

BOND OF TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR (Required by TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28)



STATE OF TEXAS } COUNTY Hopkins }

Bond number 72093695

PRINCIPAL: Teresa Palmer, Social Security number 495-72-3006, Assessor and Collector of Taxes for the County of Hopkins, elected [ ] appointed on [x] June 29, 2018, for the full term of office beginning January 1, 2019.

Federal Employers Identification number

SURETY: WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, authorized and qualified to do business as a surety company in the State of Texas.

46-0204900

Surety's mailing address: 101 S. Reid St., Ste. 300, Sioux Falls, SD 57103-7046

AMOUNT OF BOND: One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00)

CONDITIONS: We, the Principal and Surety shown above, and our heirs, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, are responsible to the Governor of the State of Texas, and successors in office, for the amount of this bond payable at the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the City of Austin. If the Principal performs all the duties of the office of Tax Assessor and Collector and honestly accounts for all money that comes into the office during the Principal's full term of office, then this obligation shall be null and void. Otherwise, the obligation shall remain in full force for the full term. An additional bond may be demanded if the Comptroller of Public Accounts determines that the amount of this bond is insufficient. The demand for additional bond shall not affect the validity of this or any other bond given by the Principal. This bond shall be continuous for the full term of office and is executed according to the provisions of TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28.

SIGNATURES: Signature and seal of office of the Principal affixed:



Principal sign here Teresa Palmer, Date 1-25-19

Signature of a duly authorized officer of the Surety and Corporate seal affixed: Surety WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, sign here Paul T. Bruflat, Date January 3, 2019, Title Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: (Acknowledgements are necessary BEFORE this bond is filed for approval.)

ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Hopkins

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Teresa Palmer, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, as

Principal, and acknowledged to me that this bond was executed for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 25 day of January, 2019.



Notary Public My commission expires on 03/16/2020, sign here Chas R Campbell

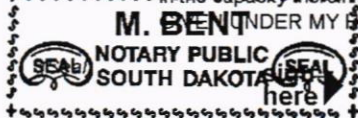
SURETY COMPANY

STATE OF South Dakota, County of Minnehaha

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, and

acknowledged to me that this bond was executed as the act and deed of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY and as the Vice President thereof, and for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and

in the capacity therein stated. UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 3rd day of January, 2019.



Notary Public My commission expires on March 2, 2020, sign here M. Bent



**OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Teresa Palmer, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Tax Assessor - Collector of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward

- for the giving or withholding a vote of the election at which I was ELECTED.
- to secure my APPOINTMENT or the confirmation thereof.

Assessor - Collector

sign here ▶ Teresa Palmer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 11th day of February, 2019.

sign here ▶ [Signature]

**BOND AND OATH**

OF

Teresa Palmer

ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR OF

Hopkins COUNTY

APPROVED IN OPEN COMMISSIONERS' COURT

sign here ▶ [Signature]

County Judge Hopkins County

RECORDED BY COUNTY CLERK

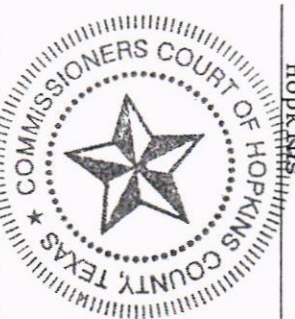
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sign here ▶ [Signature]

County Clerk Hopkins County

(Seal)



APPROVED BY

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

sign here ▶         

Comptroller of Public Accounts

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BOND**

- BOND REQUIREMENT:** Each person elected or appointed Assessor-Collector must make a bond to the state within twenty days after receiving notice of election or appointment.
- **ELECTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR** - Bond must be executed after the Commissioners' Court has canvassed the general election returns and Assessor-Collector has received notice of election.
  - **APPOINTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR** - Bond must be executed after official appointment.
- BOND AMOUNT:** Bond must be made for an amount equal to 5% of the net total of state motor vehicle sales and use tax and motor vehicle registration fees collected in the county during the twelve-month period ending August 31 immediately prior to the date the bond is executed. However, the bond shall not exceed \$100,000 nor be less than \$2,500.
- SIGNATURES:** The Assessor-Collector must sign the bond as Principal after the election or appointment. A duly authorized agent of the surety company must sign the bond for the surety company after the election or appointment.
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** The acknowledgement for the Assessor-Collector must be completed after the Assessor-Collector has signed as Principal. The acknowledgement for the surety company must be completed after the agent has signed as the surety.
- OATH OF OFFICE:** The oath of office must be completed after the election or appointment but before the bond is approved by the Commissioners' Court. Check the applicable box.
- APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT:** The bond must be approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge after the signatures, acknowledgements and the oath of office are completed.
- RECORDING BY THE COUNTY CLERK:** The bond must be recorded by the County Clerk after it has been approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge.
- APPROVED BY THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:** The completed bond should be sent to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for approval.

Send to:

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
Account Maintenance Division  
111 E. 17th Street  
Austin, Texas 78774-0100

Figure: 28 TAC §1.601(a)(3)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

1 To obtain information or make a complaint:

2 You may contact Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America at 605-336-0850.

3 You may call Western Surety Company's, Surety Bonding Company of America's or Universal Surety of America's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

**1-800-331-6053**

4 You may also write to Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America at:

P.O. Box 5077  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

5 You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

**1-800-252-3439**

6 You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007  
Web: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)  
E-Mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

### 7 PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

### 8 ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

### AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:

Puede comunicarse con Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America al 605-336-0850.

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de Western Surety Company's, Surety Bonding Company of America's o Universal Surety of America's para informacion o para someter una queja al:

**1-800-331-6053**

Usted tambien puede escribir a Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America:

P.O. Box 5077  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener informacion acerca de companias, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

**1-800-252-3439**

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007  
Web: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)  
E-Mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

### DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Si tiene una disputa concierne a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

**UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:** Este aviso es solo para proposito de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.



# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Paul T. Bruflat of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

bond with bond number 72093695

for TERESA PALMER

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$100,000.00.

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by  
Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 3rd day of January,  
2019.

ATTEST

L. Nelson

L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Paul T. Bruflat

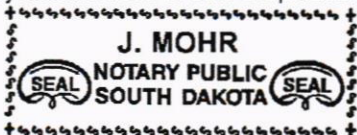
Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 3rd day of January, 2019, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared  
Paul T. Bruflat and L. Nelson

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President  
and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the  
voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



My Commission Expires June 23, 2021

J. Mohr

Notary Public

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

