

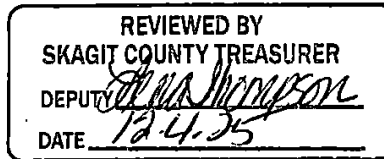


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DOCUMENT TITLE: TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

REFERENCE NUMBER OF RELATED DOCUMENT: Not Applicable

GRANTOR(S): KEVIN MORSE and KIRSTEN MORSE, husband and wife.

GRANTEE(S): Skagit County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington.

ABBREVIATED LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Section 22, Township 36 North, Range 03 East (Complete  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION provided at *Exhibit "C"*).

ASSESSOR'S TAX / PARCEL NUMBER(S): P47977 (XrefID: 360322-0-003-0006)

### TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

The undersigned, **KEVIN MORSE** and **KIRSTEN MORSE**, husband and wife, ("Grantors"), for good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby grants to **Skagit County**, a political subdivision of the State of Washington ("Grantee"), a temporary, non-exclusive maintenance easement and appurtenances thereto ("Temporary Easement"), as provided herein. Grantors and Grantee may be individually referred to herein as a "party", and may be collectively referred to herein as the "parties." The terms of this Temporary Easement are further provided as follows:

**1. Nature and Location of Easement.** The Temporary Easement hereby granted by Grantors herein shall be a temporary maintenance easement for the benefit of Grantee, Grantee's agents, employees, and contractors over, upon, across, through, a portion of real property located within and upon Grantors' Property, such Temporary Easement as legally described on *Exhibit "A"* and as further described and depicted on *Exhibit "B"*, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, for the purpose of providing a temporary maintenance easement (and any related appurtenances thereto), including the right of ingress and egress with all necessary equipment for Project purposes, including maintenance of existing culvert(s), conveyance system(s), ditches, and/or existing structure(s) within said Temporary Easement, and for any and all other purposes reasonably related thereto (including, but not limited to, mowing and vegetation management). A legal description for the Grantors' Property is attached hereto as *Exhibit "C"*, and is hereby incorporated by reference. The Temporary Easement shall be for the purpose of a Project (as described at *Exhibit "D"*).

**2. Use of Easement.** The Grantee, Grantee's employees, agents, and contractors, shall have the sole right, without notice, and at all times, to enter upon the Grantors' Property within the Temporary

Easement area (as described and depicted in *Exhibit "A"* and *"B"*) for purposes of using the Temporary Easement for Project purposes, including the maintenance of existing culvert(s), conveyance system(s), and/or existing structure(s) as further described at *Exhibit "D"* attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Grantors shall not have the right to exclude Grantee, Grantee's employees, agents, contractors, or other third parties from the Temporary Easement. Grantors shall not place, construct, or cause to be placed or constructed or maintained any building, structure, obstruction, and/or improvements within or upon the Temporary Easement area while the Temporary Easement is in effect, without approval of the Grantee.

2.1 Grantors specifically recognize and agree that the Grantee is not responsible or liable for any drainage or surface water impact or damage to Grantors' Property resulting from this Temporary Easement, and Grantors release and hold harmless Grantee from any drainage or surface water impact or damages to Grantors' Property resulting from and/or related to this Temporary Easement. Grantee otherwise agrees to be responsible for damages solely arising from the negligent acts of its employees, agents, or representatives on Grantors' Property in exercise of Grantee's rights herein granted by this Temporary Easement. Grantee assumes no liability for any alleged damage resulting subsequent to the termination of this Temporary Easement, or from any source other than as expressly set forth herein.

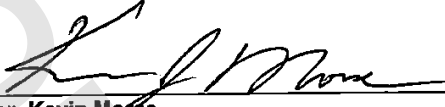
**3. Termination of Temporary Easement.** This Temporary Easement shall expire and terminate at such time as the Grantee has completed the Project or activity necessitating the use of the Temporary Easement as described hereinabove (as determined by Grantee). This Temporary Easement shall otherwise expire by its own terms and terminate in three (3) years from the date of mutual execution, whichever is sooner.

**4. Governing Law; Venue.** This Temporary Easement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Washington. It is agreed by the parties that the venue for any legal action brought under or relating to the term of this Temporary Easement shall be in Skagit County, State of Washington.

**5. Other Terms** (Modifications; Neutral Authorship; Captions & Counterparts; Entire Agreement). This Temporary Easement may be changed, modified, amended or waived only by subsequent written agreement, duly executed by the parties hereto. Each of the terms and provisions of this Temporary Easement have been reviewed and negotiated, and represents the combined work product of the parties hereto. No presumption or other rules of construction which would interpret the provisions of this Temporary Easement in favor of or against the party preparing the same shall be applicable in connection with the construction or interpretation of any of the provisions of this Temporary Easement. The parties represent and warrant that they have fully read this Temporary Easement, that they understand its meaning and effect, and that they enter into this Temporary Easement with full knowledge of its terms. This Temporary Easement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each such counterpart hereof shall be deemed to be an original instrument, but all such counterparts together shall constitute but one agreement. This Temporary Easement contains all the terms and conditions mutually agreed upon by the parties. This Temporary Easement supersedes any prior oral statements, discussions, and/or understandings between the parties. All items incorporated herein by reference are attached. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Temporary Easement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

**GRANTORS:**

Kevin Morse and Kirsten Morse, a married couple

  
By: ~~Kevin Morse~~DATED this 25th day of November, 2025.

STATE OF WASHINGTON }

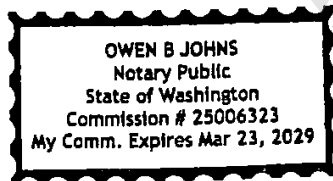
ss.

COUNTY OF SKAGIT }

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that **Kevin Morse** is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument, and on oath stated that he executed the forgoing instrument as his duly authorized free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

DATED this 25th day of November, 2025.

(SEAL)



Notary Public

Print name: Owen B JohnsResiding at: Washington StateMy commission expires: Mar 23, 2029

Kirsten Morse

By: Kirsten Morse

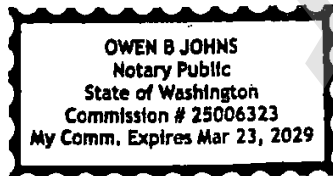
DATED this 25th day of November, 2025.

STATE OF WASHINGTON }  
COUNTY OF SKAGIT } ss.

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that **Kirsten Morse** is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that she signed this instrument, and on oath stated that she executed the forgoing instrument as her duly authorized free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes herein mentioned.

DATED this 25th day of November, 2025.

(SEAL)



Owen B Johns  
Notary Public  
Print name: Owen B Johns  
Residing at: Washington State  
My commission expires: Mar 23, 2029

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATED this 2 day of December, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Janicki, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Wesen, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Browning, Commissioner

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX R2016...  
Authorization per Resolution XXXXXXXX...

Recommended:

Michael Lee  
Department Head

Lisha Gagne  
County Administrator

Approved as to form:

12/1/25

[Signature]  
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Approved as to indemnification:

Maryleuben  
Risk Manager

Approved as to budget:

Lisha Gagne  
Budget & Finance Director

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**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**TEMPORARY EASEMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
**Skagit County Assessor Tax Parcel No.: P47977**

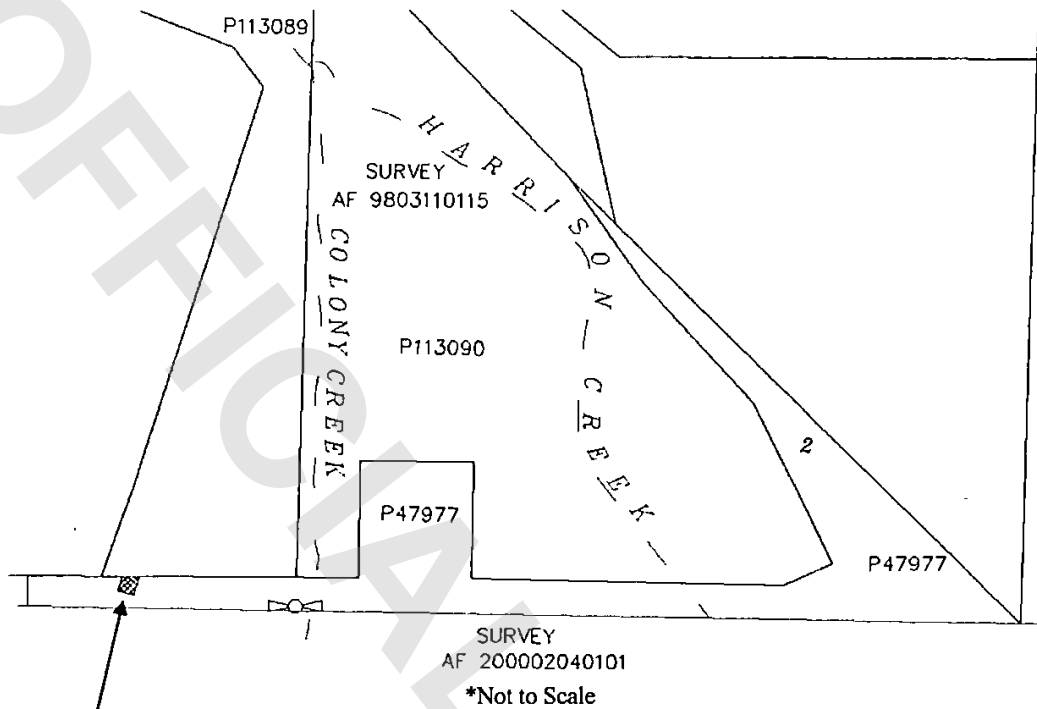
A STRIP OF LAND, FOR DRAINAGE, MAINTENANCE, AND MOWING, LYING IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 03 EAST W.M, COUNTY OF SKAGIT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS RECORDED IN SKAGIT COUNTY'S SHORT PLAT NO. 97-0069 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 200002040101, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BELOW;

SAID STRIP OF LAND BEING 15 FEET WIDE, LYING ON THE EAST SIDE, THE WESTERLY LINE WHICH IS COINCIDENT WITH THE TOP OF THE EAST BANK OF THE EXISTING DRAINAGE CHANNEL PARALLEL WITH A CREEK KNOWN AS COLONY CREEK, RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH. TOGETHER WITH A STRIP OF LAND BEING 15 FEET WIDE, ON THE WEST SIDE, THE EASTERLY LINE WHICH IS COINCIDENT WITH THE TOP OF THE WEST BANK OF SAID DRAINAGE CHANNEL, PARALLEL TO COLONY CREEK, RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH, OVER AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING TRACT: SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF THE SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF THE SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SAID SECTION 22.

LOCATION OF COLONY CREEK AS OF MARCH 2020.

ALL FALLING WITHIN THE ABOVE PARCEL 47977.

**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**GRAPHIC DEPICTION OF TEMPORARY EASEMENT AREA**  
**Skagit County Assessor Tax Parcel No.: P47977**



**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF GRANTORS' PROPERTY**  
Skagit County Assessor Tax Parcel No.: P47977

Lot 2 of SKAGIT COUNTY SHORT PLAT NO. 97-0069, approved February 1, 2000, and recorded February 4, 2000, under Auditor's File No. 200002040101, records of Skagit County, Washington; being a portion of East-Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 36 North, Range 3 East of the Willamette Meridian;

Situate in the County of Skagit, State of Washington.



**Exhibit "D"**  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
**Skagit County Assessor Tax Parcel No.: P47977**

1. Grantee's contractor shall mow all vegetation, smaller than 1.5 inches in diameter, on both sides of slough (or ditch). Grantee's contractor shall mow both sides of slough unless it is obvious only one side has been mowed in the past few years.
2. To the extent reasonably possible, all maintained landscaping shall be left as is.

