

**Figure: 7 TAC §90.604(a)(14)**

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY RIGHTS: I MAY REMOVE OR STRIKE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR MY DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER FROM THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE IT IS FILED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS.

**TEXAS HOME IMPROVEMENT  
MECHANIC'S LIEN CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT,  
POWER OF SALE, AND DEED OF TRUST  
(Second Lien)**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ACCOUNT/CONTRACT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFINITIONS**

- (A) "Owner" means (name of Owner), whose address is (address of Owner, including county). If Owner and Maker are not the same person, the word "Owner" includes Maker. "I" or "me" means the Owner.
- (B) "Contractor" means (name of Contractor), whose address is (address of Contractor, including county) and includes those to whom the Contractor has assigned or transferred Contractor's rights and remedies. "You" or "your" means the Contractor.
- (C) "Lender" means (name of Lender), whose address is (address of Lender, including county) and includes those to whom the Lender has assigned or transferred Lender's rights and remedies.
- (D) "Trustee" means (name of Trustee), whose address is (address of Trustee, including county).
- (E) "Property" means the Property at (list address of the Property), whose legal description is (list legal description of the Property).
- (F) "Work" means the construction project as agreed to in writing between the Owner and Contractor.
- (G) "Completion Date" means (date on which the Work will be completed).
- (H) "Contract" means this Texas Home Improvement Mechanic's Lien Contract for Improvement, Power of Sale, and Deed of Trust.
- (I) "Note" means the Texas Home Improvement Mechanic's Lien Note signed by me and dated \_\_\_\_\_ and includes all amounts secured by this Contract. The Note states that the amount I owe you is \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_) plus interest.
- (J) "Loan Agreement" means the Note, Contract, and any other related document under which Lender has made a loan to me.
- (K) "Applicable Law" means all controlling applicable federal, state, and local law.
- (L) "Tenant at Sufferance" means a person who continues to possess the Property with no current right to possess it.
- (M) "Forcible Detainer" means a lawsuit to remove a person from the Property.
- (N) "Periodic Payment" means the regularly scheduled amount due for principal and interest under the Note plus any amount under this Contract.
- (O) "Successor in Interest" means any party that has taken title to the Property.
- (P) "Lien" means the Mechanic's and Materialman's Lien on the Property that results from the Contract and the Work performed. The Lien includes all existing and future improvements, easements, and rights in the Property.

**CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS**

You agree to furnish and pay for all labor and material needed to complete the Work within \_\_\_\_\_ days from the date of this Contract. The Work will be performed on the Property in a good and workmanlike manner.

**CONTRACT PRICE**

I agree to pay, or cause to be paid, to you, or to your order, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (U.S. \$ \_\_\_\_\_) when the Work is completed.

**NOTE PAYABLE TO LENDER**

In exchange for money from the Lender to you, I have signed a Note to the Lender in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_dollars (U.S. \$\_\_\_\_\_).

**LIEN TO SECURE NOTE**

To secure the amounts Lender provides to you, and the interest payable to Lender, I give you, and you transfer to Lender, the Lien. The Note is secured by a deed of trust, which I will sign. The deed of trust will renew and extend the Lien created by this Contract.

**TRANSFER OF LIEN**

You transfer to Lender all of your rights and interests in this Contract.

**EXCEPTIONS TO CONVEYANCE AND WARRANTY**

The exceptions to conveyance and warranty are:

*(List any exceptions to conveyance and warranty.)*

**COMPLETION BY CONTRACTOR, BUT NOT LENDER**

You will complete the Work by the Completion Date. Lender is not responsible for completing the Work. Lender is not a guarantor of your performance. You will indemnify and hold Lender harmless against all claims related to the Work.

**PARTIAL LIEN**

If you do not complete the Work by the Completion Date in a good and workmanlike manner, then Lender will have a valid lien for the contract price, less the amount reasonably necessary to complete the Work. As an alternative, Lender may choose to complete the Work and the lien will be valid for the contract price.

**CHANGES AND EXTRAS**

All labor or material furnished outside of this Contract must be agreed upon in writing or it will be considered as performed under the original Contract and you will receive no extra money.

**RECEIPTS AND RELEASES**

If I ask, you will give me valid receipts and releases for the Work from any subcontractor, worker, and supplier.

**NO WORK COMMENCED**

This Contract is executed, acknowledged, and delivered before any labor has been performed and any material has been furnished for the Work.

**OWNER'S PROMISES AND RIGHTS**

I promise that:

- 1. I own the Property in "fee simple," subject to the section in this Contract named "Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty"; and
- 2. I will provide notice to Lender if I learn of a lien or claim for labor or material on the Property that relates to the Contract.

You agree that I have the following rights:

- 1. Despite anything to the contrary in this Contract, Lender may keep all amounts under sections 53.101 and 53.081 of the Texas Property Code until thirty days after the Work is completed;
- 2. I may deduct enough money from payments on the Note to the Lender to pay a lien or claim for labor or material provided to you that you are obligated to pay. I will still owe the amount in the Note; and
- 3. Without affecting the lien created by this Contract, I may use insurance proceeds to restore destroyed or damaged property for a loss occurring before the Work is completed.

**OWNER'S DUTIES**

I agree to:

1. pay timely all taxes and assessments on the Property;
2. preserve the lien's priority as it is established in this Contract;
3. pay all prior lien notes that I am responsible to pay and abide by all prior lien instruments;
4. because this Contract is for improvements to the Property, keep the Property other than those improvements in good repair and condition during the Work;
5. except to the extent that you are required to insure the Work during its progress, keep at my cost and expense, and in a form acceptable to you or your transferees, insurance policies having the following coverages issued by an insurance company or companies authorized to engage in the insurance business in Texas with a financial rating acceptable to you or your transferees:
  - a. property insurance covering all improvements located on the Property in an amount not more than the actual amount of unpaid debt or the amount of their full replacement cost, whichever is less, containing a standard mortgage clause, provided that the amounts of coverage meet all coinsurance requirements of the policy;
  - b. flood insurance, if the property is located in a flood hazard area; and
  - c. any other insurance coverage that you or your transferees may reasonably require;
6. deliver the insurance policy to you within ten days of the date of the Contract and deliver renewals to you at least fifteen days before expiration;
7. I MAY PROVIDE THE INSURANCE REQUIRED OF ME BY THIS CONTRACT EITHER THROUGH EXISTING POLICIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY ME OR THROUGH LIKE COVERAGE FROM ANY INSURANCE COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN TEXAS;
8. comply with all laws, ordinances, and restrictive covenants applicable to the Property; and
9. keep any buildings occupied as required by the insurance policy.

#### **CONTRACTOR'S DUTIES**

You agree that:

1. Until the Work is completed, you will insure the Work against loss or damage. You will insure the Work in the amount of any unpaid debt or the full replacement cost, whichever is less. The parties to this Contract will be beneficiaries of this insurance according to their respective interests. If you do not provide this insurance, you will bear any loss to the Work.
2. If any other lien or claim is filed against the Property, you will pay for its removal or provide a statutory bond.

#### **CONTRACTOR'S RIGHTS**

You have the following rights:

1. You may appoint in writing a substitute Trustee.
2. After completing the Work, you may apply any insurance proceeds to either (a) reduce the Note or (b) repair or replace damaged or destroyed improvements.
3. If I fail to carry out any of my duties other than providing insurance, you may carry out the duty. On demand, I will repay you for any amount paid. This amount will include attorneys' fees to an attorney who is not your employee. I will also pay you interest at the contract rate in the Note. If I repay you after the full Note amount is due, I will repay you the after maturity interest rate in the Note. Any amount to be repaid will be secured by this Contract.
4. If I default on the Note or this Lien is foreclosed, I will repay you for reasonable fees to an attorney who is not your employee. I will also repay you for court, collection, and foreclosure costs. The amount to be repaid will be secured by this Contract.
5. After notice of default plus twenty-one days, you may:
  - a. declare the unpaid principal balance and earned interest on the Note immediately due;
  - b. ask Trustee to foreclose this Lien and to give notice of the foreclosure sale under the Texas Property Code; and
  - c. buy the Property at any foreclosure sale and then credit the amount of the bid on the Note.

Notice of default is given when deposited with the United States Postal Service (certified mail, return receipt requested), addressed to me at my current mailing address or, if my current mailing address is unknown, to my last known address as shown in the records of the holder of the debt.

#### **TRUSTEE'S DUTIES**

If you ask Trustee to foreclose this lien, Trustee will:

1. give notice of the foreclosure sale as required by the Texas Property Code;
2. sell and grant all or part of the Property "AS IS":
  - a. to the highest bidder for cash;
  - b. subject to prior liens and exceptions to conveyance and warranty; and
  - c. without representation or warranty;
3. pay the proceeds of the sale, in this order:
  - a. expenses of foreclosure, including Trustee's reasonable fee;
  - b. the unpaid amount of principal, interest, attorneys' fees, and other charges due you;
  - c. any amount required by law to be paid; and
  - d. any balance to me; and
4. be indemnified by you for all costs, expenses, and liabilities incurred by Trustee in performance of Trustee's duties under this Contract.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. If you are dismissed from the Work, or you do not complete the Work, the Note amount will be reduced by the amount reasonably necessary to complete the Work. If you are not the Note holder, the holder may complete the Work.
2. This Contract is executed, acknowledged, and delivered before any labor has been performed or any material has been furnished for the Work. This Contract is entered into by all Owners with the consent of each Owner's spouse.
3. If any of the Property is sold under this Contract, I will immediately move from the Property. If I fail to do so, I will become a Tenant at Sufferance of the purchaser, subject to Forcible Detainer.
4. Statements in any Trustee's deed conveying the Property are assumed to be true.
5. The Lien is prior to liens created later, even if the Note is extended or part of the Property is released.
6. Payments will be applied first to satisfy any portion of the Note that is not secured by this Contract.
7. I transfer to you all condemnation proceeds. I also transfer to you all proceeds from a private sale in lieu of condemnation. I further transfer to you all damages caused by public works on or near the Property. After deducting any expenses, including attorneys' fees and court and other lawful costs, you will either release any remaining amounts to me or apply them to reduce the Note. I will immediately give you notice of any actual or threatened proceeding for a taking of all or part of the Property.
8. You do not elect remedies by continuing under this Contract, beginning foreclosure, or pursuing any other remedy.
9. As additional security, I assign to you the rents of the Property, provided that you have the right, prior to acceleration or abandonment of the Property, to collect and retain the rents as they become due. Upon acceleration or abandonment, you, by agent or by court-appointed receiver, will be entitled to enter, take possession, manage the Property, and collect due and past due rents. All rents you or the court-appointed receiver collect will be applied first to payment of the costs of management of the Property and collection of rents, including receiver's fees, premiums on receiver's bonds, and reasonable attorneys' fees, and then to the sums secured by this Security Document. You and the receiver will be liable to account only for rents received.
10. I do not have to pay interest or other amounts that are more than Applicable Law allows.
11. Where appropriate, singular nouns and pronouns include the plural.
12. The word "may" gives sole discretion without imposing any duty to take action.

NOTICE

ANY HOLDER OF THIS CONSUMER CREDIT CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO ALL CLAIMS AND DEFENSES WHICH THE DEBTOR COULD ASSERT AGAINST THE SELLER OF GOODS OR SERVICES OBTAINED PURSUANT HERETO OR WITH THE PROCEEDS HEREOF. RECOVERY HEREUNDER BY THE DEBTOR SHALL NOT EXCEED AMOUNTS PAID BY THE DEBTOR HEREUNDER.

*Note: The following notice complies with Texas Property Code §41.007. In this notice, the terms "you" and "your" refer to the Owner.*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: YOU AND YOUR CONTRACTOR ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT. IF YOU SIGN THIS CONTRACT AND YOU FAIL TO MEET THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR LEGAL OWNERSHIP RIGHTS IN YOUR HOME. KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND DUTIES UNDER THE LAW.**

**STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT A PERSON HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FROM THE TEXAS RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION IF THE PERSON CONTRACTS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW HOME OR IF THE PERSON CONTRACTS TO CONSTRUCT A MATERIAL IMPROVEMENT TO AN EXISTING HOME OR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERIOR OF AN EXISTING HOME AND THE TOTAL COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT IS \$10,000 OR MORE (INCLUDING LABOR AND MATERIALS).**

**YOU MAY CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT (877) 651-8722 TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE BUILDER HAS A VALID CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. THE COMMISSION HAS INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE HISTORY OF BUILDERS, INCLUDING SUSPENSIONS, REVOCATIONS, COMPLAINTS, AND RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS.**

**THIS CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 426, PROPERTY CODE. THE PROVISIONS OF THAT CHAPTER GOVERN THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT A DISPUTE ARISES OUT OF AN ALLEGED CONSTRUCTION DEFECT. IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT CONCERNING A CONSTRUCTION DEFECT YOU MAY CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO LEARN HOW TO PROCEED UNDER THE STATE-SPONSORED INSPECTION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS.**

**If Contractor is required to register as a builder with the Texas Residential Construction Commission, Owner may file a complaint with the Commission about the conduct of the Contractor at:**

**311 E. 14th Street  
P.O. Box 13144  
Austin, Texas 78711  
877-651-TRCC (8722)**

**Contractor's Certificate of Registration Number is: (insert certificate of registration number)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ by \_\_ (name of owner) \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(Seal)

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ by \_\_ (name of contractor) \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(Seal)

**ASSIGNMENT**

This lien is transferred and assigned to (third party lender)\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ by (name of contractor)\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(Seal)