

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF [COUNTY]

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: )  
)  
[PETITIONER'S NAME], )  
) NO: [INSERT NUMBER]  
Petitioner, )  
) QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
v. ) ORDER  
)  
[RESPONDENT'S NAME], )  
)  
Respondent. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

WHEREAS, the Court has jurisdiction over all parties and over the subject matter in this dissolution action; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Order and Court intend this Order to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (hereinafter referred to as "Order" or "QDRO") as that term is used in the Retirement Equity Act of 1984, as amended, and interpreted in accordance with that Act; and

WHEREAS, the parties have stipulated that the Court shall enter this Order as an Addendum to the Decree of Dissolution of Marriage filed herein on [date filed with court], NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Court as follows:

- 1. **Definitions.** The following are the definitions used in this Order:
  - 1.1 "Participant:" [Participant's Name]  
Address: [Address]  
Date of Birth: [Month, Day, Year]
  - 1.2 "Alternate Payee:" [Alternate Payee's Name]  
Relationship to Participant: [Relationship]  
Address: [Address]  
Date of Birth: [Month, Day, Year]
  - 1.3 "Retirement Plan" Carpenters Retirement Plan of Western Washington
  - 1.4 "Plan Administrator" Board of Trustees

Address: Carpenters Trusts of Western Washington  
PO Box 1929  
Seattle, WA 98111

2. **Division of Marital Property.** This Order hereby creates and recognizes the existence of the Alternate Payee's rights to receive a portion of the Participant's benefits under the Carpenters Retirement Plan.

3. **Participant's Retirement.** Participant retired effective [date] and is receiving benefits in the form of [form of payment].

4. **Payments to Alternate Payee.**

4.1 Effective with benefits payable for [month/year], the Alternate Payee is awarded [insert percent or dollar amount] of each of the Participant's monthly benefit payments from the Retirement Plan. Alternate Payee's benefits shall be paid directly to the Alternate Payee by the Retirement Plan.

4.2 **[FOR USE IF THE PARTICIPANT IS RECEIVING THE SINGLE LIFE BENEFIT.]** The Alternate Payee's benefits will cease at the earliest of the Participant's death or the Alternate Payee's death, provided that if the Participant dies prior to payment of 60 payments by the Retirement Plan, and the Alternate Payee survives the Participant, payments shall continue to the Alternate Payee until the earlier of payment of the balance of 60 monthly payments or the Alternate Payee's death. If the Alternate Payee predeceases the Participant, the Alternate Payee's share shall revert to the Participant.

4.2 **[FOR USE IF THE PARTICIPANT IS RECEIVING THE JOINT AND SURVIVOR BENEFIT.]** The Alternate Payee's benefits cease at the earliest of the Participant's death or the Alternate Payee's death, provided that if the Participant predeceases the Alternate Payee, the Alternate Payee shall be the Participant's sole surviving spouse entitled to receive the survivor benefit following the Participant's death. If the Alternate Payee predeceases the Participant, the Alternate Payee's share shall revert to the Participant.

4.3 In the event the Participant returns to work after retirement, the Participant's benefits may be suspended. In such event, the Alternate Payee's benefits shall also be suspended.

5. **Limitations on Order.** Nothing contained in this Order shall be construed to require the Plans:

5.1 To provide for any type or form of benefits, or any option, not otherwise provided under the Plans at the time benefits commence to the Alternate Payee;

5.2 To provide increased benefits (determined on the basis of actuarial value) not available to the Participant;

5.3 To provide benefits to the Alternate Payee which are required to be paid to another Alternate Payee under another order previously determined to be a QDRO; and

5.4 To provide the payment to the Alternate Payee of benefits forfeited by the Participant.

**6. Action to Be Taken.** The Plan Administrator shall be provided with a copy of the Order by the Alternate Payee or Participant. Pending determination of a proposed order's status as a QDRO, the Plan Administrator shall separately account within the Plan for the amount ("segregated amounts") which would have been payable to the Alternate Payee (if this Order is established to be a QDRO) during the determination period, as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 414(p) (7). No segregation is necessary if benefits are not payable during the determination period.

**7. Continuing Jurisdiction.** The Court retains jurisdiction over this matter to amend this Order to establish or maintain its status as a QDRO under the Retirement Equity Act of 1984, as amended.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this \_\_\_\_\_ day of [month], [year].

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JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER

Presented by:

[NAME OF ATTORNEY'S OFFICE]

By \_\_\_\_\_

[NAME OF ATTORNEY]

[WSB# 0000]

Attorney for Respondent

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Notice of Presentment Waived:

[NAME OF ATTORNEY'S OFFICE]

By \_\_\_\_\_

[NAME OF ATTORNEY]

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Attorney for Petitioner