

## EXHIBIT A – SPECIFICATIONS

1. Contractor shall remove all structures, foundations, footings, concrete slabs, utilities, tree roots and stumps (except protected trees), debris, undergrowth, etc. to the satisfaction of the City, and backfill as necessary to provide positive drainage on the site. Contractor shall also provide erosion control measures as required to prevent sediments from impacting adjacent property.
2. Rodent control treatment shall be completed 10 days before clearance for the following vertebrates: voles, ground squirrels, mice, rats, and other vertebrates as they arise. Contractor is responsible for monitoring and prohibiting public from coming into contact with any pesticides used for the control of rodents. Bait stations shall be child and tamper proof.
3. The Contractor shall disconnect and remove designated utilities within clearance areas. Cap, in a watertight manner, existing utilities designated to remain. All caps shall be of sufficient strength to withstand backfill loads. All caps shall be of inorganic material that is not subject to breakdown or loss of strength over time. Under no circumstances shall clearance of or interruption of service by an existing utility occur prior to the authorized removal of that utility from service. Should an unauthorized or accidental interruption of service occur before intended or approved, the Contractor shall provide repairs to restore service as necessary in an expedient manner.
4. All disturbed ground shall be fine graded, seeded and strawed. The work shall not be considered complete until the site is stabilized and grass is growing on at least 75% of disturbed area.
5. Trees designated by the City to be protected shall not be removed or damaged. Contractor must coordinate this designation with the City prior to any site activities.
6. Unless otherwise required, submit only one copy of the bid.
7. Bids, amendments thereto or withdrawal requests received after the time advertised for bid opening will be void regardless of when they are mailed.
8. Address and mark bids as indicated in the notice.
9. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.
10. All services, materials, and products offered must be guaranteed to meet the requirements of the specifications indicated, given, and referred to.

11. Prices bid must be based upon payment in thirty (30) days. Discounts for payment in less than thirty (30) days will not be considered in making award.
12. Unless otherwise indicated, prices must be firm for ninety (90) days.
13. The right is reserved in case tie bids are received to make award as considered to be most advantageous to the City.
14. Successful bidder must have a City of Gaffney business license prior to any site activities.
15. Successful bidder must obtain a land disturbance permit from the City , possess current and valid South Carolina applicable license(s)/certifications required to perform the rodent control services in the scope of work, and comply with all other state and local requirements.
16. All clearance activities must meet SC DHEC regulations and requirements.
17. The work under this contract shall be completed within sixty (60) days of the execution of an Agreement and the issuance of the Notice of Award.
18. The Contractor shall not close or obstruct roadways, sidewalks, drainage, hydrants, or flow of potable water or sanitary sewer systems except as specifically allowed by the specifications. Prior to initiating any closure or obstruction allowed by the specifications, the Contractor shall notify the City and comply with their requirements. Where pedestrian and /or driver safety is endangered in the area of clearance work or removal work, use traffic barricades with flashing lights. Contractor shall be responsible for protecting all right-of-way infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, curbing, etc.) from damage, and shall be responsible for replacement of same, if damaged, at no cost to the City.
19. Receipts and tickets must be presented to the City upon request.
20. Conduct clearance to minimize interference with adjacent structures. Cease operations immediately if adjacent structures appear to be in danger. Notify the City. Do not resume operations until directed by the City. Conduct operations with minimum interference to public or private accesses. Maintain protected egress and access at all times.
21. Prevent the spread of dust and debris and avoid the creation of a nuisance or hazard in the surrounding area. Sprinkle work with water to minimize dust. Provide hoses and water connections for this purpose. Do not use water if it results in hazardous or objectionable conditions such as but not limited to, ice, flooding, or pollution.

22. Except where otherwise noted, all materials removed and not reused shall become the property of the Contractor and shall be removed from the project site. Title to the materials resulting from clearance, and materials to be removed, is vested in the Contractor upon issue of a Notice to Proceed by City. City shall not be responsible for the condition, loss of, or damage to such property after Notice to Proceed. Materials shall not be sold or viewed by prospective purchasers on the site.
23. Work should be scheduled between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Contractor and City must agree on other times.
24. The successful bidder shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Gaffney and all city officials, agents, and employees, from all suits or claims of any character brought by reason of infringing on any patent trade mark, or copyright.
25. Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until he has obtained all insurance required hereunder and such insurance has been approved by the City of Gaffney, nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work on his subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved. Approval of the insurance by the City of Gaffney shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder.

Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain, during the life of the contract, the workmen's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of his employees to be engaged in work on the project under this contract, and in case any such work is sublet, the contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workmen's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work.

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall take out and maintain, during the life of this contract, such Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance, and Automobile Bodily Injury Liability and Property Liability Insurance, as shall protect him and any subcontractor performing work covered by this contract from claims for damages for personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims from property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by himself or by any subcontractors or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, and the amounts of such insurance shall be no less than:

Bodily Injury Liability Insurance in an amount not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence and one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each person for injuries, including wrongful death on any one person.

Property Damage Insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) each aggregate.

The City, its officers and employees shall be named as an “additional insured” in the automobile and General Liability policies, and it shall be stated on the Insurance Certificate with the provision that this coverage “is primary to all other coverage the City may possess.”