer's Financial Obligations: To the best of Buyer's knowledge, there are no other circumstances or conditions existing as of the date of this offer that would prohibit Buyer from performing Buyer's financial obligations in accordance with this Contract, except as maybe specifically set forth herein.

4. BUYER OBLIGATIONS:

(a) Responsibility for Proposed Special Assessments: Buyer shall take title subject to all Proposed Special Assessments.

(b) Responsibility for Certain Costs: Buyer shall be responsible for all costs with respect to:

- (i) any loan obtained by Buyer, including charges by an owners association and/or management company as agent of an owners' association for providing information required by Buyer's lender;
- (ii) charges required by an owners' association declaration to be paid by Buyer for Buyer's future use and enjoyment of the Property, including, without limitation, working capital contributions, membership fees, or charges for Buyer's use of the common elements and/or services provided to Buyer, such as "move-in fees";
- (iii) determining restrictive covenant compliance;
- (iv) appraisal;
- (v) title search;
- (vi) title insurance;
- (vii) any fees charged by the closing attorney for the preparation of the Closing Disclosure, Seller Disclosure and any other settlement statement;
- (viii) recording the deed; and
- (ix) preparation and recording of all instruments required to secure the balance of the Purchase Price unpaid at Settlement.

(c) Authorization to Disclose Information: Buyer authorizes the Buyer's lender(s), the parties' real estate agent(s) and closing attorney:(1) to provide this Contract to any appraiser employed by Buyer or by Buyer's lender(s); and (2) to release and disclose any buyer's closing disclosure, settlement statement and/or disbursement summary, or any information therein, to the parties to this transaction, their real estate agent(s) and Buyer's lender(s).

Buyer initials EtL

Seller initials _____

5. SELLER REPRESENTATIONS:

(a) **Ownership:** Seller represents that Seller:

- has owned the Property for at least one year.
- has owned the Property for less than one year.
- does not yet own the Property.

(b) **Assessments:** To the best of Seller's knowledge there are are not any Proposed Special Assessments. If any Proposed Special Assessments, identify: _____.

Seller warrants that there are are not any Confirmed Special Assessments. If any Confirmed Special Assessments, identify: _____.

NOTE: Buyer's and Seller's respective responsibilities for Proposed and Confirmed Special Assessments are addressed in paragraphs 4(a) and 6(k).

(c) **Owners' Association(s) and Dues:** To best of Seller's knowledge, ownership of the Property subjects does not subject Buyer to regulation by one or more owners' association(s) and governing documents, which impose various mandatory covenants, conditions and restrictions upon the Property and Buyer's enjoyment thereof, including but not limited to obligations to pay regular assessments (dues) and Special Assessments. If there is an owners' association, then an Owners' Association Disclosure and Addendum For Properties Exempt from Residential Property Disclosure Statement (Standard Form 2A12-T) shall be completed by Seller, at Seller's expense, and must be attached as an addendum to this Contract.

(d) **Sewage System Permit:** (Applicable Not Applicable) Seller warrants that the sewage system described in the Improvement Permit attached hereto has been installed, which representation survives Closing, but makes no further representations as to the system.

(e) **Private Drinking Water Well Permit:** (Applicable Not Applicable) Seller warrants that a private drinking water well has been installed, which representation survives Closing, but makes no further representations as to the well. (If well installed after July 1, 2008, attach Improvement Permit hereto.)

6. SELLER OBLIGATIONS:

(a) **Evidence of Title, Payoff Statement(s) and Non Foreign Status:**

- (i) Seller agrees to use best efforts to provide to the closing attorney as soon as reasonably possible after the Effective Date, copies of all title information in possession of or available to Seller, including but not limited to: title insurance policies, attorney's opinions on title, surveys, covenants, deeds, notes and deeds of trust, leases, and easements relating to the Property.
- (ii) Seller shall provide to the closing attorney all information needed to obtain a written payoff statement from any lender(s) regarding any security interest in the Property as soon as reasonably possible after the Effective Date, and Seller designates the closing attorney as Seller's agent with express authority to request and obtain on Seller's behalf payoff statements and/or short-pay statements from any such lender(s).
- (iii) If Seller is not a foreign person as defined by the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act, Seller shall also provide to the closing attorney a non-foreign status affidavit (pursuant to the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act). In the event Seller shall not provide a non-foreign status affidavit, Seller acknowledges that there maybe withholding as provided by the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) **Authorization to Disclose Information:** Seller authorizes: (1) any attorney presently or previously representing Seller to release and disclose any title insurance policy in such attorney's file to Buyer and both Buyer's and Seller's agents and attorneys; (2) the Property's title insurer or its agent to release and disclose all materials in the Property's title insurer's (or title insurer's agent's) file to Buyer and both Buyer's and Seller's agents and attorneys, and (3) the closing attorney to release and disclose any seller's closing disclosure, settlement statement and/or disbursement summary, or any information therein, to the parties to this transaction, their real estate agent(s) and Buyer's lender(s).

(c) **Access to Property:** Seller shall provide reasonable access to the Property through the earlier of Closing or possession by Buyer, including, but not limited to, allowing the Buyer and/or Buyer's agents or representatives an opportunity to (i) conduct Due Diligence, (ii) verify the satisfactory completion of negotiated repairs/improvements, and (iii) conduct a final walk-through inspection of the Property. Seller's obligation includes providing existing utilities operating at Seller's cost including any connections and dewatering. To the extent applicable, Seller shall also be responsible for timely clearing that portion of the Property required by the County to perform tests, inspections and/or evaluations to determine the suitability of the Property for a sewage system and/or private drinking water well.

NOTE: See WARNING in paragraph 2 above for limitation on Buyer's right to terminate this Contract as a result of Buyer's continued investigation of the Property following the expiration of the Due Diligence Period.

Buyer initials etl Seller initials _____

(d) **Removal of Seller's Property:** Seller shall remove from the Property, by the date possession is delivered, (i) all personal property which is not a part of the purchase and (ii) unless otherwise agreed, all garbage and debris.

(e) **Affidavit and Indemnification Agreement:** Seller shall furnish at Settlement an affidavit(s) and indemnification agreement(s) in form satisfactory to Buyer and Buyer's title insurer, if any, executed by Seller and any person or entity who has performed or furnished labor, services, materials or rental equipment to the Property within 120 days prior to the date of Settlement and who may be entitled to claim a lien against the Property as described in N.C.G.S. §44A-8 verifying that each such person or entity has been paid in full and agreeing to indemnify Buyer, Buyer's lender(s) and Buyer's title insurer against all loss from any cause or claim arising there from.

(f) **Designation of Lien Agent, Payment and Satisfaction of Liens:** If required by N.C.G.S. §44A-11.1, Seller shall have designated a Lien Agent, and Seller shall deliver to Buyer as soon as reasonably possible a copy of the appointment of Lien Agent. All deeds of trust, deferred ad valorem taxes, liens and other charges against the Property, not assumed by Buyer, must be paid and satisfied by Seller prior to or at Settlement such that cancellation may be promptly obtained following Closing. Seller shall remain obligated to obtain any such cancellations following Closing.

(g) **Good Title, Legal Access:** Seller shall execute and deliver a GENERAL WARRANTY DEED for the Property in recordable form no later than Settlement, which shall convey fee simple marketable and insurable title, without exception for mechanics' liens, and free of any other liens, encumbrances or defects, including those which would be revealed by a current and accurate survey of the Property, except: ad valorem taxes for the current year (prorated through the date of Settlement); utility easements and unviolated covenants, conditions or restrictions that do not materially affect the value of the Property; and such other liens, encumbrances or defects as may be assumed or specifically approved by Buyer in writing. The Property must have legal access to a public right of way.

NOTE: Buyer's failure to conduct a survey or examine title of the Property prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period does not relieve the Seller of their obligation to deliver good title under this paragraph.

NOTE: If any sale of the Property may be a "short sale," consideration should be given to attaching a Short Sale Addendum (Standard Form 2A14-T) as an addendum to this Contract.

(h) **Deed, Taxes, and Fees:** Seller shall pay for preparation of a deed and all other documents necessary to perform Seller's obligations under this Contract, and for state and county excise taxes, and any deferred, discounted or rollback taxes, and local conveyance fees required by law. The deed is to be made to: _____

(i) **Agreement to Pay Buyer Expenses:** Seller shall pay at Settlement \$ _____ toward any of Buyer's expenses associated with the purchase of the Property, at the discretion of Buyer and/or lender, if any, including any FHA/VA lender and inspection costs that Buyer is not permitted to pay.

(j) **Owners' Association Fees/Charges: Seller shall pay:** (i) any fees required for confirming Seller's account payment information on owners' association dues or assessments for payment or proration; (ii) any fees imposed by an owners' association and/or a management company as agent of the owners' association in connection with the transaction contemplated by this Contract other than those fees required to be paid by Buyer under paragraph 4(b) above; and (iii) fees incurred by Seller in completing the Residential Property and Owners' Association Disclosure Statement, and resale or other certificates related to a proposed sale of the Property.

(k) **Payment of Confirmed Special Assessments:** Seller shall pay, in full at Settlement, all Confirmed Special Assessments, whether payable in a lump sum or future installments, provided that the amount thereof can be reasonably determined or estimated. The payment of such estimated amount shall be the final payment between the Parties.

(l) **Late Listing Penalties:** All property tax late listing penalties, if any, shall be paid by Seller.

(m) **Owners' Association Disclosure and Condominium Resale Statement Addendum** (Standard Form 2A12-T): If applicable, Seller shall provide the completed Owners' Association Disclosure and Condominium Resale Statement Addendum to Buyer on or before the Effective Date.

(n) **Seller's Failure to Comply or Breach:** If Seller fails to materially comply with any of Seller's obligations under this Paragraph 6 or Seller materially breaches this Contract, and Buyer elects to terminate this Contract as a result of such failure or breach, then the Earnest Money Deposit and the Due Diligence Fee shall be refunded to Buyer and Seller shall reimburse to Buyer the reasonable costs actually incurred by Buyer in connection with Buyer's Due Diligence without affecting any other remedies. If

Buyer initials etl

Seller initials _____

legal proceedings are brought by Buyer against the Seller to recover the Earnest Money Deposit, the Due Diligence Fee and/or the reasonable costs actually incurred by Buyer in connection with Buyer's Due Diligence, the prevailing party in the proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorney fees and court costs incurred in connection with the proceeding.

7. **PRORATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS:** Unless otherwise provided, the following items shall be prorated, with Seller responsible for the prorated amounts through the date of Settlement, and either adjusted between the parties or paid at Settlement:

- (a) **Taxes on Real Property:** Ad valorem taxes and recurring governmental service fees levied with such taxes on real property shall be prorated on a calendar year basis;
- (b) **Rents:** Rents, if any, for the Property;
- (c) **Dues:** Owners' association regular assessments (dues) and other like charges.

8. **RISK OF LOSS/CONDITION OF PROPERTY AT CLOSING:** The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty prior to Closing shall be upon Seller. Seller is advised not to cancel existing insurance on the Property until after confirming recordation of the deed.

Buyer's obligation to complete the transaction contemplated by this Contract shall be contingent upon the Property being in substantially the same or better condition at Closing as on the date of this offer, reasonable wear and tear excepted. If the Property is not in substantially the same or better condition at Closing as on the date of this offer, reasonable wear and tear excepted, Buyer may terminate this Contract by written notice delivered to Seller and the Earnest Money Deposit shall be refunded to Buyer. If the Property is not in such condition and Buyer does NOT elect to terminate this Contract, Buyer shall be entitled to receive, in addition to the Property, the proceeds of any insurance claim filed by Seller on account of any damage or destruction to the Property.

9. **DELAY IN SETTLEMENT/CLOSING:** Absent agreement to the contrary in this Contract or any subsequent modification thereto, if a party is unable to complete Settlement by the Settlement Date but intends to complete the transaction and is acting in good faith and with reasonable diligence to proceed to Settlement ("Delaying Party"), and if the other party is ready, willing and able to complete Settlement on the Settlement Date ("Non-Delaying Party") then the Delaying Party shall give as much notice as possible to the Non-Delaying Party and closing attorney and shall be entitled to a delay in Settlement. If the parties fail to complete Settlement and Closing within fourteen (14) days of the Settlement Date (including any amended Settlement Date agreed to in writing by the parties) or to otherwise extend the Settlement Date by written agreement, then the Delaying Party shall be in breach and the Non-Delaying Party may terminate this Contract and shall be entitled to enforce any remedies available to such party under this Contract for the breach.

10. **POSSESSION:** Unless otherwise provided herein, possession, including all means of access to the Property (keys, codes, including security codes, gate openers, electronic devices, etc.) shall be delivered at Closing as defined in Paragraph 1(m). No alterations, excavations, tree or vegetation removal or other such activities may be done before possession is delivered.

11. **ADDENDA:** CHECK ALL STANDARD ADDENDA THAT MAY BE A PART OF THIS CONTRACT, IF ANY, AND ATTACH HERETO. ITEMIZE ALL OTHER ADDENDA TO THIS CONTRACT, IF ANY, AND ATTACH HERETO.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Provisions Addendum (Form 2A11-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Owners' Association Disclosure And Addendum For Properties Exempt from Residential Property Disclosure Statement (Form 2A12-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Signatures Addendum (Form 3-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller Financing Addendum (Form 2A5-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back-Up Contract Addendum (Form 2A1-T) | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Sale Addendum (Form 2A14-T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Assumption Addendum (Form 2A6-T) | |
- Identify other attorney or party drafted addenda: NCDOT Addendum

NOTE: UNDER NORTH CAROLINA LAW, REAL ESTATE BROKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRAFT ADDENDA TO THIS CONTRACT.

12. **ASSIGNMENTS:** This Contract may not be assigned without the written consent of all parties except in connection with a tax-deferred exchange, but if assigned by agreement, then this Contract shall be binding on the assignee and assignee's heirs and successors.

13. **TAX-DEFERRED EXCHANGE:** In the event Buyer or Seller desires to effect a tax-deferred exchange in connection with the conveyance of the Property, Buyer and Seller agree to cooperate in effecting such exchange; provided, however, that the exchanging party shall be responsible for all additional costs associated with such exchange, and provided further, that a non-exchanging party shall not assume any additional liability with respect to such tax-deferred exchange. Buyer and Seller shall execute such additional

Buyer initials etl Seller initials _____

documents, including assignment of this Contract in connection therewith, at no cost to the non-exchanging party, as shall be required to give effect to this provision.

14. **PARTIES:** This Contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Buyer and Seller and their respective heirs, successors and assigns. As used herein, words in the singular include the plural and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders, as appropriate.

15. **SURVIVAL:** If any provision herein contained which by its nature and effect is required to be observed, kept or performed after the Closing, it shall survive the Closing and remain binding upon and for the benefit of the parties hereto until fully observed, kept or performed.

16. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducements or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions hereto must be in writing and signed by all parties. Nothing contained herein shall alter any agreement between a REALTOR® or broker and Seller or Buyer as contained in any listing agreement, buyer agency agreement, or any other agency agreement between them.

17. **CONDUCT OF TRANSACTION:** The parties agree that any action between them relating to the transaction contemplated by this Contract may be conducted by electronic means, including the signing of this Contract by one or more of them and any notice or communication given in connection with this Contract. Any written notice or communication may be transmitted to any mailing address, e-mail address or fax number set forth in the "Notice Information" section below. Any notice or communication to be given to a party herein, any any fee, deposit or other payment to be delivered to a party herein, may be given to the party or to such party's agent. Seller and Buyer agree that the "Notice Information" and "Acknowledgment of Receipt of Monies" sections below shall not constitute a material part of this Contract, and that the addition or modification of any information therein shall not constitute a rejection of an offer or the creation of a counter offer.

18. **EXECUTION:** This Contract may be signed in multiple originals or counterparts, all of which together constitute one and the same instrument.

19. **COMPUTATION OF DAYS/TIME OF DAY:** Unless otherwise provided, for purposes of this Contract, the term "days" shall mean consecutive calendar days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, whether federal, state, local or religious. For the purposes of calculating days, the count of "days" shall begin on the day following the day upon which any act or notice as provided in this Contract was required to be performed or made. Any reference to a date or time of day shall refer to the date and/or time of day in the State of North Carolina.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, INC. AND THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION MAKE NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE LEGAL VALIDITY OR ADEQUACY OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS FORM IN ANY SPECIFIC TRANSACTION. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS FORM OR FEEL THAT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR YOUR LEGAL NEEDS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY BEFORE YOU SIGN IT.

This offer shall become a binding contract on the Effective Date. Unless specifically provided otherwise, Buyer's failure to timely deliver any fee, deposit or other payment provided for herein shall not prevent this offer from becoming a binding contract, provided that any such failure shall give Seller certain rights to terminate the contract as described herein or as otherwise permitted by law.

Date: _____

Date: _____

Buyer _____
City of Newton

Seller _____
North Carolina Department of Transportation

Date: _____

Date: _____

Buyer _____

Seller _____

Entity Buyer: _____
City of Newton

Entity Seller: _____
North Carolina Department of Transportation

(Name of LLC/Corporation/Partnership/Trust/etc.)

(Name of LLC/Corporation/Partnership/Trust/etc.)

By:  _____

By: _____

Name: **Todd Clark** _____

Name: _____

Title: **Manager** _____

Title: _____

Date: **9/30/2020 | 6:58 AM PDT** _____

Date: _____

WIRE FRAUD WARNING

TO BUYERS: BEFORE SENDING ANY WIRE, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO VERIFY THE INSTRUCTIONS. IF YOU RECEIVE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS FOR A DIFFERENT BANK, BRANCH LOCATION, ACCOUNT NAME OR ACCOUNT NUMBER, THEY SHOULD BE PRESUMED FRAUDULENT. DO NOT SEND ANY FUNDS AND CONTACT THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

TO SELLERS: IF YOUR PROCEEDS WILL BE WIRED, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PROVIDE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS AT CLOSING IN WRITING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ATTORNEY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CLOSING, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO SEND AN ORIGINAL NOTARIZED DIRECTIVE TO THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONTAINING THE WIRING INSTRUCTIONS. THIS MAY BE SENT WITH THE DEED, LIEN WAIVER AND TAX FORMS IF THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR YOU BY THE CLOSING ATTORNEY. AT A MINIMUM, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE THE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS. THE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE VERIFIED OVER THE TELEPHONE VIA A CALL TO YOU INITIATED BY THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT FROM A FRAUDULENT SOURCE.

WHETHER YOU ARE A BUYER OR A SELLER, YOU SHOULD CALL THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AT A NUMBER THAT IS INDEPENDENTLY OBTAINED. TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CONTACT IS LEGITIMATE, YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON A PHONE NUMBER IN AN EMAIL FROM THE CLOSING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, YOUR REAL ESTATE AGENT OR ANYONE ELSE.

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NOTICE INFORMATION

NOTE: INSERT AT LEAST ONE ADDRESS AND/OR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY ADDRESS EACH PARTY AND AGENT APPROVES FOR THE RECEIPT OF ANY NOTICE CONTEMPLATED BY THIS CONTRACT. INSERT "N/A" FOR ANY WHICH ARE NOT APPROVED.

BUYER NOTICE ADDRESS:

SELLER NOTICE ADDRESS:

Mailing Address: _____

Mailing Address: 1546 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1500

Buyer Fax#: _____

Seller Fax#: _____

Buyer E-mail: _____

Seller E-mail: _____

CONFIRMATION OF AGENCY/NOTICE ADDRESSES

Selling Firm Name: _____
Acting as Buyer's Agent Seller's(sub)Agent Dual Agent
Firm License#: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Listing Firm Name: Foothills Commercial Real Estate LLC
Acting as Seller's Agent Dual Agent
Firm License#: C24755
Mailing Address: 221-1 S Lafayette St, Shelby, NC 28150

Individual Selling Agent: _____
 Acting as a Designated Dual Agent (check only if applicable)

Individual Listing Agent: Bill McCarter
 Acting as a Designated Dual Agent (check only if applicable)

Selling Agent License#: _____

Listing Agent License#: _____

Selling Agent Phone#: _____

Listing Agent Phone#: _____

Selling Agent Fax#: _____

Listing Agent Fax#: _____

Selling Agent E-mail: _____

Listing Agent E-mail: bill.mccarter@foothillscommercial.com

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF MONIES

Seller: North Carolina Department of Transportation ("Seller")

Buyer: City of Newton ("Buyer")

Property Address: PO Box 550, Newton, 28658 ("Property")

LISTING AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DUE DILIGENCE FEE

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Seller of a Due Diligence Fee in the amount of \$, receipt of which Listing Agent hereby acknowledges.

Date: Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate LLC
By: (Signature) Bill McCarter (Print name)

SELLER ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DUE DILIGENCE FEE

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Seller of a Due Diligence Fee in the amount of \$, receipt of which Seller hereby acknowledges.

Date: Seller: (Signature) North Carolina Department of Transportation
Date: Seller: (Signature)

ESCROW AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF INITIAL EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Escrow Agent of an Initial Earnest Money Deposit in the amount of \$. Escrow Agent as identified in Paragraph 1(f) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract hereby acknowledges receipt of the Initial Earnest Money Deposit and agrees to hold and disburse the same in accordance with the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract.

Date: Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate
By: (Signature) Shelby, NC (Print name)

ESCROW AGENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF (ADDITIONAL) EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT

Paragraph 1(d) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract between Buyer and Seller for the sale of the Property provides for the payment to Escrow Agent of an (Additional) Earnest Money Deposit in the amount of \$. Escrow Agent as identified in Paragraph 1(f) of the Offer to Purchase and Contract hereby acknowledges receipt of the (Additional) Earnest Money Deposit and agrees to hold and disburse the same in accordance with the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract.

Date: Firm: Foothills Commercial Real Estate
Time: AM. PM By: (Signature) Shelby, NC (Print name)

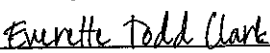
ADDENDUM TO OFFER TO PURCHASE

As part of this offer, Buyer acknowledges the following items:

1. Buyer is responsible for all recording fees associated with the recording of the executed Deed;
2. Closing will be handled via e-file by NCDOT and not at the buyer's attorney's office;
3. All final payment funds will be made out to NCDOT via a certified or cashier's check, payable at the time of closing and recording of the Deed;
4. Buyer has physically reviewed the property and is aware of any access or control of access;
5. The sale of the subject property must be approved by the Board of Transportation and, when necessary, by the Council of State, and these approvals may delay by several months the sale and delivery of the Deed conveying the property.
6. The Department retains the right to decline, reject or set aside any and all offers prior closing if deemed in the best interest of the Department.
7. This bullet replaces Section 6(g) in the Purchase contract. *The NCDOT shall execute and deliver a QUIT CLAIM DEED or SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED for the Property in recordable form no later than Settlement, which shall convey fee simple interest. Access to public right of way is not guaranteed and is the responsibility of the buyer to acquire.*

CONVEY TO: City of Newton

HAVING AN ADDRESS OF: PO Box 550, Newton, NC 28658

DocuSigned by:

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 Buyer

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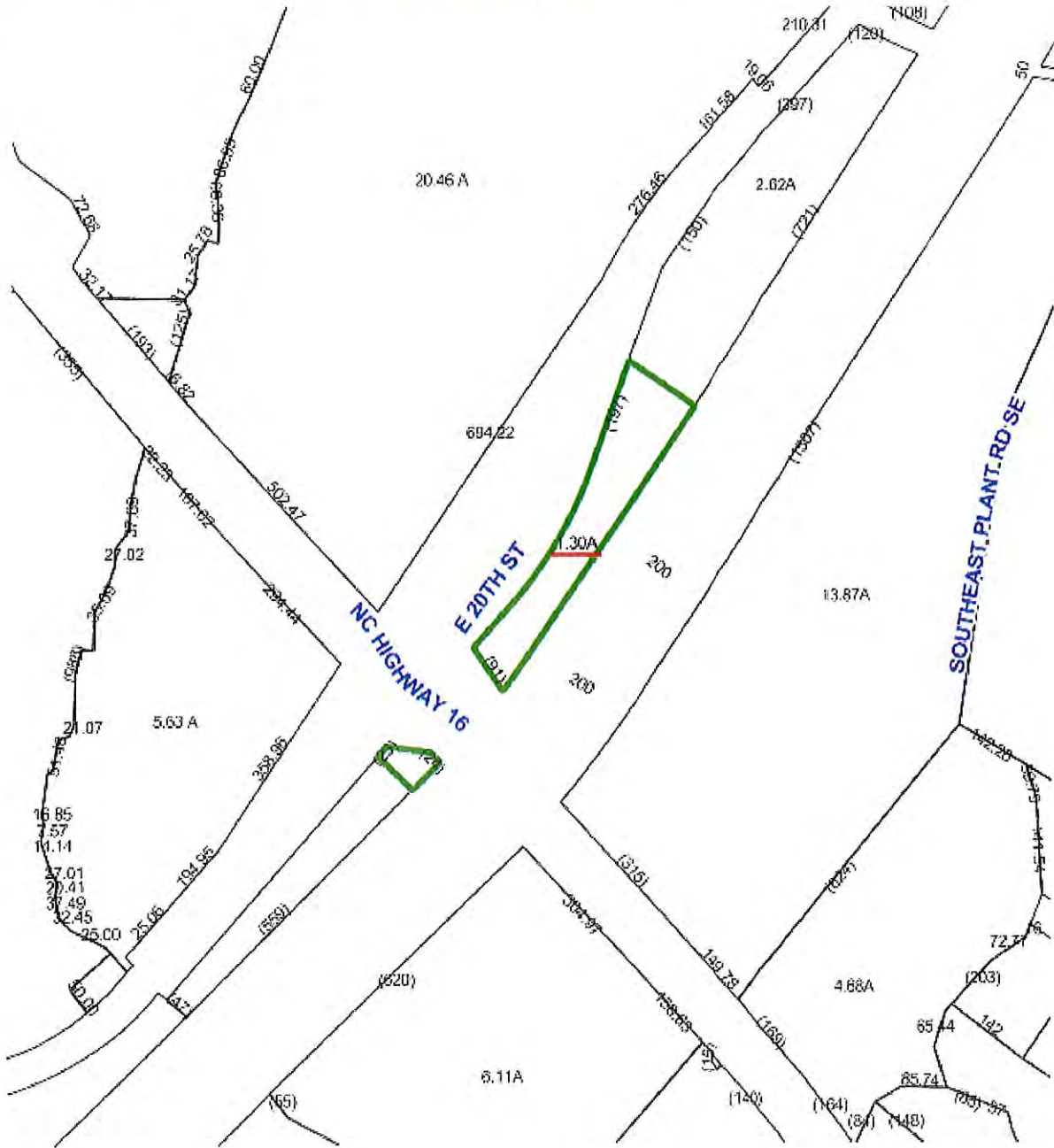
Date

Buyer

Date

Denise Amato, Accelerated Residue Sales Coordinator

Date



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Parcel: 374115723792, E 20TH ST CONOVER, 28613

Owners: NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

Owner Address: PO BOX 25201

Values - Building(s): \$0, Land: \$28,300, Total: \$28,300

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CITY OF NEWTON REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

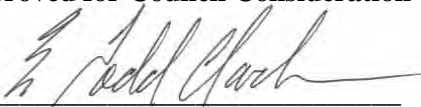
DATE: October 1, 2020

TO: E. Todd Clark, City Manager

FROM: Sean Hovis, Assistant City Manager

CONSIDERATION OF: Budget Ordinance Amendment to Provide Funding for Additional COVID-19 Expenditures

Approved for Council Consideration



In July, 2020, Session Law 2020-80 was passed which required that counties allocate 25% of their allocation of federal CARES Act funds to municipalities within the county. Catawba County's allocation of CARES Act funds was \$1,485,626, and the County distributed \$267,360 of those funds to the City of Newton on August 21, 2020. The City is required to document the use of these funds for allowable COVID-19 costs incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Because US Treasury guidance allows all Public Safety employees to be presumed to be substantially dedicated to activities related to COVID-19 and the amount of Public Safety payroll and benefits far exceeds the \$267,360 grant amount, County staff recommended that the City use Public Safety personnel costs as its documentation of the use of these funds.

City staff prepared the required reporting of Public Safety personnel costs for March and April, which fully utilized the \$267,360 grant amount. Since the costs were expended in FY2020, the related \$267,360 grant amount must be recorded in FY2020, resulting in an increase of \$267,360 in the General Fund's Fund Balance when FY2020 is closed out.

Since preparing the City's FY2021 budget, staff has identified several COVID-19 costs that were not budgeted. Staff is requesting using some of the \$267,360 grant revenue that resulted in additional Fund Balance in FY2020 for these additional FY2021 expenditures.

The Newton Police Department is requesting an allocation of \$17,900. Items to be purchased with the funding include but are not limited to portable UV-C room sanitizers, half-facepiece respirator masks, and N100 face masks.

The Newton Fire Department is requesting an allocation of \$46,106. Items to be purchased with the funding include but are not limited to Lucas Devices that are chest compression systems, gowns, and goggles.

The Newton Parks and Recreation Department an allocation of \$49,980, which includes equipment and PPE for all recreation facilities, parks, cemeteries, and City Hall. Items to be purchased with the funding include but are not limited to electrostatic sprayers for the gyms, plexiglass sneeze guards for the concession stands, hand sanitizer stations for all centers and City Hall, and temperature scanners.

Central Recreation - \$6573.00

City Hall/ Finance- \$6525.00

City Hall/Admin- \$11,600.00

Recreation Center- \$10,520.00

Swimming Pool- \$6944.00
Parks- \$5330.00
Cemeteries- \$2488.00

Public Works facility is requesting to purchase 1 UV Sanitizer for the Public Works facility in the amount of \$5000.00.

Information Technology is requesting \$7300.00 for the purchase of addition iPads for remote working, Netmotion licensing and camera equipment for remote meetings.

The total request to use funds received for Care Act funding is \$126,286.00.

Recommendation:

Staff requests that City Council approve the attached budget ordinance amendment.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR THE CITY OF NEWTON

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newton have adopted a Budget Ordinance for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appropriate additional funds for COVID-19 related costs;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve utilization of fund balance and to approve the related expenditure appropriation within the operating budget; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

THE FOLLOWING SOURCE OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION ARE HEREBY APPROVED.

General Fund Revenues

Fund Balance Appropriation	11-0000.3990	\$120,000
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General Fund Appropriations

COVID-19 Costs	11-4132.5620	\$ 7,300
COVID-19 Costs	11-4250.5602	\$ 5,000
COVID-19 Costs	11-4260.5602	\$ 18,150
COVID-19 Costs	11-4310.5602	\$ 17,900
COVID-19 Costs	11-4340.5602	\$ 46,150
COVID-19 Costs	11-6120.5602	\$ 10,520
COVID-19 Costs	11-6121.5602	\$ 6,600
COVID-19 Costs	11-6122.5602	\$ 5,350
COVID-19 Costs	11-6123.5602	\$ 7,000
COVID-19 Costs	11-6135.5602	\$ 2,500

Adopted this 6th day of October, 2020.

Eddie Haupt, Mayor

Amy S. Falowski, City Clerk

