

## SPECIAL VALUATION AGREEMENT

THIS SPECIAL VALUATION AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **Capitol Historic Properties**, ("APPLICANT"), and the City of Olympia, through the Olympia City Council acting as the local review board under RCW Chapter 84.26, ("LOCAL REVIEW BOARD").

WHEREAS, the APPLICANT is the owner of record of the historic property located at **1616 Capitol Way S, Olympia, Washington**, as more fully described in Exhibit A, which is attached to and incorporated into this agreement ("PROPERTY"); and

WHEREAS, the APPLICANT has requested special valuation of the PROPERTY under Chapter 84.26 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD has determined that the PROPERTY has been substantially rehabilitated within the two-year period preceding the date of application; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD has determined that approved costs of the rehabilitation are one hundred eighty eight thousand nine hundred and twenty two dollars and ninety nine cents (**\$188,922.99.**) equaling or exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the assessed valuation of the PROPERTY prior to the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD has verified that the PROPERTY is a historic property which falls within a class of properties determined eligible for special valuation by local ordinance or administrative rule; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD finds the rehabilitation work has not altered the PROPERTY in any way which adversely affects those elements which qualify it as historically significant;

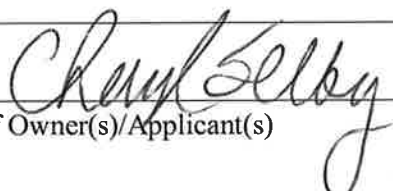
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration for the mutual covenants contained in this agreement, the APPLICANT and the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD agree as follows:

1. The local REVIEW BOARD hereby determines that the PROPERTY qualifies for special valuation under Chapter 84.26 RCW.
2. The APPLICANT shall comply with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as set forth in Exhibit B, attached to and incorporated into this agreement.
3. The PROPERTY may not be altered without the prior written consent of the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD, signed by a duly authorized representative of the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD. No construction, alteration, or remodeling or any other action may be undertaken which would affect the historic character of the PROPERTY which classifies it as eligible for special valuation, or which would affect the appearance of the PROPERTY as depicted in the photographs attached to

and incorporated into this agreement as Exhibit C, or which would adversely affect the structural soundness of the PROPERTY. However, the reconstruction, repair, repainting, or refinishing of presently existing parts or elements of the PROPERTY subject to this agreement, damage to which has resulted from casualty loss, deterioration, or wear and tear, is permitted without the prior approval of the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD, if that reconstruction, repair, repainting, or refinishing is performed in a manner that does not alter the appearance of those elements of the PROPERTY subject to this agreement as they exist as of the effective date. Exterior changes that require the consent of the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD include any substantial structural change or any change in design, color, or materials.

4. The PROPERTY may not be demolished without the prior written consent of the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD, signed by a duly authorized representative of the LOCAL REVIEW BOARD.
5. The APPLICANT shall make historic aspects of the PROPERTY accessible to the public one day each year if the PROPERTY is not visible from a public right-of-way.
6. The APPLICANT shall monitor the PROPERTY for its continued qualification for special valuation and notify the Thurston County Assessor within thirty (30) days of PROPERTY disqualification because of:
  - a. a loss of historic integrity,
  - b. sale or transfer to new ownership exempt from taxation, or
  - c. sale or transfer to new ownership which does not intend to agree to the terms of this agreement or file a Notice of Compliance form with the Thurston County Assessor.
7. There may be no changes in standards of maintenance, public access, alteration, or report requirements, or any other provisions of this agreement during the period of the classification without the approval of all parties to this agreement.
8. Term of Agreement. This agreement takes effect immediately upon signature (“effective date”) and remains in effect until the PROPERTY is no longer eligible for special valuation either through disqualification under RCW 84.26.080 or upon expiration of the ten-year period of special valuation commencing **January 1, 2020** and ending **December 31, 2029**.
9. Indemnification. The APPLICANT or APPLICANT’s successors or assigns shall indemnify the State and LOCAL REVIEW BOARD for any and all liability and claims which may be asserted against the State or LOCAL REVIEW BOARD as a result of this agreement or the participation by the APPLICANT in the Special Valuation Program.

10. Governing Law/Venue. The terms of this agreement must be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. Venue for any legal action related to this agreement is Thurston County Superior Court.

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Signature(s) of Owner(s)/Applicant(s)

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Signature of City Manager (Local Review Board)

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Property Description

Exhibit B: Washington State Advisory Council's Maintenance and Rehabilitation Standards

Exhibit C: Contemporary and Historical Photographs

## EXHIBIT A

### **Property Description**

Property description for 1616 Capitol Way S Olympia, Washington, as listed in the South Capitol Neighborhood Historic District:

*This is a 1902 Queen Anne home, occupied at one time by Governor Albert Mead.*

*Recently refurbished as apartments (1991), this house was used by Governor Mead, who served from 1905 – 1909, as his home. Governor Albert Mead said the Governor's Mansion completed in 1907 was too expensive to heat, and his wife said the large brick building was too cold, so they rented this house as their home. Behind the house was a barn in which they kept a milk cow.*

*The Meads later lived in the Percival Mansion in West Olympia for the larger part of his term.*

*The Mead House is a rectangular, two-story wood frame structure of restrained Queen Anne style on a poured concrete foundation. Its cross-gabled roof is covered with composition shingles, with wood shingles in the gables set off by horizontal banding. A small hip-roofed porch with turned posts and a simple balustrade shelters the entry door on the front (west) façade. At the southwest front corner is a polygonal bay, with decorative brackets and a pendant below the overhanging corner of the second story. Below the south gable is a projecting polygonal bay with hip roof. Fenestration consists of tall double-Ohung sash with one-over-one lights. A one-story, gable-roofed extension projects to the rear. The house is now divided into apartments.*

## EXHIBIT B

### **U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation**

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
8. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

EXHIBIT C

