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City of Clearlake
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DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this [redacted] day of April, 2021 (the "Execution Date"), by and between the **CITY OF CLEARLAKE, a California municipal corporation** ("City") and Angie Decoux, Akwaaba, LLC., ("Owner"). City and Owner are sometimes referenced together herein as the "Parties." In instances when a provision hereof applies to each of the Parties individually, either may be referenced as a "Party." The Parties hereby jointly render the following statement as to the background facts and circumstances underlying this Agreement.

RECITALS

- A. The State of California enacted California Government Code Sections 65864 *et seq.* ("Development Agreement Statutes") to authorize municipalities to enter into development agreements with those having an interest in real property to strengthen the public planning process, encourage private participation in comprehensive planning, and reduce the economic risk of development in connection with the development of real property within their jurisdiction.

- B. The purpose of the Development Agreement Statutes is to authorize municipalities, in their discretion, to establish certain development rights in real property for a period of years regardless of intervening changes in land use regulations, to vest certain rights in the developer, and to meet certain public purposes of the local government.
- C. Owner has an agreement with Quincy Jackson, Sphynx, Inc., property owner of 14196 Lakeshore Drive, also referenced as 3995 Alvita Drive, Clearlake, County of Lake, State of California, Assessor's Parcel No. 040-043-340 to lease an approximately 1,600 S.F. portion of building, project site.
- D. Owner intends to operate a cannabis facility and operation. All such cannabis facilities shall operate in accordance with the California State Compassionate Use Act (Health & Safety Code § 11362.5) ("CUA"), the Medical Marijuana Program Act (Health & Safety Code §§ 11362.7 et seq.) ("MMPA"), and the 2008 Guidelines for the Security and Non-Diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use issued by the California Attorney General (the "AG Guidelines"), and Senate Bill 94, the Medicinal and Adult Use of Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act ("MAUCRSA"), creating a unified regulatory structure for adult use and medical cannabis, and all regulations promulgated by the responsible state agencies to implement MAUCRSA (collectively the "California Cannabis Laws"). Prior to operating a cannabis facility, Owner shall be required to obtain use and cannabis business regulatory permits from the City for the facility and operations.
- E. Ultimately, Owner intends to obtain state licenses issued pursuant to MAUCRSA to operate cannabis facilities at the Site, once such licenses are being issued.
- F. Owners presently intends to develop and open a cannabis operation on the Site consistent with the California Cannabis Laws and Project Approvals (known as the "Project").
- G. Owner applied to City for a development agreement and will subsequently need to obtain special use permits and regulatory permits for the Project. This Agreement, and the special use and regulatory permits, when and if issued by the City, shall collectively be referred to as "Project Approvals".
- H. The Project will maintain inventory of cannabis and cannabis products under the California Cannabis Laws.
- I. The City adopted Ordinance No's. 200-2017 and 201-2017 permitting Cannabis Delivery Only Dispensaries and Cannabis Businesses (as those terms are defined in the applicable city ordinances) in strict compliance with the applicable California Cannabis Laws regulating delivery only dispensaries and cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, processing, and distribution under certain conditions and provisions.
- J. City and Owner have agreed that, as a condition of allowing the Project, as defined herein, and due to the unique circumstances of the proposed Project, Owner shall pay to the City a semi-annual fee based on the gross revenue of the operations, and an annual Facility Fee, as hereinafter defined, which fees shall abate if and when the City adopts a tax on Cannabis Delivery Only Dispensaries and Cannabis Businesses.

- K. All procedures of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), California Public Resources Code §21000 *et seq.*, and the CEQA guidelines, title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, chapter 3, §15000 *et seq.* have been satisfied as the project is categorically exempt under CEQA guidelines sec. 15301, for modification of existing facilities.
- L. City has given public notice of its intention to adopt this Agreement and has conducted public hearings thereon pursuant to California Government Code §65867. City has found that the provisions of this Agreement and its purposes are consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in City’s General Plan, zoning code and municipal ordinances.
- M. City, in entering into this Agreement, acknowledges that certain City obligations hereby assumed shall survive beyond the terms of the present Council members, that this Agreement will serve to bind City and future Councils to the obligations hereby undertaken, and that this Agreement shall limit the future exercise of certain governmental and proprietary powers of City. By approving this Agreement, the Council has elected to exercise certain governmental powers at the time of entering into this Agreement rather than defer its actions to some undetermined future date. The terms and conditions of this Agreement have undergone extensive review by City and the Council and have been found to be fair, just and reasonable. City has concluded that the pursuit of the Project will serve the best interests of its citizens and that the public health, safety and welfare are best served by entering into this obligation. Owner has represented to City that it would not consider or engage in the Project absent City approving this Agreement; *i.e.*, assuring Owner that it will enjoy the development rights.
- N. The City agrees that Owner’s land use entitlements for the Project shall vest for the term of this Agreement as described below.
- O. After conducting a duly noticed hearing on April 13, 2021, in conjunction with certain amendments and additions to the City’s Municipal Code, the Planning Commission of the City reviewed, considered and approved the Project and recommended approval of the execution of this Agreement to the City Council. The Planning Commission found the Project: consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in the general plan; compatible with the uses authorized zoning code; is in conformity with the public necessity, public convenience, general welfare and good land use practices; will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the city; will not adversely affect the orderly development of property or the preservation of property values; and will have a positive fiscal impact on the City.
- P. After conducting a duly noticed hearing on April 13, 2021, in conjunction with amendments and additions to the City’s Municipal Code creating an allowable use, appropriate zoning, and comprehensive regulations for the proposed use, and after independent review and consideration, the City Council approved the execution of this Agreement. The City Council found the Project: consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in the general plan; compatible with the uses authorized in the zoning code; is in conformity with good land use practices; will not be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the City; and is in the best interest of the City of Clearlake and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. Binding Effect of Agreement. The Parties agree that the Recitals above are true and correct and intend to be bound by same; the Parties further agree to the incorporation by reference herein of said Recitals, together with all definitions provided and exhibits referenced therein. This Agreement pertains to the Site as described in **Exhibit A (Legal Description)** and shown in **Exhibit B (Site Map)** and incorporates by reference all Development Approvals approved by the City for the Site. Except as otherwise provided in Section 15 of this Agreement, the burdens of this Agreement are binding upon, and the benefits of this Agreement inure to, all successors-in-interest of the Parties and constitute covenants which run with the Site. In order to provide continued notice thereof, the Parties will record this Agreement with the Lake County Recorder. The word "Owner" as previously defined and used herein shall include successor owners, apart from government or quasi-public agencies, of any portion of the Site. Should the size or orientation of any Site component specified above be changed in minor respects, *e.g.*, changed by a lot line adjustment, this Agreement shall not thereby be deemed to have been affected or invalidated, but the rights and obligations of the Parties and their successors shall remain as provided herein.

2. Relationship of the Parties. It is hereby specifically understood and acknowledged that the Project is a private project and that neither City nor Owners will be deemed to be the agent of the other for any purpose whatsoever. City and Owners hereby renounce the existence of any form of joint venture or partnership between or among them and agree that nothing contained herein or in any document executed in connection herewith shall be construed as making City and Owners joint ventures or partners.

3. Term. Except as otherwise specified herein, the term of this Agreement (the "Term") is 3 years from the date the Owner begins commercial operation at the Project Site ("Operation Date"). The Operation Date shall be no later than 12 months following the Execution Date. The Term shall generally be subject to earlier termination or extension as hereinafter provided.

3.1 Term Extension – Third Party Issues. Notwithstanding the Parties' expectation that there will be no limit or moratorium upon the Project's development or the issuance of building or other development related permits (a "Development Limitation") during the Term, the Parties understand and agree that various third parties may take action causing a *de facto* Development Limitation. Consequently, the Term shall be extended for any delay arising from or related to any of the potential Development Limitations that follow in the subsections below for a time equal to the duration of that delay occurring during the Term. No Development Limitation may arise or result from an action or omission by Owner.

3.1.1 Litigation. Any third party-initiated litigation that arises from or is related to

any City action or omission with respect to this Agreement or any subsequent City approval required in connection with the Project's development, or third party-initiated litigation having the actual effect of delaying the Project's development. This extension period related hereto shall include any time during which appeals may be filed or are pending.

3.1.2 Government Agencies. Any delay arising from or related to the act(s) or omission(s) any third party governmental agency, quasi-public entity or public utility, and beyond the reasonable control of Owner.

3.1.3 Force Majeure. Any delay resulting from riot, war, acts of terrorism, an event during the Term creating radioactive or toxic/hazardous contamination, a catastrophic earthquake, flood, fire or other physical natural disaster, excluding weather conditions regardless of severity, strikes or industrial disputes at national level effecting development involved personnel not employed by Owner, their subcontractors or suppliers and effecting an essential portion of the Project's development, excluding any industrial dispute that is specific to development taking place as a part of the Project.

3.2 Term Extensions. The Term of this Agreement will be extended for seven additional years upon a determination of the City Council, by way of resolution of the City Council acted on at a regularly scheduled meeting, that both of the conditions listed in subparts 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 below have been fully satisfied are the Owner is in full compliance:

3.2.1. No Default by Owner. Owner shall not be in default with respect to any provision of this Agreement or any subsequent agreement or understanding between the Parties arising from or related to this Agreement, having received notice from City of said default per this Agreement, or if Owner did in fact default as to this Agreement, upon notice from City, that Owner did cure said default during the period to cure provided herein to City's satisfaction.

3.2.2 Finding of Community Compatibility. The City Council shall review the operations of Owner prior to granting an extension of the term of this Agreement and make a finding that the Project, notwithstanding that the Project activities may not be in precise

technical compliance with the issued regulatory permit and special use permit, continue to be compatible with surrounding land uses and are not detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

3.2.3. Mutual Agreement of Parties. In addition to the process listed above for a seven-year term extension, this Agreement's Term may be extended by mutual agreement of the Parties and formal amendment of this Agreement.

3.3 Termination of Agreement. Upon the termination of this Agreement, either by expiration or otherwise, Owner shall have no right to engage in the Project activities at the Project Site, except as may otherwise be allowed by City ordinance, law or separate development agreement.

4. Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter set forth:

4.1. Certified Report. "Certified Report" shall mean a detailed document prepared by Owner on a form acceptable to the City's Director of Finance to report to the City the gross receipts of the Project's operations and sales, as defined herein, in the Project during each semi-annual period starting January 1 and July 1 of each calendar year. Each Certified Report shall be certified as true and correct by a duly-authorized officer of Owner.

4.2. Development Approvals. "Development Approvals" means the land use entitlements approved by the City for the development of site improvements and buildings on the Site which define the permitted uses of the property, the density or intensity of use, and the maximum height and size of proposed buildings.

4.3. Production Fee. "Production Fee" shall mean a semi-annual fee remitted to the City by Owner based on the Gross Receipts of its Project operations, as defined below, in the amount of 5% of gross sales from operations.

4.4. Certification of Non-Income Tax Exemption. Owner certifies that Owner is not income tax exempt under State or Federal Law and that Owner will not file for such an exemption from the Internal Revenue Service or the Franchise Tax Board.

4.5. Facility Fee. Facility Fee shall mean an annual fee remitted to the City by Owner in the amount of \$2 per gross square foot of the entire Project facility. The Facility Fee shall be paid annually, starting July 1st of each year. A late fee of 5% of the amount due shall be added to any payment 5 days past due. Fees later than 30 days past due will constitute a breach subject to Section 20 of this agreement.

4.6. Semi-Annual Production Fee. The semi-annual Production Fee will be due no later than July 30th for the preceding period of January 1st through June 30th and no later than January 31st for the preceding period of July 1st through December 31st. A late fee of 5% of the amount due shall be added to any payment 30 days past due.

4.7. "Land Use Regulations" shall mean all ordinances, resolutions, codes, rules, regulations and official policies of the City governing the development and use of land,

including, without limitation, the permitted use of land, the density or intensity of use, subdivision requirements, timing and phasing of development, the maximum height and size of buildings, the provisions for reservation or dedication of land for public purposes, and the design, improvement and construction and initial occupancy standards and specifications applicable to the Project. "Land Use Regulations" do not include any City ordinance, resolution, code, rule, regulation or official policy governing:

4.7.1. The conduct or taxation of businesses, professions, and occupations applicable to all businesses, professions, and occupations in the City;

4.7.2. Other than as provided in this Agreement, taxes and assessments of general application upon all residents of the City, provided that the taxes and assessments are not imposed for the purpose of taxing the right, power or privilege of developing or improving land (e.g., excise tax) or to directly finance the acquisition or dedication of open space or any other public improvement in respect of which the Developer is paying any fee or providing any improvement pursuant to this Agreement;

4.7.3. The control and abatement of nuisances;

4.7.4. The granting of encroachment permits and the conveyance of rights and interests which provides for the use of, access to or the entry upon public property, as may be approved by mutual agreement between Developer and City; and

4.7.5. The exercise of the power of eminent domain.

4.8. "Existing Land Use Regulations" means all Land Use Regulations in effect as of the approval date of this Agreement, including the Project Approvals.

4.9. "Gross Receipts" means 5% (five percent) for 1) wholesale and retail sales of cannabis products by Owner to third parties.

5. Fee Payments by Owner. In consideration of City's entering into this Agreement and authorizing the development and operation of the Project, the requirements for City services created by the Project, the City insuring Owner's compliance with this Agreement, California Cannabis Laws and the City's municipal ordinances, throughout the Term of this Agreement, Owner shall make the following payments to City:

5.1. Production Fee Payments by Owner. Semi-annual payments of the Production Fee by Owner to the City as specified in Section 7 herein. The obligations of Owner under this Section shall survive the expiration or any earlier termination, as applicable, of this Agreement, but the Production Fee under this Agreement shall cease if any City-wide tax is imposed specifically on Cannabis cultivation.

5.2. Facility Fee Payments by Owner. Annual payments of the Facility Fee by Owner to the City. The obligations of Owner under this Section shall survive the expiration or any earlier termination of this Agreement, but the Facility Fee shall cease if any City-wide tax is imposed specifically on Cannabis cultivation.

5.3. Sales Tax Point of Sale. Owner agrees that Clearlake will be designated as

the point of sale for all operations, as allowed by law.

6. Community Participation. Owner agrees to participate in the community as a good corporate citizen and sponsor events and organizations that improve the community.

6.1. Clearlake Chamber of Commerce. Owner agrees to immediately apply for membership in the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce and, if accepted, maintain an annual membership in good standing.

7. Payment Procedures. The following payment procedures shall apply during the operation of the Project:

7.1. Remittance of Production Fee/Certified Reports. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the end of each semi-annual period during the Term of this Agreement, Owner shall submit the Certified Report to the City's Finance Director and a payment for the Production Fee for that Operational Period as identified in the Certified Report. Owner shall pay Production Fees to the City on a semi-annual basis without exception. Any material misstatement or misrepresentation in the Certified Report and any failure to pay Production Fees when due shall constitute events of default by Owner subject to the default provisions of this Agreement.

7.2. Maintenance of Records. Owner shall maintain complete records of their operations to substantiate and document the content of each Certified Report. Such records shall include, without limitation, invoices and payments taken by Tenants and/or any operator of the facility. Owner shall maintain such records in a form and location reasonably accessible to the City, following reasonable notice to Owner and/or any operator, for a period of at least five (5) calendar years following Owner's submission of the Certified Report to which the records apply.

7.3. Audit. Within ninety (90) calendar days following the end of each semi-annual payment term, the City may conduct an audit or arrange for a third-party independent audit, at Owner's expense, of Owner records regarding Certified Reports and the Production Fees. The City's Finance Director shall provide at least seven (7) business days written notice of the commencement of such audit to Owner, and shall reasonably attempt to schedule the audit so as to reduce the impact on Tenants' operations as much as is feasible. Owner shall cooperate with the City in completing the audit. If the audit reveals that Owner has underpaid the Production Fee, Owner shall pay such underpaid amounts to the City within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of written notice from the City's Director of Finance in addition to all costs of the audit, including city staff time and outside consultants. If the audit reveals that the Owner has overpaid any amount of the Production Fee, City shall provide written notification to Owner and shall credit such amount against Owner's subsequent semi-annual payment of Production Fees.

8. Covenants of Owner. During the Term of this Agreement, Owner hereby covenants and agrees with the City as follows:

8.1. Implementation. Owner shall use commercial reasonable efforts to pursue the implementation of the Project as expeditiously as feasible, in the form approved by the City, subject to all applicable laws, this Agreement, the Project Approvals and the Municipal Code.

8.2. Enhanced Design Requirement. Owner shall submit a design plan for the

building and site, for review and approval by the Planning Director, which shall incorporate at a minimum upgraded fencing and landscaping improvements consistent with the Community Character and Design Policies in the City's General Plan.

8.3. Maintain & Operate Project. Owner shall maintain and operate the Project on the Site throughout the Term of this Agreement, in accordance with the Project Approvals and all City, and State laws.

8.4. Future Frontage Improvements: Owner shall not oppose the City installing frontage improvements on Lakeshore Drive portion of the property that would require elimination of existing parking spaces that currently back out onto Lakeshore Drive.

8.5. Hold Harmless. Owner shall defend (with counsel reasonably acceptable to City), indemnify and hold City and its councilpersons, officers, attorneys, agents, contractors, and employees (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all losses, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs), damages (including, without limitation, consequential damages), claims and liabilities arising from the Project, this Agreement, the approval of the Project, and the activities of Owner, their members, officers, employees, agents, contractors, invitees and any third parties on the Site, from and against any challenges to the validity of this Agreement or other Project Approvals. The obligations of Owner under this Section shall survive the expiration or any earlier termination, as applicable, of this Agreement.

9. Covenants of City. During the Term of this Agreement, City hereby covenants and agrees with Owner as follows:

9.1. Expeditious Services. City shall process applications and address questions and concerns raised by Owner representatives at the "counter" at City Hall as expeditiously as reasonably possible. Upon Owner's request, or if, in an exercise of City's own discretion, City staff determines that it cannot comply with this section, City shall expeditiously engage the services of private contract planners, plan checkers or inspectors ("Private Contractors") to perform such services as may be necessary to assist in processing the project plans as described herein. Compensation of such Private Contractors shall be at Owner's sole cost and expense, inclusive of any administrative cost to City of integrating services by Private Contractors into the project's development processing. Owner shall pay such costs and expenses of Private Contractors via reimbursement to City, per City's applicable policies and procedures. City shall have absolute discretion in the selection of such Private Contractors.

9.2 Vested Rights. During the Term of this Agreement, Owner shall have the vested right and entitlement to develop and operate the Project in accordance with the Existing Land Use Ordinances, in addition to any Cannabis Cultivation Operating Standards adopted by the City Council, which may be amended at the City's discretion. Parties acknowledge that neither the City nor the Owner can at this time predict when or the rate at which or the order in which parts of the Project will be developed. Owner shall have the vested right to develop the Project in such order and at such rate and at such times as Owner deems appropriate in the exercise of its business judgment, provided that Owner is in compliance with the Project Approvals.

9.3 Building Permits and Other Approvals and Permits. Subject to (a) Owner's compliance with this Agreement, the Project Approvals the Existing Land Use Ordinances, the Building Ordinances, and Operating Standards; and (b) payment of the usual and customary fees and charges of general application charged for the processing of such

applications, permits and certificates and for any utility connection, or similar fees and charges of general application, the City shall process and issue to Owner promptly upon application therefore all necessary use permits, building permits, occupancy certificates, regulatory permits, licenses and other required permits for the construction, use and occupancy of the Project, or any portion thereof, as applied for, including connection to all utility systems under the City's jurisdiction and control (to the extent that such connections are physically feasible and that such utility systems are capable of adequately servicing the Project).

9.4 Procedures and Standards. The standards for granting or withholding permits or approvals required hereunder in connection with the development of the Project shall be governed as provided herein by the standards, terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Project Approvals, and to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the Existing Land Use Ordinances, but the procedures for processing applications for such permits or approvals (including the usual and customary fees of general application charged for such processing) shall be governed by such ordinances and regulations as may then be applicable.

10. Effect of Agreement.

10.1 Grant of Right. This Agreement shall constitute a part of the Enacting Ordinance, as if incorporated by reference therein in full. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement grants to Owner the right and entitlement to develop the Project and use the land pursuant to specified and known criteria and rules as set forth in the Project Approvals and Existing Land Use Ordinances, and to grant the City and the residents of the City certain benefits which they otherwise would not receive.

10.2 Binding on City/Vested Right of Owner. This Agreement shall be binding upon the City and its successors in accordance with and subject to its terms and conditions notwithstanding any subsequent action of the City, whether taken by ordinance or resolution of the City Council, by referendum, initiative, or otherwise. The Parties acknowledge and agree that by entering into this Agreement and relying thereupon, the Owner has obtained, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, a vested right to proceed with its development of the Project as set forth in the Project Approvals and the Existing Land Use Ordinances, and the timing provisions of Section 3, and the City has entered into this in order to secure the public benefits conferred upon it hereunder which are essential to alleviate current and potential problems in the City and to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents, and this Agreement is an essential element in the achievement of those goals.

10.3 Future Conflicting Local Laws. If any City law, including ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, standards, policies, conditions and specifications (collectively "City Laws") are enacted or imposed by a citizen-sponsored initiative or referendum, or by the City Council directly or indirectly in connection with any proposed initiative or referendum, which City Law would conflict with this Agreement, such City Law shall not apply to the Project Site or Project. The Parties, however, acknowledge that the City's approval of this Agreement and the City Approvals are legislative actions subject to referendum.

10.3.1 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no moratorium or other limitation whether relating to the rate, timing, phasing or sequencing of development affecting subdivision maps, building permits, or other Subsequent Approvals shall apply to the Project. Owner agrees and understands that the City does not have authority or jurisdiction over another public agency's authority to grant a moratorium or to impose any other limitation that may affect the Project.

11. Specific Criteria Applicable to Development of the Project.

11.1 Applicable Ordinances. Except as set forth in the Project Approvals and subject to the provisions of Section 10.2 below, the Existing Land Use Ordinances shall govern the development of the Site hereunder and the granting or withholding of all permits or approvals required to develop the Site; provided, however, that (a) Owner shall be subject to all changes in processing, inspection and plan-check fees and charges imposed by City in connection with the processing of applications for development and construction upon the Site so long as such fees and charges are of general application and are not imposed solely with respect to the Project Site, (b) Owner shall abide by the Building Ordinances in effect at the time of such applications, (c) Development Impact Fees to be paid by Owner shall be those in effect at the time permits are issued subject to those fees, and (d) development shall be consistent with current Operating Standards.

11.2 Amendment to Applicable Ordinances. Any change to the Existing Land Use Ordinances that conflicts with the Project Approvals shall nonetheless apply to the Project if, and only if (i) it is consented to in writing by Owner in Owner's sole and absolute discretion; (ii) it is determined by City and evidenced through findings adopted by the City Council that the change or provision is reasonably required in order to prevent a condition dangerous to the public health or safety; (iii) it is required by changes in State or Federal law; (iv) it consists of changes in, or new fees permitted by, Section 4.1; or (v) it is otherwise expressly permitted by this Agreement. The Parties anticipate that the City shall subsequently adopt Operating Standards that govern this type of use, which Regulations, and any amendments thereto, shall apply to the Project.

11.3 Applicability of Zoning Amendments. In the event that the City zoning ordinance is amended by the City in a manner which provides more favorable site development standards for the Project Site or any part thereof than those in effect as of the Effective Date, Owner shall have the right to notify the City in writing of its desire to be subject to all or any such new standards for the remaining term of this Agreement. If City agrees, by resolution of the City Council, such new standards shall become applicable to the Project. Should City thereafter amend such new standards, upon the effective date of such amendment, the original new standards shall continue to apply to the Project as provided above, but Owner may notify City in writing of its desire to be subject to all or any such amended new standards and City shall agree in the manner above provided to apply such amended new standards to the Project.

12. Permitted Delays; Supersedure by Subsequent Laws.

12.1 Permitted Delays. In addition to any other provisions of this Agreement with respect to delay, Owner and City shall be excused from performance of their obligations hereunder during any period of delay caused by acts of mother nature, civil commotion, riots, strikes, picketing, or other labor disputes, shortage of materials or supplies, or damage to or prevention of work in process by reason of fire, floods, earthquake, or other casualties, litigation, acts or neglect of the other party, any referendum elections held on the Enacting Ordinance, or the Land Use Ordinances, or any other ordinance effecting the Project or the approvals, permits or other entitlements related thereto, or restrictions imposed or mandated by governmental or quasi-governmental entities, enactment of conflicting provisions of the Constitution or laws of the United States of America or the State of California or any codes, statutes, regulations or executive mandates promulgated thereunder (collectively, "Laws"), orders of courts of competent jurisdiction, or any other cause similar or dissimilar to the foregoing beyond the reasonable control of City or Owner, as applicable. Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party of any delay hereunder as soon as possible after the same has been ascertained. The time of performance of such obligations shall be extended by the period of any delay hereunder.

12.2 Supersedure of Subsequent Laws or Judicial Action.

12.2.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall, to the extent feasible, be modified or suspended as may be necessary to comply with any new Law or decision issued by a court of competent jurisdiction (a "Decision"), enacted or made after the Effective Date which prevents or precludes compliance with one or more provisions of this Agreement. Promptly after enactment of any such new Law, or issuance of such Decision, the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith to determine the feasibility of any such modification or suspension based on the effect such modification or suspension would have on the purposes and intent of this Agreement. In addition, Owner and City shall have the right to challenge the new Law or the Decision preventing compliance with the terms of this Agreement. In the event that such challenge is successful, this Agreement shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect, except that the Term shall be extended, in accordance with Section 2.1 above, for a period of time equal to the length of time the challenge was pursued, to extent such challenge delayed the implementation of the project.

13. Operating Memoranda. The provisions of this Agreement require a close degree of cooperation between the City and the Owner. It is anticipated due to the term of this Agreement that refinements to the approvals may be appropriate with respect to the details of performance of the City and the Owner. To the extent allowable by law, the Owner shall retain a certain degree of flexibility as provided herein with respect to all matters, items and provisions covered in general under this Agreement. When and if the Owner finds it necessary or appropriate to make changes, adjustments or clarifications, the Parties shall enter into memoranda ("Operating Memoranda") approved by the Parties in writing, which reference this Section of the Agreement. Operating Memoranda are not intended to constitute an amendment to this Agreement but mere ministerial clarifications; therefore, public notices and hearings shall not be required. The City Attorney shall be authorized upon consultation with the Owner, to determine whether a requested clarification may be effectuated pursuant to this Section or

whether the requested clarification is of such character to constitute an amendment to the Agreement which requires compliance with the provisions of this Agreement pertaining to amendments. The authority to enter into such Operating Memoranda is hereby delegated to the City Manager, and the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any operating Memoranda hereunder without further City Council action.

14. CEQA. All procedures of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), California Public Resources Code §21000 *et seq.*, and the CEQA guidelines, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, chapter 3, §15000 *et seq.* have been satisfied based on the Project being categorically exempt.

15. Building Permits. Nothing set forth herein shall impair or interfere with the right of City to require the processing of building permits as required by law relating to any specific improvements proposed for the Project pursuant to the applicable provisions of the City’s municipal code, inclusive of such California and International Codes as have been adopted in accord therewith, that are in effect at the time such permits are applied for; provided, however, no such permit processing shall authorize or permit City to impose any condition on and/or withhold approval of any proposed improvement the result of which would be inconsistent with this Agreement.

16. Assignment and Transfer of Rights. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the burdens of this Agreement are binding upon, and the benefits of this Agreement inure to, all successors-in-interest of the Parties and constitute covenants that run with the Site. Owner, for itself, its heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns, shall not, at any time during the Term, assign, convey, lease, sell or otherwise transfer all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (“Assignable Rights”) to a third party, a subordinate entity, or a related entity (make an “Assignment”) without the prior written consent of City in each instance, which consent may be withheld in City’s sole discretion. Any assignment in violation of this Section will be void. No permitted assignee of this Agreement may further assign this Agreement without City’s prior written consent.

17. Review for Compliance.

17.1 Periodic Review. Pursuant to CGC §65865.1, City shall engage in an annual review this Agreement, on or before the anniversary of the date of execution, in order to ascertain Owner’s good faith compliance with its terms (the “Periodic Review”). In the event City fails to formally conduct such annual review, Owner shall be deemed to be in full compliance with the Agreement.

18. Amendment or Cancellation. This Agreement may be amended or canceled in whole or in part only by mutual consent of the Parties or in the manner provided in CGC §65865.1 or CGC §65868 and subsection 3.2 above.

18.1 Provide Notice. Provide the other Party with written notice of such State or Federal law or regulation, a copy of such law or regulation and a statement identifying how such law regulation conflicts with the provisions of this Agreement.

18.2 Meet and Confer. Upon notice by one Party to another as to preemption or frustration of this Agreement by law or regulation, the Parties shall promptly meet and confer in good faith and make a reasonable attempt to modify or suspend this Agreement to comply with such applicable Federal or State law or regulation. If the Parties cannot agree on a manner or method to comply with such Federal or State law or regulation, the Parties may, but shall not be required to, engage in alternative dispute resolution.

19. Notices. All notices or other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be either personally delivered (which shall include delivery by means of professional overnight courier service which confirms receipt in writing [such as Federal Express or UPS]), sent by telecopier or facsimile (“Fax”) machine capable of confirming transmission and receipt, or sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid to the following parties at the following addresses or numbers:

If to City: City of Clearlake
14050 Olympic Drive
Clearlake CA 95422
Attention: City Manager

With copy to: Jones & Mayer, City Attorney

8150 Sierra College Blvd., Suite 190
Roseville California 95661
Attention: Ryan R. Jones, Esq.

If to Owner: Akwaaba LLC
P.O. Box 3572
Clearlake, CA
95422
Attention: Angie
Decoux

Notices sent in accordance with this Section shall be deemed delivered upon the: **(a)** date of delivery as indicated on the written confirmation of delivery (if sent by overnight courier service); **(b)** date of actual receipt (if personally delivered by other means); **(c)** date of transmission (if sent by email or telecopier, so long as sender receives actual confirmation that

the transmission was received); or **(d)** date of delivery as indicated on the return receipt (if sent

by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested). Notice of change of address shall be given by written notice in the manner detailed in this Section.

20. Breach and Remedies. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Owner shall not be deemed to be in default under this Agreement with respect to any obligation owed solely to City, and City may not terminate or modify Owner's rights under this Agreement, unless City shall have first delivered a written notice of any alleged default to Owner that specifies the nature of such default. If such default is not cured by Owner within sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice of default, or with respect to defaults that cannot be cured within such period, Owner fails to commence to cure the default within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice of default, or thereafter fails to diligently pursue the cure of such default, City may terminate Owner's rights under this Agreement. Default by any Assignee or Owner's successor in interest shall affect only that portion of the Site owned by such Assignee or successor, and shall not cancel or diminish in any way Owner's rights with respect to any portion of the Site not owned by such Assignee or successor. In the event that a breach of this Agreement occurs, irreparable harm is likely to occur to the non-breaching Party and damages will be an inadequate remedy. To the extent permitted by law, therefore, it is expressly recognized that injunctive relief and specific enforcement of this Agreement are proper and desirable remedies, and it is agreed that any claim by Owner against City for an alleged breach of this Agreement shall be remedied by injunctive relief or an appropriate action for specific enforcement of this Agreement and not by a claim or action for monetary damages.

21. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Exhibits herein contain the entire integrated agreement among the Parties. The Parties intend that this Agreement state their agreement in full to each and every one of its provisions. Any prior agreements, understandings, promises, negotiations or representations respecting the matters dealt with herein or the duties of any Party in relation thereto, not expressly set forth in this Agreement, are agreed by all Parties to be null and void.

22. Severability. If any term, provision, condition, or covenant of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Party or circumstance, shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the instrument, or the application of such term, provision, condition or covenant to persons or circumstances other than those as to whom or which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. Attorneys' Fees. If the services of any attorney are required by any party to secure the performance of this Agreement or otherwise upon the breach or default of another party, or

if any judicial remedy or arbitration is necessary to enforce or interpret any provisions of this Agreement or the rights and duties of any person in relation to this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and other expenses, in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled. Prevailing party includes (a) a party who dismisses an action in exchange for sums allegedly due; (b) the party that receives performance from the other party of an alleged breach of covenant or a desired remedy, if it is substantially equal to the relief sought in an action; or (c) the party determined to be prevailing by a court of law.

Whenever provision is made in this Agreement for the payment of attorney's fees, such fees shall be payable whether the legal services are rendered by a salaried employee for the party or by independent counsel and shall include such fees as are incurred in connection with any pretrial proceeding, trial or appeal of the action. Any award of damages following judicial remedy or arbitration as a result of the breach of this Agreement or any of its provisions shall include an award of prejudgment interest from the date of the breach at the maximum amount of interest allowed by law.

24. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which constitute one and the same instrument.

25. Execution of Agreement. The Parties shall sign this Agreement on or within five (5) business days of approval.

26. Authority to Execute. All persons executing this Agreement on behalf of a party warrant that they have the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of that party.

27. Estoppel Certificate. City shall, at any time and from time to time within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice from Owner so requesting, execute, acknowledge and deliver to Owner a statement in writing: **(a)** certifying that this Agreement is unmodified and in full force and effect (or, if modified, stating the nature of such modification and certifying that this Agreement, as so modified, is in full force and effect); and **(b)** acknowledging that there are no uncured defaults on the part of Owner hereunder or specifying such defaults if any are claimed. Any such statement may be relied upon by any prospective purchaser or encumbrancer of all or any portion of the Site. Upon Owner's written request, City shall issue a certificate of performance evidencing completion of any of Owner's obligation(s) under this Agreement.

28. Encumbrances on Real Property.

28.1 Discretion to Encumber. The Parties hereto agree that this Agreement shall not prevent or limit Owner, in any manner, at Owner's sole discretion, from encumbering the Site or any portion thereof or any improvements thereon then owned by such person with any mortgage, deed of trust or other security device ("Mortgage") securing financing with respect to the Site or such portion. City acknowledges that the lenders providing such financing may require certain modifications, and City agrees, upon request, from time to time, to meet with Owner and/or representatives of such lenders to negotiate in good faith any such request for modification. City further agrees that it will not unreasonably withhold its consent to any such requested modification. Any mortgagee or trust deed beneficiary of the Site or any portion thereof or any improvements thereon and its successors and assigns ("Mortgagee") shall be entitled to the following rights and privileges.

28.2 Lender Requested Modification/Interpretation. City acknowledges that the lenders providing financing to Owner may request certain interpretations and modifications of this Agreement. City therefore agrees upon request, from time to time, to meet with the Owner and representatives of such lenders to negotiate in good faith any such request for interpretation or modification. The City will not unreasonably withhold its consent to any such requested interpretation or modification provided such interpretation or modification is consistent with the intent and purposes of this Agreement, provided, further, that any modifications of this Agreement are subject to the provisions of this Agreement relative to modifications or amendments.

28.3 Mortgage Protection. This Agreement shall be superior and senior to the lien of any Mortgage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no breach of this Agreement shall defeat, render invalid, diminish or impair the lien of any Mortgage made in good faith and for value, and any acquisition or acceptance of title or any right or interest in or with respect to the Site or any portion thereof by a Mortgagee (whether pursuant to a Mortgage, foreclosure, trustee's sale, deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise) shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

28.4 Mortgagee Not Obligated. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 26.2, no Mortgagee will have any obligation or duty under this Agreement to perform the obligations of Owner or other affirmative covenants of Owner hereunder, or to guarantee such performance, except that to the extent that Mortgagee opts to receive the benefits of the Agreement, including the right to operate, any covenant to be performed by Owner is a condition to the performance of a covenant by City, the performance thereof shall continue to be a condition precedent to City's performance hereunder. No Mortgagee will be liable for any monetary defaults arising prior to its acquisition of title to the Site or any portion thereof. Uncured monetary defaults will terminate the Agreement and Mortgagee's right to operate.

28.5 Written Notice of Default. Each Mortgagee shall be entitled to receive written notice from City of any default by Owner under this Agreement, if such default is not

cured within thirty (30) days, provided such Mortgagee has delivered a written request to City for such notice. Each Mortgagee shall have a further right, but not the obligation, to cure such default for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice of default. Any non-curable defaults of Owner of any obligation owed solely to City arising prior to Mortgagee's acquisition of title to the Site or any portion thereof shall be waived; provided, however, the non-payment of money shall not be deemed a non-curable default.

29. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Parties to this Agreement and, subject to City's written consent, their heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

30. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement and the legal relations between the Parties shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Furthermore, the Parties agree to venue in the Superior Court of Lake County, California.

31. Mutual Covenants. The covenants contained herein, including those contained in the Recitals herein, are mutual covenants and also constitute conditions to the concurrent or subsequent performance by the party benefited thereby of the covenants to be performed hereunder by such benefited party.

32. Successors in Interest. The burdens of this Agreement shall be binding upon, and the benefits of this Agreement shall inure to, all successors in interest to the Parties to this Agreement ("Successors"). Furthermore, the rights and remedies, together with the benefits and burdens of this Agreement of each Party to this Agreement shall be coextensive with those of its Successors. All provisions of this Agreement shall be enforceable as equitable servitude's and constitute covenants running with the land. Each covenant to do or refrain from doing some act hereunder with regard to development of the Site: (a) is for the benefit of and is a burden upon every portion of the Site; (b) runs with the Site and each portion thereof; and, (c) is binding upon each Party and each Successor during ownership of the Site or any portion thereof. From and after recordation of this Agreement, the Agreement shall impute notice to all persons and entities in accord with the recording laws of this State.

33. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is made and entered into for the sole protection and benefit of the Parties and their Successors and Assignees. No other person or entity shall have any right of action based upon any provision of this Agreement.

34. Waiver. Failure by a Party to insist upon the strict performance of any of this

Agreement's provisions by the other party, or the failure by a Party to exercise its rights upon the default of the other Party, shall not constitute a waiver of such Party's right to insist and demand strict compliance by the other Party with the terms of this Agreement thereafter. The waiver by any party to this Agreement of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach of that or any other provision of this Agreement.

35. Time of Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of the provisions of this Agreement as to which time is an element.

36. Recordation of Agreement. This Agreement and any amendment or cancellation thereof shall be recorded with the County Recorder by the City Clerk within the period required by Government Code Section 65868.5.

37. Headings. The headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only. They do not constitute part of this Agreement and shall not be used in its construction.

38. Jointly Drafted. It is agreed among the parties that this Agreement was jointly negotiated and jointly drafted by the Parties and their respective counsel, and that it shall not be interpreted or construed in favor of or against any party solely on the ground that it drafted the Agreement. It is also agreed and represented by all Parties that said Parties were of equal or relatively equal bargaining power and that in no way whatsoever shall this Agreement be deemed to be a contract of adhesion, or unreasonable or unconscionable.

39. Independent Legal Counsel. Each party acknowledges that it has been represented by independent legal counsel of its own choice throughout all of the negotiations that preceded the execution of this Agreement or has knowingly and voluntarily declined to consult legal counsel, and that each Party has executed this Agreement with the consent and on the advice of such independent legal counsel.

40. Further Cooperation. The parties herein agree to execute any and all agreements, documents or instruments as may be reasonably necessary in order to fully effectuate the agreements and covenants of the Parties contained in this Agreement, or to evidence this Agreement as a matter of public record, if required to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement. The Parties further agree to mutually cooperate with one another in carrying out the purposes of this

Agreement.

41. Enforceability. This Agreement shall not become binding and shall have no force and effect whatsoever until such time as it has been fully executed by and delivered to all of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the Execution Date.

"CITY"

CITY OF CLEARLAKE, CA a California
Municipal Corporation

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____

Mayor

Attest:

By: _____

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jones & Mayer

By: _____

Ryan R. Jones, Esq.

City Attorney

“OWNER”

Date: _____, 2021

By: _____

Angie Decoux, Akwaaba, LLC

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
To be inserted later

EXHIBIT C
SITE LEASE

To be inserted later

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }

COUNTY OF _____ }

On _____ before _____ me,

(insert name and title of the officer)

personally _____ appeared
_____, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary