

**TREE MAINTENANCE BOND  
NON-RESIDENTIAL**

TO: The City of Covington  
2194 Emory Street, NW  
Covington, Georgia 30014

Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that

\_\_\_\_\_ [name of developer/owner]  
hereinafter called "Principal," and \_\_\_\_\_  
[name of surety company] hereinafter called "Surety," are held and firmly bound unto  
the City of Covington Newton County, Georgia, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [amount of bond]  
for securing the maintenance of the required tree establishment, as hereinafter set  
forth, for the payment of which sum Principal and Surety do well and surely bind  
themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and  
severally, firmly by these presents, acknowledge and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Principal has completed a development known as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called "Project," and located at  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the City of Covington Newton County,  
Georgia, and Principal now desires a, Certificate of Occupancy or Letter of Completion;  
and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington Regulations require a Tree Establishment Bond to  
insure maintenance of the tree establishment from \_\_\_\_\_ [date of  
Certificate of Occupancy or Letter of Completion], through and including the  
completion of the project and an approved final site inspection; and

NOW THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are as follows, for all  
developments except new residential subdivisions, a bond shall be held by the city for a  
minimum of thirty-six (36) months in the amount of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars  
per tree planted to meet canopy cover requirements. Whenever the Principal does not  
comply with any conditions of the soil and tree conservation permit after issuance, the  
bond may be forfeited. Trees that do not survive in good condition as determined by  
the building official shall be replaced prior to the release of the bond. If the trees are  
not replaced within forty-eight (48) months from the original date of planting, the bond  
shall be forfeited and the entire sum deposited in the city's tree bank account.

The Surety shall commence performance of its obligations and undertakings under  
this Bond promptly and without delay, after written notice from the City of Covington  
to the Surety.

This bond is intended to comply with the requirements of the City of Covington Tree Preservation Ordinance and shall be interpreted so as to comply with the minimum requirements thereof. However, in the event the express language of this bond exceeds the minimum requirements, then the additional protection shall be enforced to the benefit of the City of Covington. All legal proceedings initiated with respect to this document shall be subject to Georgia courts and law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this instrument to be executed and their respective corporate seals to be affixed and attested by their duly authorized representatives this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**SURETY BOND CERTIFICATE CONFIRMATION NUMBER**

CERTIFICATE # \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL:  
[Corporation or entity name]

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
Its:

Attest:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

SURETY:  
[Corporation or entity name]

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
Its: Attorney in Fact

Attest:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

[Attach power of attorney]