Letter of Credit Information

For developers choosing to utilize a Letter of Credit to satisfy financial surety obligations, Letters of Credit must meet the following obligations:

1. The attached sample form is preferred by the City. Variations from this sample may cause a delay in the acceptance of the LOC by the City. Delay in acceptance may cause a delay in the approval process for your project.

2. The LOC must be drawn on a bank. The LOC must be from a state or federally chartered bank or savings and loan association, insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, that has an office in the state of Minnesota or a subsidiary of such bank or savings association with an office in the state of Minnesota. LOC’s for less than $25,000 must also include a provision allowing for drawing on the LOC without presenting or sending the original LOC. If a LOC is drawn on, it will be returned to the originating bank after funds are received.

3. The bank must submit a copy of their latest call report along with the LOC.

4. The bank the LOC is drawn on should have assets of at least $25 million.

5. The LOC must be for a minimum term of one (1) year.

6. The LOC must contain a provision allowing for drawing on the LOC if it is not renewed, or replaced, by sixty (60) days prior to its maturity.

7. The LOC and any financial information must be received by the City not less than seven (7) days prior to the City Council taking action on the request.

8. The City reserves the right to request additional financial information it deems appropriate from the bank providing the LOC. The City reserves the right to not accept a particular LOC.

9. Questions concerning the requirements outlined or the format required should be directed to Diana J. Lund, Finance Director, City of Ramsey, 7550 Sunwood Drive N.W., Ramsey, MN 55303, telephone (763) 433-9847.
Sample Letter of Credit

Date
Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. __________

To: City of Ramsey
7550 Sunwood Drive N.W.
Ramsey, MN  55303

Gentlemen:

We hereby establish in favor of the City of Ramsey this Irrevocable Letter of Credit Number _______ for the account of (name and address of developer) for (name of development/project) in an aggregate amount of (amount of the letter of credit).

This LETTER OF CREDIT shall be deemed automatically renewed without modification for one (1) year from (one year after date of letter of credit) or any extended expiration date unless sixty (60) days or more prior to such date we shall notify you by registered or certified mail that we elect not to extend this LETTER OF CREDIT for any such additional period.

Partial drawings permitted.

Each draft drawn under this Letter of credit must:

Be signed on behalf of the City;

Bear on its face the clause “drawn under (name of the bank) Letter of Credit Number _______ dated __________ ”; and

Be accompanied by a certification signed on behalf of the City of Ramsey that either (i) (name of developer) has failed to comply with the terms of the grading permit, or (ii) (name of developer) has failed to comply with the terms of the developers agreement, or (iii) this Letter of Credit will expire within sixty (60) days and this Letter of Credit has not been renewed or replaced as required.

The original of this Letter of Credit is NOT required to be presented to draw upon this Letter of Credit.

We hereby engage with drawers and/or bona fide holders that drafts drawn and negotiated in conformity with the terms of this credit will be duly honored upon presentation.

Except as otherwise stated herein, this Letter of Credit shall be governed by the most recent version of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (2007 Revision*), International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600.

Bank Name

By: _______________________________________
     Name and title of appropriate bank officer

*Must be most recent version