

LEASE AGREEMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	ANDREW J. PRITCHARD
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON	§	

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between **Jefferson County**, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the “County,” and **Andrew J. Pritchard**, hereinafter referred to as “Lessee.”

Rights Granted

Subject to the terms and provisions set forth herein, the County authorizes Lessee, at Lessee's sole expense, to occupy and utilize the following property, in Jefferson County, Texas, hereinafter called the “Property”:

- 1. **11541 Sweetgum Lane, Beaumont TX, 77705, being described as 11 4 Country Road Est Sect 1 Abstract 014852**

The Lease amount shall be **\$60.00 for five years** (\$12.00/year) payable at the start of the five year lease. Lessee shall have the right to use the Property. Lessee **SHALL NOT**:

- 1. Permanently alter the Property without securing the prior written approval of the County;
- 2. Conduct, participate in or allow activities upon the property which are in violation of any Federal or State laws, rules, regulations, deed restrictions or County orders;
- 3. Perform any landscaping or in anyway alter the Property in any way that would interfere with the use of the Property for flood control or drainage purposes. The County may refuse to permit the planting or use of the Property which the County considers detrimental to the public welfare and the best interests of the County.
- 4. Construct, store or place permanent structures, fences, signs, fixtures, improvements, or other tangible items on the property;
- 5. Allow or cause any automobile, truck, motorcycle, motorized vehicle, all terrain vehicle, bicycle, mobile home, camper, trailer, recreational vehicle, temporary housing or any form of manufactured housing or any other type of vehicle to be parked, placed or affixed to the Property;
- 6. Permit any camping or commercial use of the Property without first obtaining written consent from the County;
- 7. Place, store or allow to be placed or stored any type of building materials, toxic or poisonous materials, supplies or hazardous substances on the Property which may present any risk of health;
- 8. Cut timber; conduct mining, excavation or drilling operations, remove sand, gravel, or similar substances from the ground; commit waste of any kind; or in any manner change

the contour or condition of the Property, except with the prior written consent of the County;

THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS BELOW THE BASE FLOOD PLAIN ELEVATION AND WILL FLOOD FROM NATURAL CAUSES. THE PROPERTY IS NOT SUITABLE FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND SUCH USE IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN AND WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE FORFEITURE OF THE LEASE RIGHT HEREIN GRANTED.

Lessee's use of the Property for the purposes herein stated is non-exclusive.

CONSIDERATION FOR USE

In consideration for such permission and authorization, Lessee will exercise due diligence in protecting the Property against damage or destruction by fire or causes other than flooding, and will properly maintain the Property and mow the grass with sufficient frequency to prevent said grass from attaining a height in excess of six (6) inches.

COUNTY'S RIGHTS PARAMOUNT

Notwithstanding any statement herein which might be interpreted otherwise, the County's rights in the Property remain paramount to those of Lessee, and the County may at any time enter upon the Property, flood or alter the Property to the extent the County deems necessary for executing powers or duties of the County. The County may refuse to permit planting or use of the property which the County considers detrimental to public welfare and the best interests of the County.

COMPLIANCE AND STANDARDS

Lessee shall comply with all state, federal, and local rules, regulations, ordinances, and statutes applicable to Lessee's use of the Property. Lessee will further comply with any existing deed restrictions and/or subdivision covenants.

TERM

The term of this Agreement is five (5) years, commencing on the date executed by the last party executing this Agreement. Either the County (through its governing body) or Lessee may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon giving ten (10) days prior written notice to the other party.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPENSES

Lessee shall, at Lessee's sole cost and expense, pay all necessary expenses incident to Lessee's use of the Property.

DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY

The County makes no warranties to Lessee regarding the quality of the Property. Lessee has inspected and knows the condition and agrees to accept the property in its current condition and "AS IS."

Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any liability on the party of the County, its officials, director, servants, agents, employees, representatives, licensees, invitees, or other contractors.

NOTICES

Any notice required or permitted to be given by the County to Lessee hereunder shall be given by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to Maintainer as follows: **Andrew J. Pritchard, 11555 Sweetgum Lane, Beaumont TX, 77705.**

Any notice required or permitted to be given by Lessee to County hereunder shall be given by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows: **County Judge, 4th Floor, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl St., Beaumont, TX 77701.**

SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Lessee shall not sub-lease or assign this Agreement or any of Lessee's rights or obligations hereunder without the prior express written permission of the County. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision will be void and of no force or effect.

MODIFICATION AND INTERPRETATION

This instrument contains the entire Agreement by and between the parties related to the rights herein granted and obligations herein assumed. Any oral or written representations or modifications concerning this instrument are of no force or effect, excepting a subsequent modification in writing signed by both parties hereto.

EXECUTED in triplicate originals on _____.

JEFF R. BRANICK, COUNTY JUDGE

LESSEE
Attest:

Carolyn Guidry, County Clerk

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I HEREBY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH MOWING AND MAINTAINING AND USING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT **11541 SWEETGUM LANE, BEAUMONT TX, 77705**.

I FURTHER RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE JEFFERSON COUNTY, ITS DIRECTOR, OFFICIALS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, LICENSEES, INVITEES, AND CONTRACTORS, FROM ALL CLAIMS OF ANY CHARACTER, TYPE, OR DESCRIPTION AS A RESULT OF ANY INJURY TO OR DEATH OF, MYSELF, MY FAMILY MEMBER(S), OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF ANY ACTS ARISING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVITY IN LEASING THIS PROPERTY OF JEFFERSON COUNTY WHICH ARE LOCATED AT **11541 SWEETGUM LANE, BEAUMONT TX, 77705** UNDER THE ATTACHED LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND **ANDREW J. PRITCHARD**.

IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENTION OF THE COUNTY AND LESSEE THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS TO INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT THE COUNTY AND IS TO EXTEND TO ANY CAUSE OF ACTION OR INCIDENT WHERE NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER RIGHT OF RECOVERY IS ALLEGED TO BE A DIRECT OR CONCURRING PROXIMATE CAUSE OF ANY ALLEGED THIRD PARTY HARM OR DAMAGE. LESSEE SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR LESSEE, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, INVITEES, LICENSEES AND FOR ANY OTHER PERSON WHO MAY BE ON THE PROPERTY WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OR PERMISSION OF LESSEE. LESSEE HOLDS AND SHALL HOLD THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICIALS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, LICENSEES, INVITEES AND CONTRACTORS HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, LAWSUIT AND LIABILITY FOR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGES, INJURY, AND/OR DEATH SUFFERED BY ALL PERSONS ON THE PROPERTY.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Address

Telephone Number