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**ORDER APPROVING PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH
WATERSTONE PROPERTIES GROUP, INC.**

ORDERED, that the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Waterstone Properties Group, Inc. for 4.82 acres of city land at Westbrook Arterial and along the Maine Turnpike, is hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and whatever other documents are necessary to effect the intent and purpose of the Purchase & Sale Agreement.

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT IS made this ____ day of _____, 20198 by and between the **CITY OF PORTLAND**, a body politic and corporate located in Cumberland County, Maine (hereinafter referred to as “Seller” or “City”), and **WATERSTONE PROPERTIES GROUP, INC.**, a Massachusetts corporation having a mailing address of 322 Reservoir Street, Needham, MA 02494 or nominee or designee (hereinafter referred to as “Buyer”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of approximately 4.82 acres of land at Westbrook Arterial and along the Maine Turnpike, Portland, Maine as generally depicted on the boundary survey attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Survey”) and incorporated herein, and more particularly described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein (the “Premises”); and

WHEREAS, Buyer desires to purchase the Premises, and the City desires to convey the Premises to Buyer.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. **SALE.** City agrees to sell the Premises to Buyer, and Buyer agrees to purchase the Premises in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement is for the sale of land only.
2. **CONSIDERATION.** The purchase price for the Premises shall be One Hundred Eleven Thousand ~~Two Hundred Twenty~~ Dollars (\$100,000~~1,220~~.00) (the “Purchase Price”), subject to the following cost adjustments and conditions:
 - a. The Buyer shall pay the City for the cost of the City’s appraisal for the Premises (“Appraisal Cost”) within 3 business days after the full execution of this Agreement; and
 - b. The Buyer shall pay the Purchase Price to the City by wire transfer (or as otherwise reasonably requested by the City) at closing.
3. **TITLE AND DUE DILIGENCE.**
 - a. Due Diligence Period. Buyer will have from the date of this Agreement until 4:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time on the day that is one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of this Agreement (the “Due Diligence Period”) to complete any survey, environmental review and title examinations.
 - b. Title and Survey Objections. Buyer will have until the end of the Due Diligence Period to deliver to City any written objections to title, environmental, or survey matters (other than the permitted exceptions identified in subsection d below) that

affect Buyer's intended use of the Premises as contemplated by this Agreement, including the terms of Section 12 below. Objections not made prior to the end of the Due Diligence Period will be deemed waived; provided, however, that objections pertaining to matters of record first appearing after the end of the Due Diligence Period may be made at any time prior to the closing.

- c. Option to Cure. In the event of a title or survey objection, City will have the option, but not the obligation, to cure the objection and will notify Buyer of its election within ten (10) business days after receipt of the objection. In the event that the City elects to cure the objection, it will have thirty (30) days from the date of the notice of election, or such other reasonable time as the parties may agree, to cure the objection. In the event that the City does not elect to cure the objection, or, having elected to cure the objection fails to timely do so to Buyer's reasonable satisfaction, Buyer will have the option to (i) terminate this Agreement (after which neither party will have any further obligation or liability to the other under this Agreement), (ii) waive the objection and close, or (iii) undertake the cure of such objection at its own expense (in which case it shall have thirty (30) days to do so).
- d. City shall convey the Premises to Buyer at the closing in fee simple by a municipal quitclaim deed without covenant. Title shall be good and insurable title, free and clear of all encumbrances except (i) the easements on the Survey or otherwise described herein; (ii) easements for all public improvements now on, under or over the Premises and for utilities servicing the property, (iii) zoning ordinances, and (iv) real estate taxes not yet due and payable. Further, Buyer acknowledges that the deed shall contain a restriction stating that in the event that the Premises or any portion thereof shall be exempt from real and personal property taxes, by transfer, conversion, or otherwise, then the then-owner of the exempt portion shall make annual payments to the City in lieu of taxes in the amount equal to the amount of property taxes that would have been assessed on the exempt portion of the real and personal property situated on the Premises had such property remained taxable. Such restriction shall also confirm that Buyer and its successors and assigns shall possess and be vested with all rights and privileges as to abatement and appeal of valuations, rates, and the like as are accorded owners of real and personal property in Maine. All of the laws and regulations applicable to the payment of real estate taxes and personal property taxes, except those governing property tax exemptions, shall apply to any such payments in lieu of taxes including, without limitation, how such taxes are calculated and the right to seek abatements and appeals.

4. INSPECTIONS

- a. During the Due Diligence Period, Buyer and its employees, consultants, contractors and agents shall have the right, at Buyer's expense, to enter on the Premises at reasonable times in order to (i) inspect the same, (ii) conduct engineering studies, percolation tests, geotechnical exams, environmental assessments, and other such studies, tests, exams, and assessments, and (iii) do such other things as Buyer determines, in its sole discretion, to be required to

determine the suitability of the Premises for Buyer's intended use (collectively, the "Inspections"). The City acknowledges that such Inspections may include the digging of test pits, which the City hereby approves.

- b. Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City against any mechanics liens that may arise from the activities of Buyer and its employees, consultants, contractors and agents on the Premises.
- c. Buyer shall exercise the access and inspection rights granted hereunder at its sole risk and expense, and Buyer hereby releases the City from, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless against, any and all losses, costs, claims, expenses and liabilities (including without limitation reasonable attorney fees and costs) (collectively, "Damages") suffered by the City on account of any injury to person or damage to property arising out of the exercise by Buyer of its rights hereunder, except to the extent that such Damages result from the act or omission of the City.
- d. Buyer shall cause any contractors, consultants or any other party conducting the Inspections to procure automobile insurance, if applicable, and commercial general liability insurance coverage in amounts of not less than Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) per occurrence for bodily injury, death and property damage, listing the City as an additional insured thereon, and also Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage to the extent required by law; the forms of all such insurance to be subject to City's Corporation Counsel's reasonable satisfaction.
- e. In the event that Buyer does not purchase the Premises, Buyer agrees to either return the Premises as nearly as possible to its original condition after conducting the Inspections, or, at the City's option, reimburse the City for any physical damage caused to the Premises in connection with the Inspections; provided, however, the City hereby acknowledges and agrees that the term "physical damage" does not include any disturbance of any pre-existing environmental contamination on the Premises caused by such inspections, studies, tests, exams, and assessments, and that Buyer shall have no obligation to clean-up, remove or take any other action with respect to any pre-existing environmental contamination disturbed thereby.
- f. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that it is a condition to Buyer's obligations under this Agreement that the results of the Inspections be acceptable to Buyer in its sole discretion. If the results of such due diligence are not acceptable to Buyer in its sole discretion, and if Buyer exercises its right to terminate this Agreement, then neither party shall have any further obligations or liabilities under this Agreement except as expressly set forth in this Agreement. The City acknowledges and agrees that Buyer shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for any reason or for no reason during the Due Diligence Period by providing written notice of such election to the City during the Due Diligence Period.

5. **REAL ESTATE TAXES, PRORATIONS AND TRANSFER TAX.** Buyer shall be liable for all real estate taxes beginning as of the start of fiscal year following the closing and continuing thereafter. Because the Premises is currently owned by the City of Portland, which is exempt from real estate taxes, no taxes were assessed or will be due for any portion of the current fiscal year, and no taxes will be prorated at the closing. Any utilities for the Premises shall be prorated as of the closing. Buyer's fifty percent (50%) share of the Maine real estate transfer tax shall be paid for by Buyer in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 4641-A. City is exempt from paying the transfer tax pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 4641-C. The recording fee for the deed of conveyance and any expenses relating to Buyer's financing or closing shall be paid for by Buyer.
6. **DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.** In the event that Buyer defaults hereunder for a reason other than the default of the City, City shall retain the Appraisal Cost as its sole remedy. In the event City defaults under this Agreement, and if Buyer is not then in default hereunder, Buyer shall have the right to pursue specific performance.
7. **RISK OF LOSS.** The risk of loss or damage to the Premises by fire, eminent domain, condemnation, or otherwise, until transfer of title hereunder, is assumed by the City. The Premises is to be delivered in substantially the same condition as of the date of this Agreement unless otherwise stated and excluding any alterations made to the Premises by Buyer. In the event City is not able to deliver the Premises as stated, Buyer may terminate this Agreement, and neither party shall have any further obligations or liabilities under this Agreement except as expressly set forth in this Agreement.
8. **PROPERTY SOLD "AS IS, WHERE IS."** Buyer acknowledges that Buyer, at Closing, will have had an opportunity to inspect the Premises, and to hire professionals to do so, and that Premises will be sold "as is, where is" and "with all faults." City, and its agents, make no representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of any statement as to boundaries or acreage, or as to any other matters contained in any description of the Premises, or as to the fitness of the Premises for a particular purpose, or as to development rights, merchantability, habitability, or as to any other matter, including without limitation, land use, zoning and subdivision issues or the environmental, mechanical, or structural condition of the Premises. Acceptance by Buyer of the deed at closing and payment of the purchase price shall be deemed to be full performance and discharge by the City of every agreement and obligation contained herein.
9. **ENVIRONMENTAL INDEMNIFICATION.** Buyer covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, obligations, settlement payments, penalties, assessments, citations, directives, claims, litigation, demands, defenses, judgments, costs, or expenses of any kind, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys', consultants', and experts' fees incurred in investigating, defending, settling, or prosecuting any claim, litigation or proceeding, that may at any time be imposed upon, incurred by or asserted or awarded against Buyer or the City and relating directly or indirectly to the violation of or compliance with any federal, state, or local environmental laws, rules, or regulations governing the release, handling or storage of

hazardous wastes or hazardous materials and affecting all or any portion of the Premises, except to the extent that such a claim results directly from the City's release, handling or storage of hazardous wastes or hazardous materials on the Premises. This duty to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless shall be included in a covenant in the deed and shall run with the land conveyed and be binding upon Buyer's successors, assigns, and transferees.

10. INTENTIONALLY OMITTED.

11. CLOSING. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement. The closing shall be held at the offices of Buyer's counsel in Portland, Maine at a time agreeable to the parties on the date that is thirty (30) days following the expiration of the Due Diligence Period or such other date as is mutually agreed upon by the parties.

At the Closing:

- a. the City shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to Buyer a municipal quitclaim deed conveying to Buyer good and marketable title to the Premises, free and clear of all encumbrances except as otherwise set forth herein.
- b. Buyer shall deliver the Purchase Price to the City by wire transfer (or as otherwise reasonably requested by the City); and
- c. Each party shall deliver to the other such other documents, certificates and the like as may be required herein or as may be necessary to carry out the obligations under this Agreement.
- d. Buyer shall deliver evidence, reasonably satisfactory to City's Corporation Counsel, that the entity receiving title to the Premises is in good standing under Maine law, and that the individuals closing and executing documents on behalf of Buyer are authorized to do so.

12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement represents the entire and complete Agreement and understanding between the parties and supersedes any prior agreement or understanding, written or oral, between the parties with respect to the acquisition or exchange of the Premises hereunder. This Agreement cannot be amended except by written instrument executed by City and Buyer.

13. NON-WAIVER. No waiver of any breach of any one or more of the conditions of this Agreement by either party shall be deemed to imply or constitute a waiver of any succeeding or other breach hereunder.

14. HEADINGS AND CAPTIONS. The headings and captions appearing herein are for the convenience of reference only and shall not in any way affect the substantive provisions hereof.

15. BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, successors and assigns.

16. **TIME.** The City and Buyer each confirm and agree that each of the time periods set forth herein are essential provisions of the terms of this Agreement.

17. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be construed in all respects in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Maine. All parties hereto hereby consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Cumberland in the State of Maine, for all actions, proceedings and litigation arising from or relating directly or indirectly to this Agreement or any of the obligations hereunder, and any dispute not otherwise resolved as provided herein shall be litigated solely in said Court. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity or enforcement of the remaining provisions hereof.

18. **NOTICE.** All notices, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given on the date of service if served personally on the party to whom notice is to be given, or on the first business day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, certified, return receipt requested, addressed to the recipient at the addresses set forth below. Either party may change addresses for purposes of this paragraph by giving the other party notice of the new address in the manner described herein.

FOR The City: City of Portland
ATTN: City Manager
389 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101

With a copy to: The Office of the Corporation Counsel at the same address.

FOR Buyer: Waterstone Properties Group, Inc.
322 Reservoir Street
Needham, MA 02494

With a copy to: Hinckley Allen
650 Elm Street, Suite 500
Manchester, NH 03101
Attention: John H. Sokul, Esq.

19. **SIGNATURES; MULTIPLE COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties in separate counterparts. Each counterpart when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

20. **BROKERS.** City and Buyer represent and warrant to each other that no brokerage fees or real estate commissions are or shall be due or owing in connection with this

transaction or in any way with respect to the Premises. Subject to the limitations of liability set forth in the Maine Tort Claims Act, City agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold Buyer harmless from any claims, costs, judgments, or liabilities of any kind advanced by persons claiming real estate brokerage fees through City. Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold City harmless from any claims, costs, judgments, or liabilities of any kind advanced by persons claiming real estate brokerage fees through Buyer. The foregoing indemnities shall include all legal fees and costs incurred in defense against any such claim, and shall survive closing.

21. RECITALS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year first written above.

CITY OF PORTLAND

WITNESS

Jon P. Jennings
Its City Manager

**WATERSTONE PROPERTIES GROUP,
INC.**

WITNESS

Its:

Approved as to Form:

Approved as to Funds:

City Corporation Counsel's Office

City Finance Department

Exhibit A
Survey

Exhibit B
Legal Description

The land described in Warranty Deeds recorded in Book 386, Page 393 and in Book 687, Page 103.