

**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY**

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498  
PHONE: (800) 678-8171 FAX: (515) 243-3854

**LICENSE AND PERMIT BOND**

Bond No. 100305675

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Strickland Construction Company,  
of Olathe, State of Kansas, as Principal,  
and Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of  
Missouri, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto  
Lee's Summit, Missouri, Obligee, in the penal  
sum of Five Thousand Dollars ( \$5,000.00 ) DOLLARS.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas, the Principal has been licensed  
Right of Way

by the Obligee.

NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal shall faithfully perform the duties and in all things comply with the laws  
and ordinances, including all Amendments, appertaining to the license or permit applied for, then this obligation  
to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect for a period commencing on the 15th day of  
December, 2023, and ending on the 15th day of December,  
2024, unless renewed by Continuation Certificate.

This bond may be terminated at any time by the Surety upon sending notice in writing to the Obligee and to the  
Principal, in care of the Obligee or at such other address as the Surety deems reasonable, and at the expiration of  
thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of notice or as soon thereafter as permitted by applicable law, whichever is later,  
this bond shall ipso facto terminate and the surety shall thereupon be relieved from any liability for any subsequent  
acts or omissions of the Principal.

No right of action shall accrue on this bond to or for the use of any person or corporation other than Obligee  
named herein.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2023

Strickland Construction Company

Principal

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: William Warner Jr.

William Warner Jr., Attorney-in-Fact



**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY**<sup>TM</sup>  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, d/b/a Merchants National Indemnity Company (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

William Warner Jr.

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015.

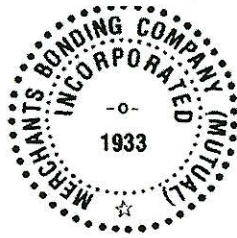
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 15th day of December, 2023.



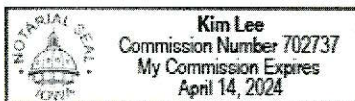
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

*Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 15th day of December, 2023, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

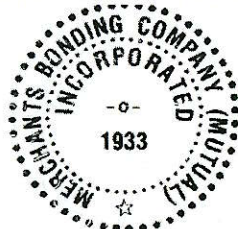


*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

(Expiration of notary's commission  
does not invalidate this instrument)

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 15th day of December, 2023.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary