

DALLAS COUNTY AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR BAIL BOND COST DEPOSIT

I _____, (“Surety”), hereby acknowledge the following:

Effective September 1, 2003, Subchapter D of Chapter 41 of the Texas Government Code required that the Dallas County Sheriff (“Sheriff”) collect an additional fee called the “bail bond cost” of \$15 from each surety posting a bail bond for an individual for an offense other than a misdemeanor punishable by fine only. The cost is not required on the posting of a personal bond or a cash bond.

Surety is a licensed bail bond company authorized to post bail bonds by the Dallas County Bail Bond Board and/or an attorney authorized to post bail bonds with the Dallas County Sheriff=s Department, having placed on deposit with the Sheriff sufficient collateral which provides security for the posting of bail bonds. Surety wishes to be allowed to make advance fund deposits with the Sheriff to be used to pay the “bail bond cost” when bail bonds are posted by the Surety. By placing the funds on deposit in advance, it will allow the Surety to post bail bonds in a more timely manner.

To facilitate the collection of the \$15 “bail bond cost”, Surety agrees to deposit with the Sheriff a Bail Bond Cost Deposit in the amount equal to \$15 multiplied by the number of bail bonds posted by the Surety each month, based upon a three-month average. The Sheriff will promptly refund any excess Bail Bond Cost Deposit to the Surety upon termination of this Authorization, provided Surety is not otherwise indebted to the Sheriff, Dallas County, or the State of Texas in any manner, including any bond default or forfeiture. The Sheriff has the right of offset.

For a bondsman, this Authorization is valid from the date of the bondsman’s execution of this form until the end of the current license issued to the bondsman by the Dallas County Bail Bond Board. For an attorney, this Authorization is valid until September 30th following the expiration of five (5) years from the date of execution of this form by the attorney. Either the Sheriff or the Surety may cancel this Authorization, without cause, by providing a written notice, including notice electronically transmitted, to the other party. Said cancellation notice to be effective when sent. However, cancellation shall not void Surety’s obligation to pay the statutory bond cost fees on all bonds accepted by the Sheriff prior to cancellation.

For purposes of all correspondence and/or to satisfy all requirements of notice required by this Authorization, the address of the Sheriff is:

**Dallas County Sheriff's Department
Bond Section
133 North Riverfront Blvd. LB-31
Dallas, Texas 75207-4313**

For purposes of all correspondence and/or to satisfy all requirements of notice required by this Authorization, the address of Surety is:

STATE OF TEXAS '
 '
COUNTY OF DALLAS '

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public on this day personally appeared _____ who, after being duly sworn stated that he/she has read the foregoing Dallas County Authorization Form for Bail Bond Cost Deposit and that every statement contained therein is within his/her personal knowledge, and is true and correct.

Attorney and/or Bail Bond License Holder

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for
the State of Texas

Commission Expires