

**Instructions to Preparing Attorney
Deed of Easement for Slope Easement**

The following are instructions to the drafting attorney for preparation of the form Deed of Easement for Slope Easement (the “Slope Easement”) in accordance with the requirements of the City of Raleigh.

This Slope Easement must be recorded immediately after recording of the subdivision plat and must be the first encumbrance against the subdivided Property, with priority granted only to other easements required by the City of Raleigh. Any mortgages, non-governmental liens, or deeds of trust against the Property must be subordinated to this Slope Easement.

Preparation of this form may be deemed to be the practice of law in the State of North Carolina and should only be performed by an attorney licensed to practice in the State of North Carolina.

Before preparing this form, you should have copies of all approval documents issued for the proposed development by the City of Raleigh. These approval documents may list additional conditions of approval that must be satisfied prior to authorization to record lots or issuance of permits for the project. Once completed, submit the completed Slope Easement with copies of any map that will be recorded and serve as the Property’s description for this instrument to the City at LegalDocumentReview@raleighnc.gov for review by City staff prior to execution.

The instructions below are numbered in accordance with the areas in the Slope Easement requiring customization for each individual project. All fields must be filled out and none should be left blank or with the reference number remaining. The terms in this instructions document shall bear the same meaning as defined in the Slope Easement.

- [1] Name of attorney (or law firm) preparing this form for submission to the City for review.
- [2] Wake County Tax Property Identification Number.
- [3] City of Raleigh Project ID Number. Typically starts with S, SP, Z, SR or R.
- [4] Legal name of Grantor, which should match name of owner in property records and in deed conveying property to Grantor.
- [5] State of legal formation of Grantor.
- [6] Type of legal entity of Grantor.
- [7] Insert “X” in the appropriate box to describe the status of the Property. Please “blank” the other box.
- [8] Print name and title of individual signing on behalf of Grantor. The individual signing the Slope Easement on behalf of Grantor must be authorized to bind the Property to the terms of the instrument.
- [9] Insert legal name of trustee on deed of trust to be subordinated to Slope Easement, if applicable. Multiple subordination pages must be utilized if multiple deeds of trust, mortgages, or liens must be subordinated. If not applicable, indicate “N/A” in this field.
- [10] Insert legal name of beneficiary on deed of trust to be subordinated to Slope Easement. If not applicable, indicate “N/A” in this field.

[11] Insert deed book and page information for deed of trust being subordinated to Slope Easement. If not applicable, indicate “N/A” in this field.

[12] Insert full name of attorney (as licensed) and NC State Bar identification number for the attorney that prepared this Slope Easement form.

[13] Insert full name of surveyor (as licensed) that prepared the plat dedicating the subject easement.

[14] Insert the name of the plat as titled on the plat dedicating the subject easement.

[15] Insert date of the plat dedicating the subject easement.

Upon approval of the form by City staff, the instrument may be executed and recorded. Prior to recording, the date should be inserted by the Grantor or their attorney and the book/page recording information for the Plat must be inserted in the Slope Easement by the attorney recording the instrument.

Instrument prepared by: _____
[Utilizing City of Raleigh Form Instrument]

Brief description for index: Slope Easement

Property: _____

City Project ID: _____

Mail after recording to: City of Raleigh
Development Engineering Manager
Development Services Department
P.O. Box 590
Raleigh, NC 27602

DEED OF EASEMENT FOR SLOPE EASEMENT

This Deed of Easement for Slope Easement (this “Slope Easement”) is made and executed this _____ day of _____, _____, by _____, a _____ (the “Grantor”) to the City of Raleigh, a North Carolina municipal corporation, with a mailing address of PO Box 590, Raleigh, NC 27602 (the “City”).

Grantor warrants that it is the owner of the property (the “Property”) described in the plat recorded at Book of Maps _____, Page _____, Wake County Registry (the “Plat”), that it is vested of the Property in fee simple, and that the Property is free from encumbrances except as expressly stated within this instrument.

For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Grantor, which may include permitting and approvals of the City for development activity on the Property, and in further consideration of the mutual covenants and terms, conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth, the Grantor hereby gives, grants, bargains and conveys unto the City, its successors and assigns, in perpetuity, those rights-of-way, privileges, and easements enumerated and described hereinbelow, and as more particularly identified and described in Exhibit A, attached herein, as follows:

SLOPE EASEMENT

An easement for slopes of cuts and fills adjacent to public sidewalk easement or public street right-of-way, which shall specifically include the right to use the area, in accordance with

generally accepted engineering practices, for excavating, sloping, cutting, filling, the construction of retaining walls, the installation of stormwater drain pipes or other drainage facilities, and including grading or otherwise changing the natural contours of the land in order to support and accommodate the adjacent public street, roadway or sidewalk, and for all other purposes for which City is authorized by law to use said easement.

In addition, City has the right to:

1. Upon completion of any construction work within the easement or adjacent street, roadway or sidewalk, the area subject to this easement will be graded, stabilized, and restored, using conventional engineering and landscaping methods, by the person or entity doing the work in accordance with generally accepted engineering and landscape practices.
2. In addition, and at its option, the City may plant and maintain trees, shrubs and other landscaping materials within the easement area. Routine maintenance of the trees, shrubs, or other landscape material, such as watering, minor pruning, and weeding will be the responsibility of the Grantor. Major maintenance determined to be necessary by the City of Raleigh's Urban Forester will be performed by the City; and the Grantor may not injure, remove, or otherwise destroy the landscape material planted within the easement area without the written consent of the City.
3. The Grantor shall in all other respects remain the fee owner of the Property and area subject to this easement, and may make all lawful uses of the Property not inconsistent with this easement and its terms and conditions; provided, there be no damage to the lateral and subjacent support of the public street and/or sidewalk or to any stormwater drainage facilities.

Grantor shall in all other respects remain the fee owner of the Property and area subject to said easement, and may make all lawful uses of the Property not inconsistent with this easement and its terms and conditions.

THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AND CONVEYED IS: (choose one)

[_____] Located on a parcel that includes the Grantor's primary residence, but the Grantor's primary residence is not a property interest being conveyed; or

[_____] Does not include a primary residence.

Subordination

[Any existing deeds of trust, mortgages, or liens encumbering the Property, other than property tax liens for the current tax year or governmental improvement assessment liens, must be subordinated to this Slope Easement. Such encumbrances must be listed and the Slope Easement must be executed by the beneficiary and trustee, mortgagee, or lien holder to evidence such subordination.]

GRANTOR REPRESENTS THAT NO SUPERIOR DEEDS OF TRUST, MORTGAGES, OR LIENS (OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAX LIENS FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR OR GOVERNMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIENS) ENCUMBER OR AFFECT THE PROPERTY AT THE TIME OF THE EXECUTION AND RECORDING OF THIS SLOPE EASEMENT, OR THAT IF ANY OF THE FOREGOING EXIST, THEY SHALL BE SUBORDINATED TO THIS SLOPE EASEMENT THROUGH THE SUBORDINATION LANGUAGE HEREIN.

Grantor acknowledges that the City is acting in reliance on Grantor's authority to enter into this Slope Easement and the terms, conditions, obligations, and restrictions imposed herein in its authorization to either subdivide the Property or in the issuance of any permits or development approvals associated with any construction of improvements on the Property and that the City may suffer irreparable harm from the violation of the terms established herein.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the terms, conditions, obligations and restrictions imposed herein shall be binding upon the Grantor, its successors and assigns, and shall continue as a servitude running with the land in perpetuity. Grantor covenants that it is vested of the Property in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that the Property is free from encumbrances except as herein stated or subordinated herein, and that Grantor will warrant and defend such title to the same against claims of all persons. This Slope Easement shall not divest the Grantor of any rights or interests in its Property not herein mentioned.

[Signature pages follow this page]

[Grantor Signature Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor hereby executes this Slope Easement under seal as of the day and year first above written.

GRANTOR:

By: _____ (SEAL)

Name: _____

Its: _____ (Title)

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

GRANTOR
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged to me that he or she voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated: _____

(Print name of signatory in blank)

Date: _____

My Commission Expires:

Print Name: _____

[Affix Notary Stamp or Seal]

APPROVED FOR RECORDING:
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

[Subordination signature page follow this page.]

[Subordination Signature Page]

_____, as Trustee, and _____,
as Beneficiary, under that certain Deed of Trust recorded in Book _____, Page
_____ Wake County Registry, North Carolina, join in this Slope Easement for the sole
purpose of expressing their consent hereto and of binding, subjecting and subordinating said
Deed of Trust and their interest in the Property to the terms, covenants and conditions of this
Slope Easement.

TRUSTEE:

By: _____ (SEAL)
Name: _____
Its: _____ (Title)

BENEFICIARY:

By: _____ (SEAL)
Name: _____
Its: _____ (Title)

[Notary acknowledgments for the Trustee and Beneficiary follow this page.]

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TRUSTEE
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged to me that he or she voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated: _____

(Print name of signatory in blank)

Date: _____

My Commission Expires:

Print Name: _____

[Affix Notary Stamp or Seal]

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

BENEFICIARY
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged to me that he or she voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated: _____

(Print name of signatory in blank)

Date: _____

My Commission Expires:

Print Name: _____

[Affix Notary Stamp or Seal]

Attorney Certification:

I, _____, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina, certify to the City of Raleigh that this Slope Easement has been prepared in accordance with the instructions provided by the City of Raleigh, that I am familiar with the requirements of any development approvals of the City of Raleigh associated with this Slope Easement and have prepared this instrument in accordance with such requirements.

Attorney at Law

NC Bar #: _____

EXHIBIT A

Those easement areas specifically enumerated herein located in, upon, and across the property of the Grantor, and being more specifically identified and described on a plat prepared by _____, entitled “_____,” dated _____, and recorded in Book of Maps _____, Pages _____, Wake County Registry.

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