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### Case Summary

In the District Court of Cass County The Case ID is CI 19 0000253 E Poutre; et al v. M. Tincher; et al The Honorable Michael A Smith, presiding. Classification: Contract Disputes Filed on 09/30/2019 This case is Open as of 09/30/2019

### Parties/Attorneys to the Case

Party Plaintiff ACTIVE Eric Poutre

201 Sunburst Circle

Plattsmouth NE 68048

Plaintiff ACTIVE Silvia Poutre 201 Sunburst Circle

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Plaintiff ACTIVE Steven Benner 207 Sunburst Circle

> Plattsmouth NE 68048

Plaintiff ACTIVE Marilyn Benner 207 Sunburst Circle

> NE 68048 Plattsmouth

Defendant ACTIVE Mark A Tincher 1906 Young Road

> Plattsmouth NE 68048

Defendant ACTIVE

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### Court Costs Information

| Incurred By | Account            | Date       | Amount  |
|-------------|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Plaintiff   | Petition           | 09/30/2019 | \$35.00 |
| Plaintiff   | Filing Fee - State | 09/30/2019 | \$1.00  |

| Incurred By | Account                   | Date       | Amount  |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| Plaintiff   | Automation Fee            | 09/30/2019 | \$8.00  |
| Plaintiff   | NSC Education Fee         | 09/30/2019 | \$1.00  |
| Plaintiff   | Dispute Resolution Fee    | 09/30/2019 | \$0.75  |
| Plaintiff   | Indigent Defense Fee      | 09/30/2019 | \$3.00  |
| Plaintiff   | Uniform Data Analysis Fee | 09/30/2019 | \$1.00  |
| Plaintiff   | J.R.F.                    | 09/30/2019 | \$6.00  |
| Plaintiff   | Filing Fee-JRF            | 09/30/2019 | \$6.00  |
| Plaintiff   | Legal Aid/Services Fund   | 09/30/2019 | \$6.25  |
| Plaintiff   | Complete Record           | 09/30/2019 | \$15.00 |
| Plaintiff   | Service Fees              | 10/04/2019 | \$46.06 |

## Financial Activity

No trust money is held by the court No fee money is held by the court

| Payments Made to the Court |                  |            |                        |         |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------|---------|
| Receipt                    | Туре             | Date       | For                    | Amount  |
| 9064054                    | Non-Monetary Rec | 10/07/2019 | Poutre,Eric,           | \$46.06 |
|                            |                  |            | Service Fees           | \$46.06 |
| 102098                     | Electronic Trans | 09/30/2019 | Poutre,Eric,           | \$83.00 |
|                            |                  |            | Petition               | \$35.00 |
|                            |                  |            | Filing Fee - State     | \$1.00  |
|                            |                  |            | Automation Fee         | \$8.00  |
|                            |                  |            | NSC Education Fee      | \$1.00  |
|                            |                  |            | Dispute Resolution Fee | \$.75   |
|                            |                  |            | Indigent Defense Fee   | \$3.00  |
|                            |                  |            | Uniform Data Analysis  | \$1.00  |
|                            |                  |            | J.R.F.                 | \$6.00  |
|                            |                  |            | Filing Fee-JRF         | \$6.00  |
|                            |                  |            | Legal Aid/Services Fun | \$6.25  |
|                            |                  |            | Complete Record        | \$15.00 |

# Register of Actions

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12/03/2019 Answer
   This action initiated by party Mark A Tincher
Answer filed by Lauren R Goodman of McGrath North Mullin & Kratz PC LLO,
obo Mark A Tincher and Tincher Investments Co, Inc.
Image ID N19337780D20
10/04/2019 Return Summons/Alias Summons
The document number is 00032841
              Served 10/02/2019, Cass County Sheriff
              Personal Service
Served Summons and Complaint @ Def's Home 1906 Young Rd, Plattsmouth,
NE. 68048
              Image ID 000100787D20
09/30/2019 Summons Issued on Mark A Tincher
              The document number is 00032841
              Image ID D00032841D20
09/30/2019 Demand for Jury Trial
   For Progression Purposes Only
09/30/2019 Praecipe-Summons/Alias
   This action initiated by party Eric Poutre
Cass Co Shf serve Mark A. Tincher by Pers Svc.
Image ID N19273HLWD20
09/30/2019 Complaint-Praecipe
              This action initiated by party Eric Poutre
   C/A #1--Breach of Contract Express or Implied; C/A #2--Promissory Estoppe
              Image ID N19273HLQD20
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Case Number: D20Cl190000253 Transaction ID: 0009438980

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY NEBRASKA

| ERIC POUTRE and SILVIA        | ) | Case No. CI 19-  |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
| POUTRE, husband and wife, and | í |                  |
| STEVEN BENNER and             | í |                  |
| MARILYN BENNER, husband       | í |                  |
| and wife,                     | ) |                  |
|                               | ) |                  |
| Plaintiffs,                   | ) |                  |
|                               | ) |                  |
| vs.                           | ) | <b>COMPLAINT</b> |
|                               | ) |                  |
| MARK A. TINCHER, and          | ) |                  |
| TINCHER INVESTMENTS CO.,      | ) |                  |
| INC.,                         | ) |                  |
|                               | ) |                  |
| Defendants.                   | ) |                  |

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs and for their Complaint against the Defendants, state and allege as follows:

# PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

- Plaintiffs are residents of Cass County, Nebraska an own property within Lakeview Estates II Subdivision.
- Defendant Tincher Investments Co., Inc., (hereinafter "Tincher Investments") is domestic
  corporation with its principal place of business in Cass County, Nebraska, and doing
  business in Cass County, Nebraska and elsewhere.
- 3. Defendant Mark A. Tincher is an individual residing in Cass County, Nebraska.
- 4. Defendant Mark A. Tincher is the principal of and exercises dominion and control over Tincher Investments.
- 5. Jurisdiction for this lawsuit is proper in this Court pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 24-302.
- 6. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 403.1 because the occurrences at issue in this action occurred in Cass County, Nebraska.

7. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial on issues triable to a jury.

### FACTS AND BACKGROUND

- 8. Defendant Tincher Investments was the developer of the Lakeview Estates II subdivision.
- Defendant Tincher Investments developed the Lakeview Estates II Subdivision, marketed, and sold lots within the subdivision.
- 10. All of the streets and thoroughfares in the Lakeview Estates II Subdivision are paved except for Sunburst Circle.
- 11. Plaintiffs in this action reside on Sunburst Circle within the Lakeview Estates II Subdivision.
- 12. On or about April 16, 2013, Plaintiffs Eric and Silvia Poutre as buyer and Tincher Investments and Mark A. Tincher as seller entered into an agreement for the purchase of Lots 11 and 12 in the Lakeview Estates II Subdivision. As part of the agreement seller agreed to "[H]ave the cul-de-sac roadway built prior to October 1, 2015, to include grading, paving, and blacktopped."
- 13. Plaintiffs Steven and Marilyn Benner purchased lot 6 of the Lakeview Estates II Subdivision from Tincher Investments in October of 2015.
- 14. Defendant Mark A. Tincher promised Steven and Marilyn Benner that Mark A. Tincher would pave Sunburst Circle on multiple occasions.
- 15. Steven and Marilyn started construction of their residence on Lot 6 in the Lakeview Estates II Subdivision in January of 2016 and completed construction in October of 2016.
- 16. Mark A. Tincher promised Steven and Marilyn Benner that he would pave Sunburst Circle once construction of the Brenner residence was complete.

17. Plaintiffs herein have made repeated demands on the Defendants to pave Sunburst Circle but Defendants have failed to do so.

# FIRST THEORY OF RECOVERY: BREACH OF CONTRACT EXPRESS OR IMPLIED

- 18. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 19. The parties entered into binding and enforceable agreements wherein the Defendants were obligated to pave Sunburst Circle.
- 20. The Plaintiffs have fully performed all obligations incumbent upon them pursuant to the agreements.
- 21. The Defendants have materially breached the express or implied agreements with the Plaintiffs by failing to pave the Sunburst Circle.
- 22. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach, the Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount to be proven at trial.

## SECOND THEORY OF RECOVERY: PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL

- 23. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 24. The Defendants made promises to pave Sunburst Circle.
- 25. The Defendants should reasonably expect that their promises would induce action or forbearance by the Plaintiffs.
- 26. The Plaintiffs relied upon the Defendants' promise and acted in accordance therewith.
- 27. The Plaintiffs' reliance upon the Defendants' promises were reasonable and foreseeable.
- 28. The only way to avoid injustice is to enforce the promise made by the Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs prays for a judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, trial by jury, pre- and post-judgment interest to the extent permitted by law, costs and attorney's fees to the extent permitted by law, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem fair and just under the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Poutre, Silvia Poutre,

Steven Benner, Marilyn Benner,

Plaintiffs,

By:

Thomas D. Prickett, #24516

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Case Number: D20Cl190000253 Transaction ID: 0009816652

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA 04:19:18 PM CST

| ERIC POUTRE and SILVIA POUTRE, husband and wife, and STEVEN BENNER and MARILYN BENNER, husband and wife, | ) CASE NO. CI 19-253 |
|--|----------------------|
| Plaintiffs,  | ANSWER               |
| VS.  | )                    |
| MARK A. TINCHER, and TINCHER INVESTMENTS CO., INC.,  | )<br>)<br>)          |
| Defendants.  |                      |

Defendants, Mark A. Tincher and Tincher Investments Co., Inc. ("Defendants") for its answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint hereby answers, denies and alleges as follows:

### PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- Defendants lack information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph
   of Plaintiffs' Complaint and therefore deny those allegations.
  - 2. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 3. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 4. Defendants admit that Mark A. Tincher is a shareholder of Defendant, Tincher Investments Co., Inc. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 5. Defendants admit that this Court has jurisdiction for this lawsuit.
  - 6. Defendants admit that venue is proper in Cass County.
- 7. Paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs' Complaint contains no allegations, and therefore no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

### FACTS AND BACKGROUND

- 8. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 9. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 10. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 11. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 11 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 12. Defendants admit that Tincher Investments Co., Inc. sold Lots 11 and 12 in the Lakeview Estates II Subdivision to Eric and Silvia Poutre. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in Paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 13. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 13 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 14. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 14 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 15. Defendants lack information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph15 of Plaintiffs' Complaint and therefore deny those allegations.
  - 16. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 16 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 17. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 17 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

### FIRST THEORY OF RECOVERY: BREACH OF CONTRACT EXPRESS OR IMPLIED

- 18. For its response to Paragraph 18 of Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendants incorporate herein by this reference its responses to Paragraphs 1 through 17 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 19. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 19 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 20. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 20 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 21. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 21 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 22. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 22 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

### SECOND THEORY OF RECOVERY: PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL

- 23. For its response to Paragraph 23 of Plaintiffs' Complaint, Defendants incorporate herein by this reference its responses to Paragraphs 1 through 22 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 24. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 24 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 25. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 25 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 26. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 26 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 27. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
  - 28. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 28 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 29. Defendants deny each and every allegation of Plaintiffs' Complaint not specifically admitted in this Answer.
- 30. Defendants allege that Plaintiffs have failed to state or allege facts upon which relief can be granted against Defendants.
- 31. Defendants allege that Plaintiffs' claims for breach of contract are barred because any alleged contract for the pavement of concrete lacked consideration.
- 32. Defendants allege that Defendant, Mark A. Tincher, is not a proper party to this lawsuit.

WHEREFORE, Defendants, Mark A. Tincher and Tincher Investments Co., Inc. request that Plaintiffs' Complaint be dismissed with prejudice, with Plaintiffs to bear all costs, and for any further relief as the Court deems just and reasonable.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

DEFENDANTS, Mark A. Tincher and Tincher Investments Co., Inc.,

By: /s/ Lauren R. Goodman

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ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANTS

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing were sent via regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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402-296-6996

/s/ Lauren R. Goodman

# Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on Wednesday, December 04, 2019 I provided a true and correct copy of the Answer to the following:

Tincher, Mark, A service method: No Service

Benner, Marilyn, represented by Thomas D. Prickett (Bar Number: 24516) service method: Electronic Service to tdp@rsbmlaw.com

Tincher Investments, Co. service method: No Service

Poutre, Eric, represented by Thomas D. Prickett (Bar Number: 24516) service method: Electronic Service to tdp@rsbmlaw.com

Poutre, Silvia, represented by Thomas D. Prickett (Bar Number: 24516) service method: Electronic Service to tdp@rsbmlaw.com

Benner, Steven, represented by Thomas D. Prickett (Bar Number: 24516) service method: Electronic Service to tdp@rsbmlaw.com

Signature: /s/ Lauren Goodmman (Bar Number: 24645)