

**RICE COUNTY  
ENHANCED REMOTE ACCESS AGREEMENT**

This agreement is entered into by and between the County of Rice, through its Recorder/Registrar of Titles Office, 320 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Faribault, MN 55021, a body Corporate and politic existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, hereinafter referred to as “**County**,” and (insert full name and mailing address)

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Hereinafter referred to as the “**Subscriber**.”

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the County Recorder has created data bases and electronic data compilations relating to certain real property records maintained by the County as a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may charge a reasonable fee for providing enhanced access to data otherwise accessible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subscriber wishes to have “enhanced remote access” to the above mentioned data bases and electronic data compilations made available to the Subscriber pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement below.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises between the parties set forth herein, it is hereby agreed that:

**I. COUNTY DATA BASE ENHANCED REMOTE ACCESS**

**A. License**

The County grants the Subscriber a nonexclusive, nontransferable, limited license to access certain real property databases and electronic data compilations through enhanced remote access during the term of this Agreement.

**B. Limitation of License**

Neither the databases, electronic data compilations, nor any portion of either thereof, accessed through means of the enhanced remote access, may be used outside the scope of the Fair Use Provision of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 107 and the Minnesota Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 unless authorized by the County's prior written permission.

**C. Rights and Data**

Except for the license granted herein, all rights, title, and interest to all processes, formats, languages and media throughout the world, which record, demonstrate, and, or facilitate, the creation and utility of the County's data bases and electronic data compilations, including all copyrights available thereto, are and shall continue to be the exclusive property of the County.

**D. County Charges**

Charges payable by the Subscriber for the enhanced remote access to the County's data bases and electronic data compilations described in this Agreement are set

forth in Schedule A. The County's charges for this non-entitlement service may be modified upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Subscriber in writing or on-line.

**E. Disclaimer of Warranties and Limitation of Liability**

The County's goods and services provided pursuant to this Agreement are provided "as is," without warranty of any kind, express or implied, including, but not limited to, the warranties of performance, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

The Subscriber's exclusive remedy and the County's entire liability hereunder, if any, for any claim(s) for damages relating to the County's data bases and, or electronic data compilations, which are made against them, individually, or jointly, whether based in contract to negligence, shall be limited to the amount of the remote access charges paid by the Subscriber relative to the period of occurrence of the events which are the basis of the claim(s); provided, however, that the County shall have no liability whatsoever to the Subscriber for any claim(s) relating in any way to

(1) the Subscriber's inability or failure to perform legal, professional, or other research or related work or to perform such work properly or completely, even if assisted by the County; or

(2) any lost profits or other consequential, exemplary, incidental, indirect or special damages relating in whole or in part to the Subscriber's rights hereunder or use of, or inability to use, the County's data bases and, or electronic data compilations, even if the County has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Further, the County shall have no liability whatsoever to the Subscriber for any claim(s) relating in any way to any data base and, or electronic data compilation.

**F. Confidentiality**

The Subscriber agrees not to disclose any information relating to the Subscriber's access code, password, or any other information relating to the County's computer security system. Any violation of this section by the Subscriber shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

**G. Access**

The County shall maintain the right to deny, postpone, or cancel the enhanced remote access at any time and without prior notice. Such termination of access will not constitute a material breach of this Agreement if the customer's enhanced remote access is reinstated within a reasonable period of time.

**II. SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT FOR INTERNET ACCESS**

**Subscriber's Equipment**

The Subscriber's enhanced remote access to the County's databases and electronic data compilations shall be facilitated via the Internet. The Subscriber is responsible for providing and maintaining all hardware, software, modem, telephone access, and all other equipment required to access the County's data bases and data compilations through the enhanced remote access.

### **III. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **A. Billing and Payment**

The Subscriber shall maintain an escrow account for payment of all charges regarding the county's "remote access" for data bases and electronic data compilations. The Subscriber's escrow account shall be reduced by the amount of all charges. If such payment is unavailable in the Subscriber's escrow account, the Subscriber's "remote access" to the County Recorder's database may be discontinued.

#### **B. Taxes**

Charges are exclusive of sales, use and other taxes, which are the responsibility of the Subscriber.

#### **C. Responsibility of Subscriber**

The Subscriber shall be responsible for all remote access to and use of the County's data bases and data compilations by the Subscriber's personnel or by means of the Subscriber's equipment or passwords, whether or not the Subscriber has knowledge of or authorized such remote access and use. The Subscriber will perform all queries manually. The use of automated systems are prohibited under this agreement.

#### **D. Limitation of Claims**

Except for claims relating to charges of improper use of the County's data bases and, or data compilations, no claim, regardless of form, which in any way arises out of this Agreement or the use of, or inability to use the County's data bases and, or electronic data compilations, may be made nor action based upon such claim brought, to any party hereto more than one year after the basis of the claim becomes known to the party desiring to assert it.

**E. Termination**

This Agreement shall continue in force until terminated by prior written notice of termination by the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated at any time by the County, with or without cause. The Subscriber may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the County.

**F. Integrated Agreement**

This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed on by the parties hereto, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

**G. Representations**

No representations not set forth herein have induced the making of this contract. The undersigned have read and understand the entire contract and now state, and in consideration of this Agreement agree, that no representation, promise, or agreement not expressed in this Agreement has been made to induce the undersigned to enter into it.

**H. Amendments**

All materials alterations, amendments, deletions, or waivers of the provisions of this Agreement shall be valid only when expressed in writing and duly executed by authorized representatives of the parties. Any alterations, modifications, or variations deemed not to be material by agreement of the parties shall not require written approval.

**I. Force Majeure**

The County's performance hereunder is subject to interruption and delay due to causes beyond its reasonable control such as acts of God, acts of any government, war or other hostility, civil disorder, the elements, fire, explosion, power failure, equipment failure, industrial or labor dispute, inability to obtain necessary supplies, and the like.

**J. Governing Law and Venue**

This Agreement shall be governed and construed under the laws of the state of Minnesota and any legal actions taken pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be venued in state district court located in Faribault, MN.

**K. Assignment**

Neither this Agreement nor any part or portion hereof shall be assigned, sublicensed, or otherwise transferred by the Subscriber without the County's prior written consent.

**L. Savings Clause**

Should any provision of this Agreement be held to be void, invalid, unenforceable or illegal by a court, the validity and enforceability of the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

**M. Nonwaiver**

Failure of any party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of such provision or of any right to enforce such provision.

**N. Incorporation**

Schedule A is incorporated verbatim as part of this Agreement.

**O. Notices**

All notices hereunder shall be delivered in person or by United States mail to the following:

**SUBSCRIBER** (insert name, title, and mailing address)

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**RICE COUNTY**

Judy Van Erp  
Recorder/Registrar of Titles  
320 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Faribault, MN 55021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

**SUBSCRIBER**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**RICE COUNTY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Van Erp, Recorder/Registrar

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Schedule A

### RICE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE

#### LANDSHARK – ENHANCED REMOTE ACCESS (with images)

1. The **County**, at its sole option may interrupt the enhanced remote access to its databases and electronic data compilations, at any time, without prior notice, and for any reason.
2. The **Subscriber** is allowed remote access to certain **County** databases and electronic data compilations. Remote access will be available at all times possible. Interruption for backups, downed systems, etc., will and may occur without notice and for any reason.

3. The **Subscriber** hereby agrees to pay the County, non-refundable charges:

Initial Account Set-up: **\$50.00** (one time charge)

Monthly subscription: **\$50.00** (paid one month in advance)

Cost per Document Download: **\$2.00**

Cost per Torrens Certificate: **\$2.00** (only the certificates that are on the Torrens package of our Land Records Management can be accessed through LandShark)

4. Initial set-up payment may be made by check, or through the escrow system. Other charges on the remote access system, shall be made in advance, through the escrow payment system.