

MAYOR

**HOUSING AGREEMENT**  
(Pursuant to section 483 of the *Local Government Act*)

BETWEEN:

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA**  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6  
  
(the "City")

AND:

**EDWARD JOEL FARKAS**  
15 Dresden Road  
Toronto, ON M3H 1W8  
  
(the "Owner")

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Capitalized terms used herein will have the respective meanings ascribed to them in section 1.1 of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise clearly requires or they are elsewhere defined herein.
- B. Under section 483 of the *Local Government Act* the City may, by bylaw, enter into a housing agreement with an owner regarding the occupancy of the housing units identified in the agreement, including but not limited to terms and conditions referred to in section 483(2) of the *Local Government Act*.
- C. The Owner is the registered owner in fee simple of lands in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, with a civic address of 1029 Queens Avenue, Victoria, B.C. legally described as:  
  
**PID:** 009-314-911  
**Legal description:** Lot 17, Block 6, Section 3, Victoria District, Plan 62  
  
(the "Lands").
- D. The Owner has applied to the City to rezone the Lands to permit the retention of an existing two family dwelling and the construction of a new two family dwelling all on the Lands in accordance with this Agreement.
- E. The City and the Owner wish to enter into this Agreement, as a housing agreement pursuant to section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, to secure the agreement of the Owner to provide below market rental housing, and subject to the terms of this Agreement, all of the Dwelling Units within the Development will be used and held only as rental housing.

**NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES** that pursuant to section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, and in consideration of the premises and covenants contained in this agreement (the "Agreement"), the parties agree each with the other as follows:

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## 1.0 DEFINITIONS

### 1.1 In this Agreement:

**"Business Day"** means Monday to Friday, other than any such day which is a statutory holiday in Victoria, British Columbia;

**"CPI"** means the All-items Consumer Price Index for Victoria, B.C. published from time to time by Statistics Canada, or its successor in function.

**"CPI Increase"** means the CPI for January in the calendar year of the proposed rent increase divided by the CPI for January of the immediately preceding calendar year.

**"Development"** means the Existing Building, which contains 2 residential units, and the Proposed Building, which will contain 2 residential units, and related facilities on the Lands;

**"Dwelling Units"** means any or all, as the context may require, of the 4 self-contained residential dwelling units within the Development and includes any dwelling unit that is developed on the Lands in future, whether as part of the Development or otherwise, and **"Dwelling Unit"** means any of such residential dwelling units located on the Lands;

**"Existing Building"** means the existing two family building on the eastern side of the Lands;

**"Immediate Family"** includes a person's spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, sibling, niece and nephew, and includes the Immediate Family of the person's spouse;

**"Median Gross Annual Household Income"** means the median gross annual household income for renters in the City of Victoria, as reported in Statistics Canada's most recent Census data, and in the event that Statistics Canada no longer reports median gross annual household income for renters in the City, the median total income of households in the City of Victoria as reported in Statistics Canada's most recent Census data will be used instead;

**"Median Household Income Limit"** means the maximum annual collective household income for the Dwelling Unit, as determined by making the following calculations and rounding the result to the nearest ten:

- (a) for one-bedroom Dwelling Units, Median Gross Annual Household Income x 0.9510, which, for reference purposes only, equated to \$42,000 in 2015,
- (b) for two-bedroom Dwelling Units, Median Gross Annual Household Income x 1.1774, which, for reference purposes only, equated to \$52,000 in 2015, and
- (c) for three-bedroom Dwelling Units, Median Gross Annual Household Income x 1.5850, which, for reference purposes only, equated to \$70,000 in 2015;

**"Median Income Unit"** means a Dwelling Unit that is designated as a Median Income Unit in accordance with Article 4.0 of this Agreement;

**"Non-owner"** means a person other than a Related Person or the Owner;

"Owner" includes a person who acquires an interest in the Lands or any part of the Lands or the Development and is thereby bound by this Agreement, as referred to in section 10.3;

"Proposed Building" means the proposed two family building on the western side of the Lands;

"Related Person" includes, where the registered or beneficial owner of the Lands or Dwelling Unit, as applicable, is:

- (a) a corporation or society:
  - (i) an officer, director, shareholder, or member of such corporation or society, or of another entity which is a shareholder or member of such corporation or society; or
  - (ii) an Immediate Family of a person to whom paragraph (i) applies, or
- (b) an individual, an Immediate Family of the registered or beneficial owner;

"RTA" means the *Residential Tenancy Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c.78, as amended or replaced, from time to time; and

"Tenancy Agreement" means a tenancy agreement pursuant to the RTA that is regulated by that Act.

## 2.0 DWELLING UNITS TO BE USED AND OCCUPIED ONLY AS RENTAL UNITS

2.1 The Owner covenants and agrees that the Dwelling Units shall only be used as rental housing in perpetuity, and for that purpose shall only be occupied by a Non-owner under the terms of a Tenancy Agreement between the Owner and the Non-owner who occupies the Dwelling Unit.

2.2 Notwithstanding sections 2.1 and 4.1, one of the Dwelling Units may be occupied by the Owner or a Related Person.

## 3.0 NO RESTRICTIONS ON RENTALS

3.1 The Owner covenants and agrees, in perpetuity, to refrain from taking any steps, entering into any agreements, or imposing any rules or regulations whatsoever, the effect of which would be to prevent or restrict the Owner of a Dwelling Unit from renting that Dwelling Unit to a Non-owner under the terms of a Tenancy Agreement.

3.2 Without limiting the generality of section 3.1, the Owner covenants and agrees that it will not make application to deposit a strata plan for or in respect of the Lands or a building on the Lands unless the strata bylaws in no way restrict rental of any Rental Unit to a Non-owner under the terms of a Tenancy Agreement.

#### **4.0 MEDIAN INCOME HOUSING**

##### **4.1** The Owner covenants and agrees that:

- (a) each Dwelling Unit on the Lands shall be designated as a Median Income Unit in perpetuity and shall only be occupied and used as a Median Income Unit;
- (b) each one-bedroom Dwelling Unit shall only be occupied by one or more tenants with a combined annual income that is equal to or less than the Median Household Income Limit for one-bedroom Dwelling Units, and the monthly rent payable shall be no more than 30% of the combined annual income of the tenant(s) divided by 12, subject to Article 5.0;
- (c) each two-bedroom Dwelling Unit shall only be occupied by one or more tenants with a combined annual income that is equal to or less than the Median Household Income Limit for two-bedroom Dwelling Units, and the monthly rent payable shall be no more than 30% of the combined annual income of the tenant(s) divided by 12, subject to Article 5.0; and
- (d) each three-bedroom Dwelling Unit shall only be occupied by one or more tenants with a combined annual income that is equal to or less than the Median Household Income Limit for three-bedroom Dwelling Units, and the monthly rent payable shall be no more than 30% of the combined annual income of the tenant(s) divided by 12, subject to Article 5.0.

#### **5.0 RENT ADJUSTMENTS**

- 5.1** During the term of a tenancy, the rent payable by the tenant(s) of any Dwelling Unit may be increased only by the amount permitted under the RTA and any other applicable legislation.
- 5.2** Notwithstanding the RTA, in no case shall the rent for a Dwelling Unit in any calendar year exceed the rent for the preceding calendar year multiplied by the CPI Increase.

#### **6.0 REPORTING**

- 6.1** The Owner covenants and agrees to provide to the City's Director of Sustainable Planning and Development, within thirty (30) days of the Director's written request, a report in writing confirming the following:
  - (a) all Dwelling Units are being rented to Non-owners, or that 3 Dwelling Units are being rented to Non-owners and 1 unit is Owner occupied;
  - (b) all Dwelling Units are being rented as Median Income Units, or that 3 Dwelling Units are being rented as Median Income Units and 1 unit is Owner occupied;
  - (c) all Dwelling Units are being rented in accordance with this Agreement; and
  - (d) such other information as may be requested by the Director from time to time.
- 6.2** The Owner hereby authorizes the City to make such inquiries as it considers necessary in order to confirm that the Owner is complying with this Agreement.

- 6.3** The Owner acknowledges that it is within the City's sole discretion to consent or not to consent to modifications of this Agreement and that such consent may be withheld for any reason.

**7.0 NOTICE TO BE REGISTERED IN LAND TITLE OFFICE**

- 7.1** Notice of this Agreement (the "Notice") will be registered in the Land Title Office by the City at the cost of the Owner in accordance with section 483 of the *Local Government Act*, and this Agreement is binding on the parties to this Agreement as well as all persons who acquire an interest in the Lands after registration of the Notice.

**8.0 LIABILITY**

- 8.1** The Owner agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City and each of its elected and appointed officials, employees and agents and their respective administrators, successors and permitted assigns, of and from all claims, demands, actions, damages, costs and liabilities, which all or any of them shall or may be liable for or suffer or incur or be put to by reason of or arising out of failure of the Owner to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or otherwise that would not have arisen "but for" this Agreement.

- 8.2** The Owner hereby releases and forever discharges the City and each of its elected and appointed officials, employees and agents and their respective administrators, successors and permitted assigns, of and from any and all claims, demands, actions, damages, economic loss, costs and liabilities which the Owner now has or hereafter may have with respect to or by reason of or arising out of the fact that the Lands are encumbered by and affected by this Agreement, or otherwise that would not have arisen "but for" this Agreement.

**9.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 9.1 NOTICE.** If sent as follows, notice under this Agreement is considered to be received:

- (a) upon confirmation of delivery by Canada Post if sent by registered mail,
- (b) on the next Business Day if sent by facsimile or email with no notice of failure to deliver being received back by the sender, and
- (c) on the date of delivery if hand-delivered, and

in the case of the City, addressed to:

City of Victoria  
#1 Centennial Square  
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Attention: Director of Sustainable Planning and  
Community Development  
Fax: 250-361-0386  
Email: [CommunityPlanning@victoria.ca](mailto:CommunityPlanning@victoria.ca)

and in the case of the Owner, addressed to:

1-1033 Queens Avenue  
Victoria, BC V8T1M7

Attention: Edward Farkas, by his authorized attorney, Jenny Farkas  
Email: [jfarkas@telus.net](mailto:jfarkas@telus.net)

If a party identifies alternate contact information in writing to another party, notice is to be given to that alternate address.

If normal mail, email or facsimile service is interrupted by strike, work slowdown, force majeure, or other cause,

- (d) notice sent by the impaired service is considered to be received on the date of delivery, and
- (e) the sending party must use its best efforts to ensure prompt receipt of a notice by using other uninterrupted services, or by hand-delivering the notice.

**9.2 TIME.** Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

**9.3 BINDING EFFECT.** This Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and permitted assignees. In accordance with section 483(6) of the *Local Government Act*, this Agreement and all obligations hereunder is binding on all who acquire an interest in the Lands, and the Owner only during the Owner's ownership of any interest in the Lands, and with respect only to that portion of the Lands of which the Owner has an interest.

**9.4 WAIVER.** The waiver by a party of any failure on the part of the other party to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement is not to be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure, whether similar or dissimilar.

**9.5 HEADINGS.** The division of this Agreement into articles and sections and the insertion of headings are for the convenience of reference only and will not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

**9.6 LANGUAGE.** Words importing the singular number only will include the plural and vice versa, words importing the masculine gender will include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa, and words importing persons will include individuals, partnerships, associations, trusts, unincorporated organizations and corporations and vice versa.

**9.7 LEGISLATION.** Reference to any enactment includes any regulations, orders or directives made under the authority of that enactment, and is a reference to that enactment as consolidated, revised, amended, re-enacted or replaced, unless otherwise expressly provided.

**9.8 EQUITABLE REMEDIES.** The Owner acknowledges and agrees that damages would be an inadequate remedy for the City for breach of this Agreement and that the public

interest strongly favours specific performance, injunctive relief (mandatory or otherwise), or other equitable relief, as the only adequate remedy for a default under this Agreement

- 9.9 CUMULATIVE REMEDIES.** No remedy under this Agreement is to be deemed exclusive but will, where possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity.
- 9.10 ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement when executed will set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the parties as at the date it is made.
- 9.11 FURTHER ASSURANCES.** Each of the parties will do, execute, and deliver, or cause to be done, executed, and delivered all such further acts, documents and things as may be reasonably required from time to time to give effect to this Agreement.
- 9.12 AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended from time to time, by consent of the Owner and a bylaw duly passed by the Council of the City and thereafter if it is signed by the City and the Owner.
- 9.13 LAW APPLICABLE.** This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws applicable in the Province of British Columbia.
- 9.14 NO DEROGATION FROM STATUTORY AUTHORITY.** Nothing in this Agreement shall:
- (a) limit, impair, fetter or derogate from the statutory powers of the City all of which powers may be exercised by the City from time to time and at any time to the fullest extent that the City is enabled and no permissive bylaw enacted by the City, or permit, licence or approval, granted, made or issued thereunder, or pursuant to statute, by the City shall estop, limit or impair the City from relying upon and enforcing this Agreement; or
  - (b) relieve the Owner from complying with any enactment, including the City's bylaws, or any obligation of the Owner under any other agreement with the City.
- 9.15 SEVERABILITY.** If any section, term or provision of this Agreement is found to be partially or wholly illegal or unenforceable, then such sections or parts will be considered to be separate and severable from this Agreement and the remaining sections or parts of this Agreement, as the case may be, will be unaffected thereby and will remain and be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law as though the illegal or unenforceable parts or sections had never been included in this Agreement.
- 9.16 JOINT AND SEVERAL.** The Owner, if more than one, are jointly and severally obligated to perform and observe each and every of the covenants, warranties and agreements herein contained by the Owner to be observed and performed.
- 9.17 COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and delivered by emailed PDF file, each of which will have the same effect as if all parties had signed the same document. Each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same Agreement.



**9.18 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Agreement is effective as of the date of the signature of the last party to sign.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have set their hands and seals as of the day and year last below written.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF** )  
**VICTORIA** by its authorized signatory: )

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 Karen Hoese, Director of Sustainable Planning  
 and Community Development )

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_ )

**EDWARD JOEL FARKAS, by his Attorney,** )  
*Jennifer Dora Farkas, see CA 8752246.* )

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Date signed: Feb 9/21 \_\_\_\_\_ )