

Master Plumber Code Compliance Continuation Bond

(To be completed by your Surety Company.) 2001-2002 Renewal

The \$40 filing fee must be submitted with this bond, made payable to the Minnesota Department of Health. Checks returned for nonpayment will be charged a \$20 fee (M.S. 332.50, subd. 2). A Certificate of Insurance may be submitted. An Acord form or any other certificate of insurance will not be accepted.

Master Plumber Name MARK MERHAR Bond No. RLI 527497
Type or Print (do not enter the plumbing company name)

Address 48 E CHAPMAN ST ELY MN 55731 (218) 365-3129
Street City State Zip Phone No.

Plumbing Company Name Merhar's Ace Hardware, Inc.
Type or Print. Must be the same as filed the previous year.

Address 48 E Chapman St. Ely MN 55731 (218) 365-3129
Street (Must be the same as filed the previous year.) City State Zip Phone No.

Date Original Bond Issued 12 / 31 / 2000 in the amount of \$25,000 as required by statutes.

Surety Company Name Old Republic Surety Company
Type or Print

Address PO Box 1976 Des Moines, Iowa (515) 221-1000
Street City State Zip Phone No.

The bond described above, and to which this certificate is attached, is hereby continued in force from the date of last renewal for an extended term ending **December 31, 2002**.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2001

Mark Merhar
Master Plumber's Signature MARK MERHAR

State of Minnesota)
COUNTY OF)
Subscribed and sworn before me

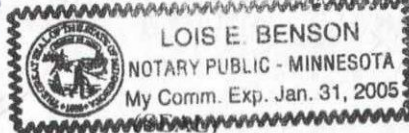
Lois Benson 9/18/01
Notary Public Date
My commission expires / /

Old Republic Surety Company

Surety Company Name

K. Hastie
Authorized Signature of Surety

K. Hastie Attorney in Fact



Notice to Individual Applicants: Under Minnesota Statutes 13.41, all data, except your name and address, submitted in this application are considered private until you are issued a credential. When you become credentialed, all data in this application become public, except your social security number.

Notice to Corporate Applicants: Under Minnesota Statutes 13.41, all data submitted in this application are public, except for the social security number of any responsible person, which is private.

If you require this document in another format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape, call (651)215-0700, TDD (651)215-0707 or for Greater Minnesota through the Minnesota Relay Service at (800)627-3529 and ask for (651)215-0700.

RETURN: Bond form, certificate of insurance (if submitted) and \$40 filing fee to:



Minnesota Department of Health
Plumbing Program
121 East Seventh Place, Suite 220
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975
(651)215-0836

Office Use Only: Fee: 40.00 CAX 128878
Deposit Date: OCT 16 2001

Deposit No.: 051

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9/3/2000

You must complete A or B and C

A. Acknowledgement of Individual or Partnership Contractor

State of Minnesota }
County of _____ } ss.

On this _____ day of _____, _____, personally came _____
to me well known to be the identical person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing bond and he/she/they
acknowledged the same to be his/her/their own free act and deed.

Notary Public _____ Date _____

(SEAL)

My commission expires _____
Date

B. Acknowledgement of Corporate Contractor

State of Minnesota }
County of _____ } ss.

On this _____ day of _____, _____, personally came _____
who being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is _____
of _____, a _____
corporation; and that said instrument was executed in behalf of the corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; that
he/she acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of the corporation.

Notary Public _____ Date _____

(SEAL)

My commission expires _____
Date

C. Acknowledgement of Corporate Surety

State of ~~Minnesota~~ IOWA }
County of POLK } ss.

On this 17th day of August, 2001, personally came K. Hastie
and _____ to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she
is the attorney in fact, of Old Republic Surety Company, the corporation whose name is affixed to the foregoing
instrument; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of the said corporation; and that said
instrument was executed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors and said K. Hastie
_____ acknowledged that he/she executed said instrument as attorney in fact as the free act and deed of said corporation.

M. Bittner 8 / 17 / 2001
Notary Public Date

My commission expires 4-7-2002
Date



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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin stock insurance corporation, does make, constitute and appoint:

M. BITTNER, C. SCHIERNEBECK, J. GAGLE, P. HESKETT, S. PERSCHAU, J. CLOUGH,
J. C. WHITLOCK, K. HASTIE, E. MAHNKE, J. STEWART, C. BRANNAN, OF DES MOINES, I

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto (if a seal is required), bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, (other than bail bonds, bank depository bonds, mortgage deficiency bonds, mortgage guaranty bonds, guarantees of installment paper and note guaranty bonds, self-insurance workers compensation bonds guaranteeing payment of benefits, asbestos abatement contract bonds, waste management bonds, hazardous waste remediation bonds or black lung bonds), as follows:

ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS

and to bind OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are ratified and confirmed. This document is not valid unless printed on colored background and is multi-colored. This appointment is made under and by authority of the board of directors at a special meeting held on February 18, 1982. This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY on February 18, 1982.

RESOLVED that the president, any vice president, or assistant vice president in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds; and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any Power of Attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the Company

- (i) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or
- (ii) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent; or
- (iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the Power of Attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the company may be affixed by facsimile 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 affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 14TH day of AUGUST 2001.


Assistant Secretary



OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY


President

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA -- SS

On this 14TH day of AUGUST 2001, personally came before me, JAMES E. LEE
and DAVID G. MENZEL to me known to be the individuals and officers of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally dispose and say; that they are the said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.




Notary Public

My commission expires: 02/13/2005

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin corporation, CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

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OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield, WI this AUG 17 2001 day of


Assistant Secretary

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