

SUNSET OAKS NORTH

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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business in Texas as BROHN HOMES

-and-

K MARCOS, LLC, a Texas limited liability company

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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (this "Declaration") is made by CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP, INC., a Tennessee corporation doing business in Texas as BROHN HOMES ("Brohn"), and K MARCOS, LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("K Marcos"), and is as follows:

RECITALS:

A. Brohn is the owner of that certain 90.264 acre parcel of land, more or less, situated in Hays County, Texas, and more particularly described by metes and bounds on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Brohn Property").

B. K Marcos is the owner of that certain 75.501 acre parcel of land, more or less, situated in Hays County, Texas, and more particularly described by metes and bounds on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "K Marcos Property").

C. The Brohn Property and the K Marcos Property (together, the "Property") will be platted in multiple phases as the SUNSET OAKS NORTH SUBDIVISION, a subdivision in Hays County, Texas (the "Property").

D. Brohn and K Marcos desire: (i) to create and carry out a uniform plan for the development, improvement, and sale of the Property; (ii) that, subject to the terms and conditions of the Post-Closing Agreement dated of even date herewith and recorded in the Official Public Records of Hays County, Texas, as it may be amended from time to time (the "Post-Closing Agreement"), Brohn possess all right, title, interest, powers, privileges, benefits and obligations as "Declarant" under this Declaration, but only with respect to the Brohn Property; and (iii) that, subject to the terms and conditions of the Post-Closing Agreement, K Marcos possess all right, title, interest, powers, privileges, benefits and obligations as "Declarant" under this Declaration, but only with respect to the K Marcos Property. Brohn and K Marcos are individually and collectively, as the context may require, referred to herein as "Declarant".

E. By the Recording of this Declaration, Declarant serves notice that the Property is subject to the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared: (i) that the Property (or any portion thereof) shall be held sold, conveyed, and occupied subject to the following covenants, conditions and restrictions which shall run with such portions of the Property and shall be binding upon all parties having right, title, or interest in or to such portions of the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof; and (ii) that each contract or deed conveying the Property (or any portion thereof) shall conclusively be held to have been executed, delivered, and accepted subject to the following covenants,

conditions and restrictions, regardless of whether or not the same are set out in full or by reference in said contract or deed.

This Declaration uses notes (text set apart in boxes) to illustrate concepts and assist the reader. If there is a conflict between any note and the text of the Declaration, the text shall control.

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise specifies or requires, the following words and phrases when used in this Declaration shall have the meanings hereinafter specified:

"Applicable Law" means the statutes and public laws and ordinances in effect at the time a provision of the Restrictions is applied, and pertaining to the subject matter of the Restriction provision. Statutes and ordinances specifically referenced in the Restrictions are **"Applicable Law"** on the date of the Restrictions, and are not intended to apply to the Property if they cease to be applicable by operation of law, or if they are replaced or superseded by one or more other statutes or ordinances.

"Architectural Control Committee" or **"ACC"** means the committee created pursuant to this Declaration to review and approve or deny plans for the construction, placement, modification, alteration or remodeling of any Improvements on a Lot. As provided in *Article 7* below, the Declarant acts as the ACC and the ACC is not a committee of the Association until the Declarant has assigned its right to appoint and remove all ACC members to the Association in a Recorded written instrument.

"Assessment" or **"Assessments"** means assessments imposed by the Association under this Declaration.

"Assessment Unit" has the meaning set forth in *Section 6.7.2*.

"Association" means Sunset Oaks North Residential Community, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, which shall be created by Declarant to exercise the authority and assume the powers specified in *Article 4* and elsewhere in this Declaration.

"Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association.

"Bulk Rate Contract" or **"Bulk Rate Contracts"** means one or more contracts which are entered into by the Association for the provision of utility services or other services of any kind or nature to the Lots. The services provided under Bulk Rate Contracts may include, without limitation, cable television services, telecommunications services, internet access services, "broadband" services, security services, trash pick-up services, propane service, natural gas service, lawn maintenance services, wastewater services, and any other services of any kind or nature which are considered by the Board to be beneficial to all or a portion of the Property.

Each Bulk Rate Contract shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Declarant until expiration or termination of the Development Period.

"Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the Association.

"Certificate" means the Certificate of Formation of the Association, filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Common Area" means any property and facilities that the Association owns or in which it otherwise holds rights or obligations, including any property or facilities held by the Declarant for the benefit of the Association or its Members. Common Area includes any property that the Association holds under a lease, license, or any easement in favor of the Association. Some Common Area shall be solely for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners, while other portions of the Common Area may be for the use and enjoyment of the Owners and members of the public.

"Community Manual" means the community manual, which may be initially adopted and recorded by the Declarant as part of the initial project documentation for the benefit of the Association. The Community Manual may include the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and other policies governing the Association. The Community Manual may be amended, from time to time, by the Declarant during the Development Period. Any amendment to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and other policies governing the Association prosecuted by the Board shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Declarant until expiration or termination of the Development Period. Upon expiration or termination of the Development Period, the Community Manual may be amended by a Majority of the Board.

"Community Systems" means any and all cable television, telecommunications, alarm/monitoring, internet, telephone or other lines, conduits, wires, amplifiers, towers, antennae, satellite dishes, equipment, materials and installations and fixtures (including those based on, containing and serving future technological advances not now known), if installed by Declarant pursuant to any grant of easement or authority by Declarant within the Property.

"Declarant" means CLAYTON PROPERTIES GROUP, INC., a Tennessee corporation doing business in Texas as BROHN HOMES, its successors and assigns, only with respect to the Brohn Property, and K MARCOS, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, its successors or assigns, only with respect to the K Marcos Property; provided that: (i) any assignment(s) of the rights of Brohn or K Marcos as Declarant, shall be in strict compliance with the Post-Closing Agreement, expressly set forth in writing and Recorded; and (ii) at no time shall more than two persons or entities possess any rights as Declarant under this Declaration. Any assignment of rights as Declarant under this Declaration in violation of this provision shall be null and void and of no force or effect.

"Development Period" means the period of time beginning on the date when this Declaration has been Recorded, and ending twenty-four (24) months after Declarant no longer

owns any portion of the Property, unless earlier terminated by a Recorded written instrument executed by the Declarant. Declarant may terminate the Development Period by an instrument executed by Declarant and Recorded. The Development Period is the period in which Declarant reserves the right to facilitate the development, construction, and marketing of the Property, and the right to direct the size, shape and composition of the Property.

"Homebuilder" means an Owner (other than the Declarant) who acquires a Lot for the construction of a single family residence for resale to a third party.

"Improvement" means all physical enhancements and alterations to the Property, including but not limited to grading, clearing, removal of trees, alteration of drainage flow, and site work, and every structure and all appurtenances of every type and kind, whether temporary or permanent in nature, including, but not limited to, buildings, outbuildings, storage sheds, patios, tennis courts, sport courts, recreational facilities, swimming pools, putting greens, garages, driveways, parking areas and/or facilities, storage buildings, sidewalks, fences, gates, screening walls, retaining walls, stairs, patios, decks, walkways, landscaping, mailboxes, poles, signs, antennae, exterior air conditioning equipment or fixtures, exterior lighting fixtures, water softener fixtures or equipment, and poles, pumps, wells, tanks, reservoirs, pipes, lines, meters, antennas, towers and other facilities used in connection with water, sewer, gas, electric, telephone, regular or cable television, or other utilities.

"Lot" means any portion of the Property designated by Declarant or as shown as a subdivided lot on a Plat, other than Common Area.

"Majority" means more than one-half.

"Manager" has the meaning set forth in *Section 4.5.8*.

"Members" means every person or entity that holds membership privileges in the Association.

"Mortgage" or **"Mortgages"** means any mortgage(s) or deed(s) of trust securing indebtedness and covering any Lot.

"Mortgagee" or **"Mortgagees"** means the holder(s) of any Mortgage(s).

"Owner" means the person(s), entity or entities, including Declarant, holding all or a portion of the fee simple interest in any Lot, but does not include the Mortgagee under a Mortgage prior to its acquisition of fee simple interest in such Lot pursuant to foreclosure of the lien of its Mortgage.

"Plat" means a Recorded subdivision plat of any portion of the Property, and any amendments thereto.

"Property" means that certain 165.765 acre parcel of land, more or less, situated in Hays County, Texas, comprised of the Brohn Property and the K Marcos Property, subject to such additions thereto and deletions therefrom as may be made pursuant to *Section 11.3* and *Section 11.4* of this Declaration.

"Record, Recording, Recordation and Recorded" means recorded or to be recorded in the Official Public Records of Hays County, Texas.

"Resident" means an occupant or tenant of a Lot, regardless of whether the person owns the Lot.

"Restrictions" means the restrictions, covenants, and conditions contained in this Declaration, Bylaws, Community Manual, Rules and Regulations, or in any other rules and regulations promulgated by the Association pursuant to this Declaration, as adopted and amended from time to time.

"Rules and Regulations" means any instrument, however denominated, which is adopted by the Board for the regulation and management of the Property or the Common Area, including any amendments to those instruments.

"Solar Energy Device" means a system or series of mechanisms designed primarily to provide heating or cooling or to produce electrical or mechanical power by collecting and transferring solar-generated energy. The term includes a mechanical or chemical device that has the ability to store solar-generated energy for use in heating or cooling or in the production of power.

ARTICLE 2 GENERAL AND USE RESTRICTIONS

All of the Property shall be owned, held, encumbered, leased, used, occupied, and enjoyed subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

2.1 **General.**

2.1.1 **Conditions and Restrictions.** All Lots within the Property shall be owned, held, encumbered, leased, used, occupied and enjoyed subject to the Restrictions.

2.1.2 **Ordinances.** Ordinances and requirements imposed by local governmental authorities are applicable to all Lots within the Property. Compliance with the Restrictions is not a substitute for compliance with Applicable Law. Please be advised that the Restrictions do not purport to list or describe each restriction which may be applicable to a Lot located within the Property. Each Owner is advised to review all ordinances, requirements, regulations and encumbrances affecting the use and improvement of their Lot prior to submitting plans to the ACC for approval. Furthermore, approval by the ACC should not be construed by the Owner that any Improvement complies with the terms and provisions of any

ordinances, requirements, regulations or encumbrances which may affect the Owner's Lot. Certain encumbrances may benefit parties whose interests are not addressed by the ACC.

2.2 **Conceptual Plans.** All master plans, site plans, brochures, illustrations, information and marketing materials relating to the Property or the Common Area (collectively, the "Conceptual Plans") are conceptual in nature and are intended to be used for illustrative purposes only. The land uses and Improvements, including but not limited to any amenity centers, reflected on the Conceptual Plans are subject to change at any time and from time to time, and it is expressly agreed and understood that land uses within the Property or the Common Area may include uses which are not shown on the Conceptual Plans. Neither Declarant nor any Homebuilder or other developer of any portion of the Property or the Common Area makes any representation or warranty concerning such land uses and Improvements shown on the Conceptual Plans or otherwise planned for the Property or the Common Area and it is expressly agreed and understood that no Owner shall be entitled to rely upon the Conceptual Plans or any statements made by the Declarant or any of Declarant's representatives regarding the proposed land uses, or proposed or planned Improvements, in making the decision to purchase any land or Improvements within the Property. Each Owner who acquires a Lot within the Property acknowledges that development of the Property and/or the Common Area shall likely extend over many years, and agrees that the Association shall not engage in, or use Association funds to support, protest, challenge, or make any other form of objection to development of the Property or the Common Area or changes in the Conceptual Plans as they may be amended or modified from time to time.

2.3 **Single-Family Residential Use.** The Lots shall be used solely for private single family residential purposes. No professional, business, or commercial activity to which the general public is invited shall be conducted on any Lot, except an Owner or Resident may conduct business activities within a residence so long as: (i) such activity complies with all Applicable Law; (ii) the business activity is conducted without the employment of persons other than the residents of the home constructed in the Lot; (iii) the business activity does not involve customers, contractors, clients, or the general public visiting the residence to conduct activities related to the business; (iv) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, i.e., no sign may be erected advertising the business on any Lot, sound, or smell from outside the residence; (v) the business activity does not involve door-to-door solicitation of residents within the Property; (vi) the business does not, in the Board's judgment, generate a level of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or a number of vehicles parked within the Property which is noticeably greater than that which is typical of residences in which no business activity is being conducted; (vii) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Property and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Property as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board; and (viii) the business does not require the installation of any machinery other than that customary to normal household operations. In addition, for the purpose of obtaining any business or commercial license, neither the residence nor Lot shall be considered open to the public. The terms "business" and "trade", as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings and shall include,

without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (x) such activity is engaged in full or part-time; (y) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (z) a license is required.

In addition to the foregoing, no portion of the Property may be used for the following uses or purposes: (i) a junk yard, salvage yard or storage facility for abandoned vehicles, abandoned aircraft or vehicle parts; (ii) the dumping and incineration of garbage or refuse; (iii) the smelting of iron, tin or zinc; (iv) a sanitary landfill; (v) a sexually-oriented business, including, but not limited to a sexually oriented massage parlor, a nude modeling studio, an adult book/pornographic materials store, a lounge or club featuring nude or semi-nude entertainers, an escort service or a theatre showing of hardcore pornographic films; (vi) a slaughterhouse or feedlot; (vii) a horse or dog racing track or any facility for off-track pari-mutuel betting; (viii) a jail, prison or honor farm; (ix) a cemetery; or (x) a flea market.

Leasing of a residence shall not be considered a business or trade within the meaning of this subsection. This subsection shall not apply to any activity conducted by the Declarant or a Homebuilder.

Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, until the expiration or termination of the Development Period: (i) Declarant and/or its licensees may construct and maintain upon portions of the Common Area, any Lot, or portion of the Property owned by the Declarant, such facilities and may conduct such activities which, in Declarant's sole opinion, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the construction or sale of single family residences constructed upon the Lots, including, but not limited to, business offices, signs, model homes, and sales offices. Declarant and/or its licensees shall have an easement over and across the Common Area for access and use of such facilities at no charge; and (ii) Declarant and/or its licensees shall have an access easement over and across the Common Area for the purpose of making, constructing and installing Improvements upon the Common Area.

2.4 **Subdividing.** No Lot shall be further divided or subdivided, nor may any easements or other interests therein less than the whole be conveyed by the Owner thereof without the prior written approval of the ACC; provided, however, that when Declarant is the Owner thereof, Declarant may further divide and subdivide any Lot and convey any easements or other interests less than the whole, all without the approval of the ACC.

2.5 **Hazardous Activities.** No activities may be conducted on or within the Property and no Improvements may be constructed on or within any portion of the Property which, in the opinion of the Board, are or might be unsafe or hazardous to any person or property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no firearms or fireworks may be discharged upon any portion of the Property unless discharged in conjunction with an event approved in advance by the Board and no open fires may be lighted or permitted except within safe and well-designed fireplaces or in contained barbecue units while attended and in use for cooking

purposes. No portion of the Property may be used for the takeoff, storage, or landing of aircraft (including, without limitation, helicopters) except for medical emergencies.

2.6 **Insurance Rates.** Nothing shall be done or kept on the Property which would increase the rate of casualty or liability insurance or cause the cancellation of any such insurance on the Common Area, or the Improvements located thereon, without the prior written approval of the Board.

2.7 **Mining and Drilling.** No portion of the Property may be used for the purpose of mining, quarrying, drilling, boring, or exploring for or removing oil, gas, or other hydrocarbons, minerals of any kind, rocks, stones, sand, gravel, aggregate, or earth. This provision shall not be construed to prevent the excavation of rocks, stones, sand, gravel, aggregate, or earth or the storage of such material for use as fill provided that such activities are conducted in conjunction with the construction of Improvements and/or the development of the Property by the Declarant. Furthermore, this provision shall not be interpreted to prevent the drilling of water wells by the Declarant or otherwise approved in advance by the ACC which are required to provide water to all or any portion of the Property. All water wells shall also be approved in advance by any applicable regulatory authority.

2.8 **Noise.** No noise or other nuisance shall be permitted to exist or operate upon any portion of the Property so as to be offensive or detrimental to any other portion of the Property or to its Residents.

2.9 **Animals - Household Pets.** No animals, including pigs, hogs, swine, poultry, fowl, wild animals, horses, cattle, sheep, goats, or any other type of animal not considered to be a domestic household pet within the ordinary meaning and interpretation of such words may be kept, maintained, or cared for on or within the Property (as used in this paragraph, the term "domestic household pet" shall not mean or include non-traditional pets such pot-bellied pigs, miniature horses, exotic snakes or lizards, monkeys, chickens or other exotic animals). The Board may determine, in its sole discretion, whether a particular pet is a domestic household pet within the ordinary meaning and interpretation of such words. No Owner may keep on such Owner's Lot more than three (3) cats and dogs, in the aggregate. No animal may be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise, or to become a nuisance, and no domestic pets shall be allowed on the Property other than within the Owner's residence, or the fenced yard space associated therewith, unless confined to a leash. The Association may restrict pets to certain areas on the Property. No animal may be stabled, maintained, kept, cared for, or boarded for hire or remuneration on the Property, and no kennels or breeding operation shall be allowed. No animal may be allowed to run at large, and all animals shall be kept within enclosed areas which shall be clean, sanitary, and reasonably free of refuse, insects, and waste at all times. No pet may be left unattended in yards, porches or other outside area. All pet waste shall be removed and appropriately disposed of by the owner of the pet. All pets shall be registered, licensed and inoculated as required by Applicable Law. If the Board determines, in its sole discretion, that a pet becomes a source of unreasonable annoyance to others, or the

owner of the pet fails or refuses to comply with these restrictions, the Owner, upon written notice, may be required to remove the pet from the Property.

2.10 **Rubbish and Debris.** As determined by the Board, no rubbish or debris of any kind may be placed or permitted to accumulate on or within the Property, and no odors shall be permitted to arise therefrom so as to render all or any portion of the Property unsanitary, unsightly, offensive, or detrimental to any other property or Residents. Refuse, garbage, and trash shall be kept at all times in covered containers, and such containers shall be kept within enclosed structures or appropriately screened from view. Each Owner shall contract with an independent disposal service to collect all garbage or other wastes, if such service is not provided by a governmental entity or the Association.

2.11 **Maintenance.** The Owners of each Lot shall jointly and severally have the duty and responsibility, at their sole cost and expense, to keep their Lot and all Improvements thereon in good condition and repair and in a well-maintained, safe, clean and attractive condition at all times. The Board, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether a violation of the maintenance obligations set forth in this *Section 2.11* has occurred. Such maintenance includes, but is not limited to the following, which shall be performed in a timely manner, as determined by the Board, in its sole discretion: (i) prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and wastes; (ii) lawn mowing; (iii) tree and shrub pruning; (iv) watering; (v) keeping exterior lighting and mechanical facilities in working order; (vi) keeping lawn and garden areas alive, free of weeds, and attractive; (vii) keeping planting beds free of turf grass; (viii) keeping sidewalks and driveways in good repair; (ix) complying with Applicable Law; (x) repainting of Improvements; and (xi) repair of exterior damage, and wear and tear to Improvements.

2.12 **Street Landscape Area-Owner's Obligation to Maintain Landscaping.** Each Owner shall be responsible, at such Owner's sole cost and expense, for maintaining mowing, replacing, pruning, and irrigating the landscaping between the boundary of such Owner's Lot and the curb of any adjacent right-of-way, street or alley (the "ST Landscape Area"), unless the responsibility for maintaining the ST Landscape Area is performed by the Association.

2.13 **Antennas.** Except as expressly provided below, no exterior radio or television antennae or aerial or satellite dish or disc, shall be erected, maintained or placed on a Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC; provided, however, that: (i) an antenna designed to receive direct broadcast services, including direct-to-home satellite services, that is one meter or less in diameter; or (ii) an antenna designed to receive video programming services via multipoint distribution services, including multi-channel multipoint distribution services, instructional television fixed services, and local multipoint distribution services, that is one meter or less in diameter or diagonal measurement; or (iii) an antenna that is designed to receive television or radio broadcast signals. Collectively, (i) through (iii) (referred to herein as the "Permitted Antennas") shall be permitted subject to reasonable requirements as to location and screening as may be set forth in rules adopted by the ACC, consistent with Applicable Law, in order to minimize obtrusiveness as viewed from streets and adjacent property. Declarant and/or the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to erect an aerial, satellite

dish, or other apparatus for a master antenna, cable, or other communication system for the benefit of all or any portion of the Property.

2.14 Location of Permitted Antennas. A Permitted Antenna may be installed solely on the Owner's Lot and shall not encroach upon any street, Common Area, or any other portion of the Property. A Permitted Antenna shall be installed in a location on the Lot from which an acceptable quality signal can be obtained and where least visible from the street and the Property, other than the Lot. In order of preference, the locations of a Permitted Antenna which shall be considered least visible by the ACC are as follows: (i) attached to the back of the principal single-family residence constructed on the Lot, with no part of the Permitted Antenna any higher than the lowest point of the roofline and screened from view of adjacent Lots and the street; then (ii) attached to the side of the principal single-family residence constructed on the Lot, with no part of the Permitted Antenna any higher than the lowest point of the roofline and screened from view of adjacent Lots and the street. The ACC may, from time to time, modify, amend, or supplement the rules regarding installation and placement of Permitted Antennas.

2.15 Signs. Unless otherwise prohibited by Applicable Law, no sign of any kind may be displayed to the public view on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC, except for: (i) signs which are part of Declarant or Homebuilder's overall marketing, sale, or construction plans or activities for the Property; (ii) one (1) temporary "For Sale" sign placed on the Lot. The sign shall be professionally made and shall be limited to a maximum face area of five (5) square feet on each visible side and, if free standing, is mounted on a single or frame post. The overall height of the sign from the finished grade of the Lot at the spot where the sign is located may not exceed four (4) feet. The sign shall be removed within two (2) business days following the sale of the Lot; (iii) political signs may be erected provided the sign: (a) is erected no earlier than the 90th day before the date of the election to which the sign relates; (b) is removed no later than the 10th day after the date of the election to which the sign relates; and (c) is ground-mounted. Only one sign may be erected for each candidate or ballot item. In addition, signs which include any of the components or characteristics described in Section 202.009(c) of the Texas Property Code are prohibited; (iv) a religious item on the entry door or door frame of a residence (which may not extend beyond the outer edge of the door frame), provided that the size of the item(s), individually or in combination with other religious items on the entry door or door frame of the residence, does not exceed twenty-five (25) square inches; (v) permits as may be required by legal proceedings; and (vi) permits as may be required by any governmental entity. An Owner or Resident shall be permitted to post a "no soliciting" and "security warning" sign near or on the front door to their residence, provided, that the sign may not exceed twenty-five (25) square inches. For Lease and For Rent signs are expressly prohibited.

2.16 Flags – Approval Requirements. An Owner is permitted to display the flag of the United States of America, the flag of the State of Texas, an official or replica flag of any branch of the United States Military, or one (1) flag with official insignia of a college or university ("Permitted Flag") and is permitted to install a flagpole no more than five feet (5') in

length affixed to the front of a residence near the principal entry or affixed to the rear of a residence ("Permitted Flagpole"). Only two (2) Permitted Flagpoles are allowed per residence. A Permitted Flag or Permitted Flagpole need not be approved in advance by the ACC. Approval by the ACC is required prior to installing vertical freestanding flagpoles installed in the front or back yard area of any Lot ("Freestanding Flagpole").

2.17 **Flags – Installation and Display.** Unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by the ACC, Permitted Flags, Permitted Flagpoles and Freestanding Flagpoles, installed in accordance with the Flagpole Application, shall comply with the following: (i) no more than one (1) Freestanding Flagpole OR no more than two (2) Permitted Flagpoles are permitted per Lot, on which only Permitted Flags may be displayed; (ii) any Permitted Flagpole shall be no longer than five feet (5') in length and any Freestanding Flagpole shall be no more than twenty feet (20') in height; (iii) any Permitted Flag displayed on either a Permitted Flagpole or a Freestanding Flagpole may not be more than three feet in height by five feet in width (3'x5'); (iv) with the exception of flags displayed on Common Area or any Lot which is being used for marketing purposes by the Declarant or a Homebuilder, the flag of the United States of America shall be displayed in accordance with 4 U.S.C. Sections 5-10 and the flag of the State of Texas shall be displayed in accordance with Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code; (v) the display of a Permitted Flag, or the location and construction of a Permitted Flagpole or Freestanding Flagpole shall comply with all Applicable Law, easements and setbacks of record; (vi) each Permitted Flagpole and Freestanding Flagpole shall be constructed of permanent, long-lasting materials, with a finish appropriate to the materials used in the construction thereof and harmonious with the residence; (vii) any Permitted Flag, Permitted Flagpole, and Freestanding Flagpole shall be maintained in good condition and any deteriorated Permitted Flag or deteriorated or structurally unsafe Permitted Flagpole or Freestanding Flagpole shall be repaired, replaced or removed; (viii) a Permitted Flag may be illuminated by no more than one (1) halogen landscaping light of low beam intensity which shall not be aimed towards or directly affect any neighboring Lot; and (ix) any external halyard of a Permitted Flagpole or Freestanding Flagpole shall be secured so as to reduce or eliminate noise from flapping against the metal of the Permitted Flagpole or Freestanding Flagpole.

2.18 **Tanks.** The ACC shall approve any tank used or proposed in connection with a residence, including tanks for storage of fuel, water, oil, or liquid petroleum gas (LPG), and including swimming pool filter tanks. No elevated tanks of any kind may be erected, placed or permitted on any Lot without the advance written approval of the ACC. All permitted tanks shall be screened from view in accordance with a screening plan approved in advance by the ACC. This provision shall not apply to a tank used to operate a standard residential gas grill.

2.19 **Barbecue Units.** Barbecue units are only permitted within the rear yard of each Lot and placed in such manner as to not be visible from any other portion of the Property. The "rear yard" for the purpose of this provision means the yard area in the rear or posterior to the residence constructed on a Lot. In the event of any dispute regarding what portion of a Lot constitutes the "rear yard," the opinion of the ACC will be final, binding, and conclusive.

2.20 Clotheslines; Awnings. No clotheslines and no outdoor clothes drying or hanging shall be permitted in the Property, nor shall anything be hung, painted or displayed on the outside of the windows (or inside, if visible from the outside) or placed on the outside walls or outside surfaces of doors of any residence on any Lot, if visible from adjoining property or from public or private thoroughfares. Awnings, canopies or shutters may be affixed or placed upon the exterior walls or roofs of any residence on any Lot, or any part thereof, with the prior written approval of the ACC.

2.21 Burglar Bars. No bars or obstructions intended for use as burglar bars or sold as devices intended to prohibit forced entry into a residence may be placed on the exterior of a residence, including but not limited to windows and doors.

2.22 Temporary Structures. No tent, shack, or other temporary building, Improvement, or structure shall be placed upon the Property without the prior written approval of the ACC; provided, however, that temporary structures necessary for storage of tools and equipment, and for office space for Declarant, Homebuilders, architects, and foremen during actual construction may be maintained with the prior approval of Declarant (unless placed by the Declarant), approval to include the nature, size, duration, and location of such structure.

2.23 Outside Storage Buildings. Outside storage buildings located in a fenced rear yard of a Lot are allowed with the prior written approval of the ACC. One (1) permanent storage building shall be permitted if: (i) the surface area of the pad on which the storage building is constructed is no more than one hundred (100) square feet; (ii) the height of the storage building, measured from the surface of the Lot, is no more than eight (8) feet; (iii) the exterior of the storage building is constructed of the same or substantially similar materials and of the same color as the principal residential structure constructed on the Lot; (iv) the roof of the storage building is the same material and color as the roof of the principal residential structure constructed on the Lot; and (v) the storage building is constructed within all applicable building setbacks. No storage building may be used for habitation. The "rear yard" for the purpose of this provision means the yard area in the rear or posterior to the residence constructed on a Lot. In the event of any dispute regarding what portion of a Lot constitutes the "rear yard," the opinion of the ACC will be final, binding, and conclusive.

2.24 Unightly Articles; Vehicles. No article deemed to be unsightly by the Board shall be permitted to remain on any Lot so as to be visible from adjoining property or from public or private thoroughfares. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, trailers, graders, trucks other than pickups, boats, tractors, wagons, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, all-terrain vehicles and garden maintenance equipment shall be kept at all times except when in actual use, in enclosed structures or screened from view and no repair or maintenance work shall be done on any of the foregoing, or on any automobile (other than minor emergency repairs), except in enclosed garages or other structures. Service areas, storage areas, compost piles and facilities for hanging, drying or airing clothing or household fabrics shall be appropriately screened from view, and no lumber, grass, plant waste, shrub or tree clippings, metals, bulk materials, scrap, refuse or trash shall be kept, stored, or allowed to accumulate on

any portion of the Property except within enclosed structures or appropriately screened from view. No: (i) racing vehicles; or (ii) other vehicles (including, without limitation, motorcycles or motor scooters) that are inoperable or do not have a current license tag shall be permitted to remain visible on any Lot or to be parked on any roadway within the Property or Common Area.

2.25 **Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers and Recreational Vehicles.** No mobile homes, travel trailers or recreational vehicles may be parked or placed on any street right of way, Lot, or used as a residence, either temporary or permanent, at any time. However, such vehicles may be parked temporarily for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) consecutive hours during each two (2) month period.

2.26 **Basketball Goals: Permanent and Portable.** Permanent basketball goals are permitted in the front of the residence on a Lot provided the basketball goal is located approximately twenty feet (20') from the street curb. Permanent basketball goals are not permitted in any street right-of-way. The basketball goal backboard shall be perpendicular to the street and mounted on a black metal pole permanently installed in the ground. Portable basketball goals are permitted but shall be stored in the rear of the Lot or inside garage from sundown to sunrise. Basketball goals shall be properly maintained and painted, with the net in good repair. All basketball goals, whether permanent or portable, shall be approved by the ACC prior to being placed on any Lot.

2.27 **Rentals.** Nothing in this Declaration shall prevent the rental of any Lot and the Improvements thereon by the Owner thereof for residential purposes; provided that all rentals shall be for terms of at least six (6) months. All leases shall be in writing. The Owner shall provide to its lessee copies of the Restrictions. Notice of any lease, together with such additional information as may be required by the Board, shall be remitted to the Association by the Owner on or before the expiration of ten (10) days after the effective date of the lease.

2.28 **Trash Containers.** Trash containers and recycling bins shall be stored inside the garage of the single-family residence constructed on the Lot or in such a manner that the trash container and recycling bin is not visible from any street, alley, or adjacent Lot. The Board shall have the right to specify additional locations on each Owner's Lot in which trash containers or recycling bins shall be stored.

2.29 **Decorations and Lighting.** Unless otherwise permitted by *Section 2.15(v)*, no decorative appurtenances such as sculptures, birdbaths and birdhouses, fountains, or other decorative embellishments shall be placed on the residence or on the front yard or on any other portion of a Lot which is visible from any street, unless such specific items have been approved in writing by the ACC. Customary seasonal decorations for holidays are permitted without approval by the ACC but shall be removed within thirty (30) days of the applicable holiday. Outside lighting fixtures shall be placed so as to illuminate only the yard of the applicable Lot and so as not to affect or reflect into surrounding residences or yards. No mercury vapor,

sodium or halogen light shall be installed on any Lot which is visible from any street unless otherwise approved by the ACC.

2.30 **Compliance with Restrictions.** Each Owner, his or her family, Residents of a Lot, tenants, and the guests, invitees, and licensees of the preceding shall comply strictly with the provisions of the Restrictions as the same may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with any of the Restrictions shall constitute a violation of the Restrictions and may result in a fine against the Owner in accordance with *Section 6.12* of this Declaration, and shall give rise to a cause of action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief, or both, maintainable by the Declarant, the Board on behalf of the Association, the ACC, or by an aggrieved Owner. The result of every act or omission that violates any provision of the Restrictions is a nuisance, and any remedy allowed by law against a nuisance, either public or private, is applicable against the violation. Without limiting any rights or powers of the Association, the Board may (but shall not be obligated to) remedy or attempt to remedy any violation of any of the provisions of Restrictions, and the Owner whose violation has been so remedied shall be personally liable to the Association for all costs and expenses of effecting (or attempting to effect) such remedy. If such Owner fails to pay such costs and expenses upon demand by the Association, such costs and expenses (plus interest from the date of demand until paid at the maximum lawful rate, or if there is no such maximum lawful rate, at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month) shall be assessed against and chargeable to the Owner's Lot(s). Any such amounts assessed and chargeable against a Lot shall be secured by the liens reserved in this Declaration for Assessments and may be collected by any means provided in this Declaration for the collection of Assessments, including, but not limited to, foreclosure of such liens against the Owner's Lot(s). Each such Owner shall release and hold harmless the Association and its officers, directors, employees and agents from any cost, loss, damage, expense, liability, claim or cause of action incurred or that may arise by reason of the Association's acts or activities under this *Section 2.31* (including any cost, loss, damage, expense, liability, claim or cause of action arising out of the Association's negligence in connection therewith), except for such cost, loss, damage, expense, liability, claim or cause of action arising by reason of the Association's gross negligence or willful misconduct. "Gross negligence" as used herein does not include simple negligence, contributory negligence or similar negligence short of actual gross negligence.

2.31 **Liability of Owners for Damage to Common Area.** No Owner shall in any way alter, modify, add to or otherwise perform any work upon the Common Area without the prior written approval of the Board and the Declarant during the Development Period. Each Owner shall be liable to the Association for any and all damages to: (i) the Common Area and any Improvements constructed thereon; or (ii) any Improvements constructed on any Lot, the maintenance of which has been assumed by the Association, which damages were caused by the neglect, misuse or negligence of such Owner or Owner's family, or by any tenant or other Resident of such Owner's Lot, or any guest or invitee of such Owner or Resident. The full cost of all repairs of such damage shall be an Individual Assessment against such Owner's Lot, secured by a lien against such Owner's Lot and collectable in the same manner as provided in *Section 6.10* of this Declaration.

2.32 No Warranty of Enforceability. Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of the Restrictions. Any Owner acquiring a Lot in reliance on one or more of the Restrictions shall assume all risks of the validity and enforceability thereof and, by acquiring the Lot, agrees to hold Declarant harmless therefrom.

ARTICLE 3 CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS

3.1 Approval for Construction. Unless prosecuted by the Declarant, no Improvements shall be constructed upon any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC in accordance with *Article 7* of this Declaration.

3.2 Construction Activities. The Restrictions shall not be construed or applied so as to unreasonably interfere with or prevent normal construction activities during the construction of Improvements by the Declarant or a Homebuilder upon or within the Property. Specifically, no such construction activities shall be deemed to constitute a nuisance or a violation of the Restrictions by reason of noise, dust, presence of vehicles or construction machinery, posting of signs or similar activities, provided that such construction is pursued to completion with reasonable diligence and conforms to usual construction practices in the area. If during the course of construction upon any Lot there is excessive accumulation of debris of any kind which would render the Lot or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive, or detrimental to it or any other portion of the Property, then the ACC may contract for or cause such debris to be removed, and the Owner of the Lot shall be liable for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith.

3.3 Drainage. There shall be no interference with the established drainage patterns over any of the Property, including the Lots, except by Declarant, unless adequate provision is made for proper drainage and such provision is approved in advance by the ACC. Specifically, and not by way of limitation, no Improvement, including landscaping, may be installed which impedes the proper drainage of water between Lots

3.4 Compliance with Setbacks. No residence may be constructed on any Lot nearer to a street than the minimum building setback lines shown on the Plat and no building shall be located on any utility easements.

3.5 Minimum Square Footage. The calculation of square feet shall be measured from outside surface to outside surface. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the ACC, the total square footage for each residence, exclusive of open or screened porches, terraces, patios, decks, garages and accessory buildings, shall be a minimum of 1,000 square feet.

3.6 Height. No Improvement greater than thirty-five feet (35') may be constructed on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC. For purposes of this *Section 3.6*, height shall be measured from the top of the foundation slab of the proposed Improvement to the ridge line of the roof of the proposed Improvement.

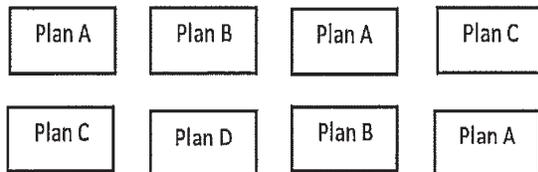
3.7 **Exterior Materials.** All exterior surfaces of each residence (exclusive of roofs, eaves, soffits, windows, gables, doors, and trim work) shall be constructed of brick, stone, stucco, or cementitious siding products (*i.e.*, "Hardi-Plank") including, but not limited to, horizontal lap, vertical board and batten, shake, scallop and other decorative siding, or a combination of such exterior materials.

3.8 **Garages.** Unless otherwise approved in writing by the ACC, the residence on each Lot shall contain a private, enclosed garage capable of housing not less than two (2) standard sized automobiles. No garage may be permanently enclosed or otherwise used for habitation. Carports and other open automobile storage units are not permitted. The parking of vehicles in the yard of any Lot is not permitted.

3.9 **Roofing.** The roofs of all buildings shall be approved by the ACC. The primary roof of the residence erected on a Lot shall have a pitch of no less than 4:12. The roof pitch of dormers, porches and other similar accessory structures attached to the residence shall be exempt from this requirement, but nonetheless subject to approval by the ACC. At a minimum, roofing materials shall be ten (10) year asphalt shingles in a "weathered wood" or other color approved by the ACC. Any other type of roofing material shall be permitted only with the advance written approval of the ACC. In addition, roofs of buildings may be constructed with "Energy Efficiency Roofing" with the advance written approval of the ACC. For the purpose of this Section 3.9, "Energy Efficiency Roofing" means shingles that are designed primarily to: (i) be wind and hail resistant; (ii) provide heating and cooling efficiencies greater than those provided by customary composite shingles; or (iii) provide solar generation capabilities. The ACC shall not prohibit an Owner from installing Energy Efficient Roofing provided that the Energy Efficient Roofing shingles: (a) resemble the shingles used or otherwise authorized for use within the community; (b) are more durable than, and are of equal or superior quality to, the shingles used or otherwise authorized for use within the community; and (c) match the aesthetics of adjacent property. An Owner who desires to install Energy Efficient Roofing shall be required to comply with the architectural review and approval procedures set forth the Restrictions. In conjunction with any such approval process, the Owner should submit information which shall enable the ACC to confirm the criteria set forth in this Section 3.9. Any other type of roofing material shall be permitted only with the advance written approval of the ACC.

3.10 **Plan and Elevation Repetition.** The ACC may, in its sole and absolute discretion, deny a plan or elevation proposed for a particular residence if a substantially similar plan or elevation exists on a Lot in close proximity to the Lot on which the plan or elevation is proposed. The ACC may adopt additional requirements concerning substantially similar plans or elevations constructed in proximity to each other. At a minimum, a plan with a particular elevation shall be spaced as follows:

Plan with the same elevation can be repeated every other Lot (example: Plan A and Plan B).



Across the Street: A plan and elevation cannot be placed on a Lot across the street from the same plan and elevation (example above: Plan A and Plan B).

3.11 **Driveways.** The design, construction materials, and location of all driveways, and culverts incorporated into driveways for ditch or drainage crossings, shall be approved by the ACC. Driveways shall be no less than sixteen feet (16') in width. Driveways on corner lots abutting a cul-de-sac and another roadway shall access off the cul-de-sac. Asphalt driveways are not permitted. The ACC may establish design and materials requirements for all driveways and driveway culverts to ensure that they are consistent in appearance throughout the Property.

3.12 **HVAC.** No air-conditioning apparatus may be installed on the ground in front of a residence or on the roof of any residence. No window air-conditioning apparatus or evaporative cooler may be attached to any residence. All HVAC units shall be screened with either structural screening to match the exterior of the residence or landscaping, as approved by the ACC.

3.13 **Fences; Sidewalks.** Prior to the occupancy of any residence constructed on any Lot, the rear yard of the Lot shall be fenced with wooden privacy fencing six feet (6') in height, constructed with four inch by four inch (4"x4") treated posts and/or appropriate sized landscape timbers, embedded in concrete to support the weight and wind load of the fence, three (3) runners of either (i) two inch by four inch (2"x4") treated cedar, or (ii) two inch by three inch (2"x3") white wood, and #2 grade pine, spruce or cedar pickets, compliant with Applicable Law and approved by the ACC. Unless otherwise approved by the ACC, no fence, wall or hedge will be erected or maintained on any Lot nearer to the street than the front elevation of the residence constructed on the Lot, except for: (i) fences erected in conjunction with the model homes or sales offices; and (ii) fences and/or walls erected by Declarant along and adjacent to the Yarrow Way right-of-way. The ACC will have the sole discretion to determine the front elevation of the residence for the purpose of this Section 3.13. No chain-link, metal cloth or agricultural fences may be installed or maintained on a Lot, except by Declarant. If required by the Plat, the Owner of each Lot shall construct, at such Owner's sole cost and expense and prior to occupying any Improvement, a sidewalk on such Owner's Lot, located and designed in conformance with the Plat.

3.14 **Party Wall Fences and Walls.** A fence or wall located on or near the dividing line between two (2) Lots and intended to benefit both Lots constitutes a "Party Wall" and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section 3.14, is subject to the general rules

of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence, willful acts, or omissions.

3.14.1 Encroachments & Easement. If the Party Wall is on one Lot due to an error in construction, the Party Wall is nevertheless deemed to be on the dividing line for purposes of this *Section 3.14.1*. Each Lot sharing a Party Wall is subject to an easement for the existence and continuance of any encroachment by the Party Wall as a result of construction, repair, shifting, settlement, or movement in any portion of the Party Wall, so that the encroachment may remain undisturbed as long as the Party Wall stands. Each Lot is subject to a reciprocal easement for the maintenance, repair, replacement, or reconstruction of the Party Wall.

3.14.2 Right to Repair. If the Party Wall is damaged or destroyed from any cause, the Owner of either Lot may repair or rebuild the Party Wall to its previous condition, and the Owners of both Lots, their successors and assigns, have the right to the full use of the repaired or rebuilt Party Wall. No Party Wall may be constructed, repaired, or rebuilt without the advance written approval of the ACC in accordance with *Article 7* of this Declaration.

3.14.3 Maintenance Costs. The Owners of the adjoining Lots share equally the costs of repair, reconstruction, or replacement of the Party Wall, subject to the right of one Owner to call for larger contribution from the other under any rule of law regarding liability for negligence or willful acts or omissions. If an Owner is solely responsible for damage to or destruction of the Party Wall, that Owner shall bear the entire cost of repair, reconstruction, or replacement. If an Owner fails or refuses to pay his share of costs of repair or replacement of the Party Wall, the Owner advancing monies has a right to file a claim of lien for the monies advanced in the Official Public Records of Hays County, Texas, and has the right to foreclose the lien as if it were a mechanic's lien. The right of an Owner to require contribution from another Owner under this *Section 3.14.3* is appurtenant to the Lot and passes to the Owner's successors in title.

3.14.4 Alterations. The Owner of a Lot sharing a Party Wall may not cut openings in the Party Wall or alter or change the Party Wall in any manner that affects the use, condition, or appearance of the Party Wall to the adjoining Lot. The Party Wall shall always remain in the same location as when erected unless otherwise approved by the Owner of each Lot sharing the Party Wall and the ACC.

3.15 Playscapes and Sports Courts. Playscapes and sport courts are permissible at the sole discretion of the ACC. If allowed, these facilities shall be properly sited and screened so as to minimize the visual and audio impact of the facility on adjacent properties. Sport Courts may not be lighted or enclosed with netting. Tennis courts are not permitted.

3.16 Swimming Pools. Any swimming pool constructed on a Lot shall be enclosed with a fence or other enclosure device completely surrounding the swimming pool which, at a minimum, satisfies all Applicable Law and be approved in advance by the ACC. Nothing in

this *Section 3.16* is intended or shall be construed to limit or affect an Owner's obligation to comply with any Applicable Law concerning swimming pool enclosure requirements. Unless otherwise approved in advance by the ACC, above-ground or temporary swimming pools are not permitted on a Lot.

3.17 Solar Energy Device. Solar Energy Devices may be installed with the advance written approval of the ACC in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

3.17.1 Application. To obtain ACC approval of a Solar Energy Device, the Owner shall provide the ACC with the following information: (i) the proposed installation location of the Solar Energy Device; and (ii) a description of the Solar Energy Device, including the dimensions, manufacturer, and photograph or other accurate depiction (the "Solar Application"). A Solar Application may only be submitted by an Owner unless the Owner's tenant provides written confirmation at the time of submission that the Owner consents to the Solar Application. The Solar Application shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of *Article 7* of the Declaration.

3.17.2 Approval Process. The ACC shall review the Solar Application in accordance with the terms and provisions of *Article 7* of the Declaration. The ACC shall approve a Solar Energy Device if the Solar Application complies with *Section 3.17.3* below UNLESS the ACC makes a written determination that placement of the Solar Energy Device, despite compliance with *Section 3.17.3*, shall create a condition that substantially interferes with the use and enjoyment of the property within the Property by causing unreasonable discomfort or annoyance to persons of ordinary sensibilities. The ACC's right to make a written determination in accordance with the foregoing sentence is negated if all Owners of Lots immediately adjacent to the Owner/applicant provide written approval of the proposed placement. Any proposal to install a Solar Energy Device on Common Area or property maintained by the Association shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Board, and the Board need not adhere to this *Section 3.17* when considering any such request.

3.17.3 Approval Conditions. Unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by the ACC, each Solar Application and each Solar Energy Device to be installed in accordance therewith shall comply with the following:

- (i) The Solar Energy Device shall be located on the roof of the residence located on the Owner's Lot, entirely within a fenced area of the Owner's Lot, or entirely within a fenced patio located on the Owner's Lot. If the Solar Energy Device shall be located on the roof of the residence, the ACC may designate the location for placement unless the location proposed by the Owner increases the estimated annual energy production of the Solar Energy Device, as determined by using a publicly available modeling tool provided by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, by more than 10 percent above the energy production of the Solar Energy Device if installed in the location designated by the ACC. If the Owner desires to contest the alternate location proposed by the

ACC, the Owner should submit information to the ACC which demonstrates that the Owner's proposed location meets the foregoing criteria. If the Solar Energy Device shall be located in the fenced area of the Owner's Lot or patio, no portion of the Solar Energy Device may extend above the fence line.

(ii) If the Solar Energy Device is mounted on the roof of the principal residence located on the Owner's Lot, then: (a) the Solar Energy Device may not extend higher than or beyond the roofline; (b) the Solar Energy Device shall conform to the slope of the roof and the top edge of the Solar Device shall be parallel to the roofline; and (c) the frame, support brackets, or visible piping or wiring associated with the Solar Energy Device shall be silver, bronze or black.

3.18 **Rainwater Harvesting Systems.** Rain barrels or rainwater harvesting systems (a "Rainwater Harvesting System") may be installed with the advance written approval of the ACC.

3.18.1 **Application.** To obtain ACC approval of a Rainwater Harvesting System, the Owner shall provide the ACC with the following information: (i) the proposed installation location of the Rainwater Harvesting System; and (ii) a description of the Rainwater Harvesting System, including the color, dimensions, manufacturer, and photograph or other accurate depiction (the "Rain System Application"). A Rain System Application may only be submitted by an Owner unless the Owner's tenant provides written confirmation at the time of submission that the Owner consents to the Rain System Application.

3.18.2 **Approval Process.** The decision of the ACC shall be made in accordance with *Article 7* of this Declaration. Any proposal to install a Rainwater Harvesting System on Common Area shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Board, and the Board need not adhere to this *Section 3.18* when considering any such request.

3.18.3 **Approval Conditions.** Unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by the ACC, each Rain System Application and each Rainwater Harvesting System to be installed in accordance therewith shall comply with the following: (i) the Rainwater Harvesting System shall be consistent with the color scheme of the residence constructed on the Owner's Lot, as reasonably determined by the ACC; (ii) the Rainwater Harvesting System does not include any language or other content that is not typically displayed on such a device; (iii) the Rainwater Harvesting System is in no event located between the front of the residence constructed on the Owner's Lot and any adjoining or adjacent street; and (iv) there is sufficient area on the Owner's Lot to install the Rainwater Harvesting System, as reasonably determined by the ACC.

3.18.4 **Guidelines.** If the Rainwater Harvesting System shall be installed on or within the side yard of a Lot, or would otherwise be visible from a street, Common Area, or another Owner's Lot, the ACC may regulate the size, type, shielding of, and materials used in the construction of the Rainwater Harvesting System. Accordingly, when submitting a Rain

System Application, the application should describe methods proposed by the Owner to shield the Rainwater Harvesting System from the view of any street, Common Area, or another Owner's Lot. When reviewing a Rain System Application for a Rainwater Harvesting System that shall be installed on or within the side yard of a Lot, or would otherwise be visible from a street, Common Area, or another Owner's Lot, any additional regulations imposed by the ACC to regulate the size, type, shielding of, and materials used in the construction of the Rainwater Harvesting System, may not prohibit the economic installation of the Rainwater Harvesting System, as reasonably determined by the ACC.

3.19 Landscaping. Prior to the occupancy of any residence constructed upon any Lot, the Lot shall be landscaped, at a minimum, with: (i) fully sodded front and side yards (i.e., in front of fences), except for flower beds; (ii) two (2) hardwood shade trees no smaller in size than three inches (3") in caliper in the front or side yards (i.e., in front of fences) of internal Lots and three (3) hardwood shade trees no smaller in size than three inches (3") in caliper in the front or side yards (i.e., in front of fences) of corner Lots; and (iii) fifteen (15) shrubs sized one (1) gallon and five (5) shrubs sized five (5) gallons in the front yard of the Lot. The grass, shrubs and tree(s) to be planted shall be approved in advance by the ACC.

3.20 Xeriscaping. As part of the installation and maintenance of landscaping on an Owner's Lot, an Owner may submit plans for and install drought tolerant landscaping ("Xeriscaping") upon written approval by the ACC. All Owners implementing Xeriscaping shall comply with the following:

3.20.1 Application. Approval by the ACC is required prior to installing Xeriscaping. To obtain the approval of the ACC for Xeriscaping, the Owner shall provide the ACC with the following information: (i) the proposed site location of the Xeriscaping on the Owner's Lot; (ii) a description of the Xeriscaping, including the types of plants, border materials, hardscape materials and photograph or other accurate depiction and (iii) the percentage of yard to be covered with gravel, rocks and cacti (the "Xeriscaping Application"). A Xeriscaping Application may only be submitted by an Owner unless the Owner's tenant provides written confirmation at the time of submission that the Owner consents to the Xeriscaping Application. The ACC is not responsible for: (a) errors or omissions in the Xeriscaping Application submitted to the ACC for approval; (b) supervising installation or construction to confirm compliance with an approved Xeriscaping Application or (c) the compliance of an approved application with Applicable Law.

3.20.2 Approval Conditions. Unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by the ACC, each Xeriscaping Application and all Xeriscaping to be installed in accordance therewith shall comply with the following:

(i) The Xeriscaping shall be aesthetically compatible with other landscaping in the community as reasonably determined by the ACC. For purposes of this *Section 3.20*, "aesthetically compatible" shall mean overall and long-term aesthetic compatibility within the community. For example, an

Owner's Lot plan may be denied if the ACC determines that: (a) the proposed Xeriscaping would not be harmonious with already established turf and landscaping in the overall community; and/or (b) the use of specific turf or plant materials would result in damage to or cause deterioration of the turf or landscaping of an adjacent property owner, resulting in a reduction of aesthetic appeal of the adjacent property Owner's Lot.

(ii) No Owners shall install gravel, rocks or cacti that in the aggregate encompass over thirty percent (30%) of such Owner's front yard or fifty percent (50%) of such Owner's back yard.

(iii) The Xeriscaping shall not attract diseases and insects that are harmful to the existing landscaping on neighboring Lots, as reasonably determined by the ACC.

3.20.3 Process. The decision of the ACC shall be made within a reasonable time, or within the time period otherwise required by the principal deed restrictions which govern the review and approval of improvements. A Xeriscaping Application submitted to install Xeriscaping on property owned by the Association or property owned in common by members of the Association shall not be approved. Any proposal to install Xeriscaping on property owned by the Association or property owned in common by members of the Association shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Board, and the Board need not adhere to the requirements set forth in this *Section 3.20* when considering any such request.

3.20.4 Approval. Each Owner is advised that if the Xeriscaping Application is approved by the ACC, installation of the Xeriscaping shall: (i) strictly comply with the Xeriscaping Application; (ii) commence within thirty (30) days of approval; and (iii) be diligently prosecuted to completion. If the Owner fails to cause the Xeriscaping to be installed in accordance with the approved Xeriscaping Application, the ACC may require the Owner to: (a) modify the Xeriscaping Application to accurately reflect the Xeriscaping installed on the Property; or (b) remove the Xeriscaping and reinstall the Xeriscaping in accordance with the approved Xeriscaping Application. Failure to install Xeriscaping in accordance with the approved Xeriscaping Application or an Owner's failure to comply with the post-approval requirements constitutes a violation of this Declaration and may subject the Owner to fines and penalties. Any requirement imposed by the ACC to resubmit a Xeriscaping Application or remove and relocate Xeriscaping in accordance with the approved Xeriscaping Application shall be at the Owner's sole cost and expense.

3.21 Water Quality Facilities, Drainage Facilities and Drainage Ponds. The Property may include, now or in the future, one or more water quality facilities, sedimentation, drainage and detention facilities, or ponds which serve all or a portion of the Property and are inspected, maintained and administered by the Association in accordance with all Applicable Law. Access to these facilities and ponds is limited to persons engaged by the Association or its agents to periodically maintain such facilities. Each Owner is advised that the water quality

facilities, sedimentation, drainage and detention facilities and ponds are an active utility feature integral to the proper operation of the Property and may periodically hold standing water. Each Owner is advised that entry into the water quality facilities, sedimentation, drainage and detention facilities or ponds may result in injury and is a violation of the Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 4 SUNSET OAKS NORTH RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, INC.

4.1 Organization. The Association shall be a nonprofit corporation created for the purposes, charged with the duties, and vested with the powers of a Texas non-profit corporation. Neither the Certificate nor Bylaws shall for any reason be amended or otherwise changed or interpreted so as to be inconsistent with this Declaration.

4.2 Membership.

4.2.1 Mandatory Membership. Any person or entity, upon becoming an Owner, shall automatically become a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and shall run with the ownership of the Lot that qualifies the Owner thereof for membership, and membership may not be severed from the ownership of the Lot, or in any way transferred, pledged, mortgaged or alienated, except together with the title to such Lot. Within thirty (30) days after acquiring legal title to a Lot, if requested by the Board, an Owner shall provide the Association with: (i) a copy of the recorded deed by which the Owner has acquired title to the Lot; (ii) the Owner's address, email address, phone number, and driver's license number, if any; (iii) any Mortgagee's name and address; and (iv) the name, phone number, and email address of any Resident other than the Owner.

4.2.2 Easement of Enjoyment – Common Area. Every Member shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to all of the Common Area and an access easement by and through any Common Area, which easements shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to such Member's Lot, subject to the following restrictions and reservations: (i) the right of the Declarant, or the Declarant's designee, to cause such Improvements and features to be constructed upon the Common Area, as determined from time to time by the Declarant, in the Declarant's sole and absolute discretion; (ii) the right of the Association to suspend the Member's right to use the Common Area for any period during which any Assessment against such Member's Lot remains past due and for any period during which such member is in violation of any provision of this Declaration; (iii) the right of the Declarant, during the Development Period, and the Board thereafter, to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area to any public agency, authority or utility for any purpose; (iv) the right of the Declarant, during the Development Period, and the Board thereafter to grant easements or licenses over and across the Common Area; (v) with the advance written approval of the Declarant during the Development Period, the right of the Board to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Area and, in furtherance thereof, mortgage the Common Area; (vi) the right of the Declarant, during the Development Period, and the Board, with the advance written approval of the Declarant during the Development Period, to promulgate Rules and Regulations regarding the use of the Common Area and any Improvements thereon;

and (vii) the right of the Association to contract for services with any third parties on such terms as the Board may determine, except that during the Development Period, all such contracts shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Declarant.

4.3 **Governance.** As more specifically described in the Bylaws, the Board shall initially consist of four (4) members elected at the annual meeting of the Association, or at a special meeting called for such purpose. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision or any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant shall have the sole right to appoint and remove all members of the Board until the 10th anniversary of the date this Declaration is Recorded. Not later than the 10th anniversary of the date this Declaration is Recorded, or sooner as determined by Declarant, the Board shall be reduced to three (3) members and the Board shall call a meeting of Members of the Association for the purpose of electing one-third of the Board (the "Initial Member Election Meeting"), which Board member(s) shall be elected by Owners other than the Declarant. Declarant shall continue to have the sole right to appoint and remove two-thirds of the Board from and after the Initial Member Election Meeting until expiration or termination of the Development Period.

4.4 **Voting Rights.** The right to cast votes and the number of votes which may be cast for election of members to the Board (except as provided by Section 4.3) and on all other matters to be voted on by the Members shall be calculated as set forth below.

(i) The Owner of each Lot shall have one (1) vote for each Lot so owned.

(ii) In addition to the votes to which Declarant is entitled by reason of Section 4.4(i), for every one (1) vote outstanding in favor of any other person or entity, Declarant shall have four (4) additional votes until the expiration or termination of the Development Period.

(iii) When more than one person or entity owns a portion of the fee simple interest in any Lot, all such persons or entities shall be Members. The vote or votes (or fraction thereof) for such Lot shall be exercised by the person so designated in writing to the Secretary of the Association by the Owner of such Lot, and in no event shall the vote for such Lot exceed the total votes to which such Lot is otherwise entitled under this Section 4.4.

4.5 **Powers.** The Association shall have the powers of a Texas nonprofit corporation. It shall further have the power to do and perform any and all acts that may be necessary or proper, for or incidental to, the exercise of any of the express powers granted to it by Applicable Law or this Declaration. Without in any way limiting the generality of the two preceding sentences, the Board, acting on behalf of the Association, shall have the following powers at all times:

4.5.1 **Rules and Regulations, Bylaws and Community Manual.** To make, establish and promulgate, and in its discretion to amend from time to time, or repeal and

re-enact, such rules, regulations, policies, Bylaws and Community Manual not in conflict with this Declaration, as it deems proper, covering any and all aspects of the Property or the Common Area (including the operation, maintenance and preservation thereof) or the Association. Any Rules and Regulations, policies, Bylaws and Community Manual and any modifications thereto proposed by the Board shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Declarant until expiration or termination of the Development Period.

4.5.2 Insurance. To obtain and maintain in effect, policies of insurance that, in the opinion of the Board, are reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the Association's functions.

4.5.3 Records. To keep books and records of the Association's affairs, and to make such books and records, together with current copies of the Restrictions available for inspection by the Owners, Mortgagees, and insurers or guarantors of any Mortgage upon request during normal business hours.

4.5.4 Assessments. To levy and collect assessments, as provided in *Article 6* below.

4.5.5 Right of Entry and Enforcement. To enter at any time without notice in an emergency (or in the case of a non-emergency, after twenty-four (24) hours written notice), without being liable to any Owner or Resident, upon any Lot and into any Improvement thereon for the purpose of enforcing the Restrictions or for the purpose of maintaining or repairing any area, Improvement or other facility to conform to the Restrictions. The expense incurred by the Association in connection with the entry upon any Lot and the maintenance and repair work conducted thereon or therein shall be a personal obligation of the Owner of the Lot so entered, shall be deemed an Individual Assessment against such Lot, shall be secured by a lien upon such Lot, and shall be enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as provided in *Article 6* hereof for Assessments. The Association shall have the power and authority from time to time, in its own name and on its own behalf, or in the name of and on behalf of any Owner who consents thereto, to commence and maintain actions and suits to enforce, by mandatory injunction or otherwise, or to restrain and enjoin, any breach or threatened breach of the Restrictions. The Association is also authorized to settle claims, enforce liens and take all such action as it may deem necessary or expedient to enforce the Restrictions; provided, however, that the Board shall never be authorized to expend any Association funds for the purpose of bringing suit against Declarant, or its successors or assigns. The Association may not alter or demolish any Improvements on any Lot other than Common Area in enforcing these Restrictions before a judicial order authorizing such action has been obtained by the Association, or before the written consent of the Owner(s) of the affected Lot(s) has been obtained. **EACH SUCH OWNER AND RESIDENT SHALL RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE ASSOCIATION, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FROM ANY COST, LOSS, DAMAGE, EXPENSE, LIABILITY, CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION INCURRED OR THAT MAY ARISE BY REASON OF THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTS OR ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS SECTION 4.5.5 (INCLUDING ANY COST, EXPENSE,**

LIABILITY, CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S NEGLIGENCE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH), EXCEPT FOR SUCH COST, LOSS, DAMAGE, EXPENSE, LIABILITY, CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION ARISING BY REASON OF THE ASSOCIATION'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT. "GROSS NEGLIGENCE" DOES NOT INCLUDE SIMPLE NEGLIGENCE, CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OR SIMILAR NEGLIGENCE SHORT OF ACTUAL GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

4.5.6 Legal and Accounting Services. To retain and pay for legal and accounting services necessary or proper in the operation of the Association.

4.5.7 Conveyances. To grant and convey to any person or entity the real property and/or other interest, including fee title, leasehold estates, easements, rights-of-way or mortgages, out of, in, on, over, or under any Common Area for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating or maintaining the following: (i) parks, parkways or other recreational facilities or structures; (ii) roads, streets, sidewalks, signs, street lights, walks, driveways, trails and paths; (iii) lines, cables, wires, conduits, pipelines or other devices for utility purposes; (iv) sewers, water systems, storm water drainage systems, sprinkler systems and pipelines; and/or (v) any similar Improvements or facilities. Nothing set forth above, however, shall be construed to permit use or occupancy of any Improvement or other facility in a way that would violate applicable use and occupancy restrictions imposed by the Restrictions or by Applicable Law. In addition, until expiration or termination of the Development Period, any grant or conveyance under this Section 4.5.7 shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Declarant.

4.5.8 Manager. To retain and pay for the services of a person or firm (the "Manager"), which may include Declarant or any affiliate of Declarant, to manage and operate the Association, including its property, to the extent deemed advisable by the Board. Personnel may be employed directly by the Association or may be furnished by the Manager. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Board may delegate any other duties, powers and functions to the Manager. In addition, the Board may adopt transfer fees, resale certificate fees or any other fees associated with the provision of management services to the Association or its Members. **THE MEMBERS HEREBY RELEASE THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY OMISSION OR IMPROPER EXERCISE BY THE MANAGER OF ANY SUCH DUTY, POWER OR FUNCTION SO DELEGATED.**

4.5.9 Property Services. To pay for water, sewer, garbage removal, street lights, landscaping, gardening and all other utilities, services, repair and maintenance for any portion of the Property, Common Area, private or public recreational facilities, easements, roads, roadways, rights-of-ways, signs, parks, parkways, median strips, sidewalks, paths, trails, ponds, and lakes.

4.5.10 Other Services and Properties. To obtain and pay for any other property and services, and to pay any other taxes or assessments that the Association or the Board is

required or permitted to secure or to pay for pursuant to Applicable Law or under the terms of the Restrictions or as determined by the Board.

4.5.11 Construction on Common Area. To construct new Improvements or additions to any property owned, leased, or licensed by the Association, subject to the approval of the Board and the Declarant until expiration or termination of the Development Period.

4.5.12 Contracts. To enter into Bulk Rate Contracts or other contracts or licenses with Declarant or any third party on such terms and provisions as the Board shall determine, to operate and maintain any Common Area or other property, or to provide any service, including but not limited to cable, utility, or telecommunication services, or perform any function on behalf of Declarant, the Board, the Association, or the Members. During the Development Period, all Bulk Rate Contracts shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Declarant.

4.5.13 Property Ownership. To acquire, own and dispose of all manner of real and personal property, including habitat, whether by grant, lease, easement, gift or otherwise. During the Development Period, all acquisitions and dispositions of the Association hereunder shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Declarant.

4.5.14 Allocation of Votes. To determine votes when permitted pursuant to *Section 4.4* above.

4.5.15 Membership Privileges. To establish Rules and Regulations governing and limiting the use of the Common Area and any Improvements thereon.

4.6 Conveyance of Common Area to the Association. The Association may acquire, hold, and dispose of any interest in tangible and intangible personal property and real property. Declarant, and its assignees, reserves the right, from time to time and at any time, to designate by written and Recorded instrument portions of the Property being held by the Declarant for the benefit of the Association. Upon the Recording of such designation, the portion of the Property identified therein shall be considered Common Area for the purpose of this Declaration. Declarant and its assignees may also assign, transfer or convey to the Association interests in real or personal property within or for the benefit of the Property, for the Property and the general public, or otherwise, as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Declarant. All or any real or personal property assigned, transferred and/or conveyed by the Declarant to the Association shall be deemed accepted by the Association upon Recordation, and without further action by the Association, and shall be considered Common Area without regard to whether such real or personal property is designated by the Declarant as Common Area. If requested by the Declarant, the Association shall execute a written instrument, in a form requested by the Declarant, evidencing acceptance of such real or personal property; provided, however, execution of a written consent by the Association shall in no event be a precondition to acceptance by the Association. The assignment, transfer, and/or conveyance of real or personal property to the Association may be by deed without warranty, may reserve easements in favor of the Declarant or a third party designated by Declarant over and across

such property, and may include such other provisions, including restrictions on use, determined by the Declarant, in the Declarant's sole and absolute discretion. Property assigned, transferred, and/or conveyed to the Association may be improved or unimproved and may consist of fee simple title, easements, leases, licenses, or other real or personal property interests. Upon Declarant's written request, the Association shall re-convey to Declarant any unimproved real property that Declarant originally conveyed to the Association for no payment.

4.7 **Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law but without duplication (and subject to) any rights or benefits arising under the Certificate or Bylaws of the Association, the Association shall indemnify any person who was, or is, a party, or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that such person is, or was, a director, officer, committee member, employee, servant or agent of the Association against expenses, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if it is found and determined by the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction that he or she: (i) acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association; or (ii) with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by settlement, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith or in a manner which was reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

4.8 **Insurance.** The Board may purchase and cause to be maintained, at the expense of the Association, insurance on behalf of any person who is acting as a director, officer, committee member, employee, servant or agent of the Association against any liability asserted against or incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability or otherwise.

4.9 **Bulk Rate Contracts.** Without limitation on the generality of the Association powers set out in *Section 4.5* hereinabove (except that during the Development Period, all Bulk Rate Contracts shall be approved in advance and in writing by the Declarant), the Association shall have the power to enter into Bulk Rate Contracts at any time and from time to time. The Association may enter into Bulk Rate Contracts with any service providers chosen by the Board (including Declarant, and/or any entities in which Declarant, or the owners or partners of Declarant are owners or participants, directly or indirectly). The Bulk Rate Contracts may be entered into on such terms and provisions as the Board may determine in its sole and absolute discretion. The Association may, at its option and election, add the charges payable by such Owner under such Bulk Rate Contract to the Assessments against such Owner's Lot. In this regard, it is agreed and understood that, if any Owner fails to pay any charges due by such Owner under the terms of any Bulk Rate Contract, then the Association shall be entitled to

collect such charges by exercising the same rights and remedies it would be entitled to exercise under this Declaration with respect to the failure by such Owner to pay Assessments, including without limitation the right to foreclose the lien against such Owner's Lot which is reserved under the terms and provisions of this Declaration. In addition, in the event of nonpayment by any Owner of any charges due under any Bulk Rate Contract and after the lapse of at least twelve (12) days since such charges were due, the Association may, upon five (5) days' prior written notice to such Owner (which may run concurrently with such 12 day period), in addition to all other rights and remedies available pursuant to Applicable Law, terminate, in such manner as the Board deems appropriate, any utility service or other service provided at the cost of the Association and not paid for by such Owner (or the Resident of such Owner's Lot) directly to the applicable service or utility provider. Such notice shall consist of a separate mailing or hand delivery at least five (5) days prior to a stated date of termination, with the title "termination notice" or similar language prominently displayed on the notice. The notice shall include the office or street address where the Owner (or the Resident of such Owner's Lot) can make arrangements for payment of the bill and for re-connection or re-institution of service. No utility or cable television service shall be disconnected on a day, or immediately preceding a day, when personnel are not available for the purpose of collection and reconnecting such services.

4.10 Protection of Declarant's Interests. Despite any assumption of control of the Board by Owners other than Declarant, until the expiration or termination of the Development Period, the Board is prohibited from taking any action which would discriminate against Declarant, or which would be detrimental to the sale of Lots owned by Declarant. Declarant shall be entitled to determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, whether any such action discriminates or is detrimental to Declarant. The Board shall be required to continue the same level and quality of maintenance, operations and services as that provided immediately prior to assumption of control of the Board by Owners other than Declarant until the expiration or termination of the Development Period.

4.11 Administration of Common Area. The administration of the Common Area by the Association shall be in accordance with the provisions of Applicable Law and the Restrictions, and of any other agreements, documents, amendments or supplements to the foregoing which may be duly adopted or subsequently required by any institutional or governmental lender, purchaser, insurer or guarantor of mortgage loans (including, for example, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation) designated by Declarant or by any governmental or quasi-governmental agency having regulatory jurisdiction over the Common Area or by any title insurance company selected by Declarant to insure title to any portion of the Common Area.

4.12 Right of Action by Association. The Association shall not have the power to institute, defend, intervene in, settle or compromise litigation or administrative proceedings: (i) in the name of or on behalf of any Lot Owner (whether one or more); or (ii) pertaining to a Claim, as defined in *Section 12.1* below, relating to the design or construction of Improvements on a Lot. This *Section 4.12* may not be amended or modified without Declarant's written and

acknowledged consent and Members entitled to cast at least one hundred percent (100%) of the total number of votes of the Association, which shall be part of the Recorded amendment instrument.

ARTICLE 5 INSURANCE

5.1 **Insurance.** Each Owner shall be required to purchase and maintain commercially standard insurance on the Improvements located upon such Owner's Lot. The Association shall not be required to maintain insurance on the Improvements constructed upon any Lot. The Association may, however, obtain such insurance as it may deem necessary, including but not limited to such policies of liability and property damage insurance as the Board, in its discretion, may deem necessary. Insurance premiums for such policies shall be a common expense to be included in the assessments levied by the Association. The acquisition of insurance by the Association shall be without prejudice to the right and obligation of any Owner to obtain additional individual insurance. During the Development Period, Declarant reserves the right to satisfy the insurance obligations of the Association with a master insurance program controlled by Declarant.

5.2 **Restoration.** In the event of any fire or other casualty, unless otherwise approved by the ACC, the Owner shall promptly repair, restore and replace any damaged or destroyed structures to their same exterior condition existing prior to the damage or destruction thereof. Such repair, restoration or replacement shall be commenced and completed in a good and workmanlike manner using exterior materials substantially similar to those originally used in the structures damaged or destroyed. To the extent that the Owner fails to commence such repair, restoration or replacement of substantial or total damage or destruction within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the occurrence of such damage or destruction, and thereafter prosecute the same to completion, or if the Owner does not clean up any debris resulting from any damage within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of such damage, the Association may commence, complete or effect such repair, restoration, replacement or clean-up, and such Owner shall be personally liable to the Association for the cost of such work; provided, however, that if the Owner is prohibited or delayed by Applicable Law from commencing such repair, restoration, replacement or clean-up, the rights of the Association under this provision shall not arise until the expiration of thirty (30) days after such prohibition or delay is removed. If the Owner fails to pay such cost upon demand by the Association, the cost thereof (plus interest from the date of demand until paid at the maximum lawful rate, or if there is no such maximum lawful rate, than at the rate of one and one-half percent (1½%) per month) shall be added to the Assessment chargeable to the Owner's Lot. Any such amounts added to the Assessments chargeable against a Lot shall be secured by the liens reserved in the Declaration for Assessments and may be collected by any means provided in this Declaration for the collection of Assessments, including, but not limited to, foreclosure of such liens against the Owner's Lot. **EACH SUCH OWNER SHALL RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FROM ANY COST, LOSS, DAMAGE, EXPENSE, LIABILITY, CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION INCURRED OR THAT MAY ARISE BY REASON OF THE**

ASSOCIATION'S ACTS OR ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS SECTION 5.2, EXCEPT FOR SUCH COST, LOSS, DAMAGE, EXPENSE, LIABILITY, CLAIM OR COST OF ACTION ARISING BY REASON OF THE ASSOCIATION'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT. "GROSS NEGLIGENCE" AS USED HEREIN DOES NOT INCLUDE SIMPLE NEGLIGENCE, CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OR SIMILAR NEGLIGENCE SHORT OF ACTUAL GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

5.3 Mechanic's and Materialmen's Lien. Each Owner whose structure is repaired, restored, replaced or cleaned up by the Association pursuant to the rights granted under this Article 5, hereby grants to the Association an express mechanic's and materialmen's lien for the reasonable cost of such repair, restoration, or replacement of the damaged or destroyed Improvement to the extent that the cost of such repair, restoration or replacement exceeds any insurance proceeds allocable to such repair, restoration or replacement and delivered to the Association. Upon request by the Board, and before the commencement of any reconstruction, repair, restoration or replacement, such Owner shall execute all documents sufficient to effectuate such mechanic's and materialmen's lien in favor of the Association.

ARTICLE 6 COVENANT FOR ASSESSMENTS

6.1 Assessments.

6.1.1 Established by the Board. Assessments established by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this Article 6 shall be levied against each Lot in amounts determined pursuant to Section 6.7 below. The total amount of Assessments shall be determined by the Board pursuant to Section 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, and/or 6.6.

6.1.2 Personal Obligation; Lien. Each Assessment, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection as hereinafter provided, shall be the personal obligation of the Owner of the Lot against which the Assessment is levied and shall be secured by a lien hereby granted and conveyed by Declarant to the Association against each such Lot and all Improvements thereon. The Association may enforce payment of such Assessments in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

6.1.3 Declarant Subsidy. Declarant may, but is not obligated to, reduce Assessments which would otherwise be levied against Lots for any fiscal year by the payment of a subsidy to the Association. Any subsidy paid to the Association by Declarant may be treated as a contribution or a loan, in Declarant's sole and absolute discretion. Any subsidy and the characterization thereof may be disclosed as a line item in the annual budget prepared by the Board and attributable to such Assessments. The payment of a subsidy in any given year shall not obligate Declarant to continue payment of a subsidy to the Association in future years.

6.2 Maintenance Fund. The Board shall establish a maintenance fund into which shall be deposited all monies paid to the Association and from which disbursements shall be made in performing the functions of the Association under this Declaration. The funds of the Association may be used for any purpose authorized by the Restrictions and Applicable Law.

6.3 **Regular Annual Assessments.** Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget for the purpose of determining amounts sufficient to pay the estimated net expenses of the Association (the "Regular Assessments") which sets forth: (i) an estimate of the expenses to be incurred by the Association during such year in performing its functions and exercising its powers under the Restrictions, including, but not limited to, the cost of all management, repair and maintenance, the cost of providing street and other lighting, the cost of administering and enforcing the Restrictions, and (ii) an estimate of the amount needed to maintain a reasonable provision for contingencies and an appropriate replacement reserve, and shall give due consideration to any expected income and any surplus from the prior year's fund. Assessments sufficient to pay such estimated net expenses shall then be levied at the level of Assessments set by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion, and the Board's determination shall be final and binding so long as it is made in good faith. If the sums collected prove inadequate for any reason, including nonpayment of any Assessment, the Association may at any time, and from time to time, levy further Assessments in the same manner. All such Regular Assessments shall be due and payable to the Association annually on or before the first day of the month at the beginning of the fiscal year, or in such other manner as the Board may designate in its sole and absolute discretion.

6.4 **Working Capital Assessment.** Each Owner shall pay a one-time working capital assessment (the "Working Capital Assessment") to the Association in such amount, if any, as may be determined by the Board from time to time in its sole and absolute discretion. Such Working Capital Assessment need not be uniform among all Lots, and the Board is expressly authorized to levy Working Capital Assessments of varying amounts depending on the size, use and general character of the Lots then being made subject to such levy. The Association may use the working capital to discharge operating expenses. The levy of any Working Capital Assessment shall be effective only upon the Recordation of a written notice, signed by a duly authorized officer of the Association, setting forth the amount of the Working Capital Assessment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the following transfers shall not be subject to the Working Capital Assessment: (i) foreclosure of a deed of trust lien, tax lien, or the Association's Assessment lien; (ii) transfer to, from, or by the Association; or (iii) voluntary transfer by an Owner to one or more co-owners, or to the Owner's spouse, child, or parent. Additionally, the Declarant and an Owner who is a Homebuilder shall not be subject to the Working Capital Assessment; however, the Working Capital Assessment shall be payable by any Owner who acquires a Lot from the Declarant or a Homebuilder for residential living purposes. In the event of any dispute regarding the application of the Working Capital Assessment to a particular Owner, the determination by the Declarant during the Development Period, and the Board thereafter, regarding application of the exemption shall be binding and conclusive without regard to any contrary interpretation of this Section. The Working Capital Assessment shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any other Assessments levied in accordance with this *Article 6* and shall not be considered an advance payment of such Assessments. The Working Capital Assessment hereunder shall be due and payable to the Association immediately upon each transfer of title to the Lot, including upon transfer of title from one

Owner of such Lot to any subsequent purchaser or transferee thereof. The Declarant during the Development Period, and thereafter the Board, shall have the power to waive the payment of any Working Capital Assessment attributable to a Lot (or all Lots) by the Recordation of a waiver, which waiver may be temporary or permanent.

6.5 Special Assessments. In addition to the Regular Assessments provided for above, the Board may levy special assessments (the "Special Assessments") whenever in the Board's opinion such Special Assessments are necessary to enable the Board to carry out the functions of the Association under the Restrictions. The amount of any Special Assessments shall be at the reasonable discretion of the Board. In addition to the Special Assessments authorized above, the Association may, in any fiscal year, levy a Special Assessment only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Area. Any Special Assessment levied by the Association for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, costs of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of capital improvement upon the Common Area shall be levied against all Owners based on Assessment Units.

6.6 Individual Assessments. In addition to any other Assessments, the Board may levy an individual assessment (the "Individual Assessment") against an Owner and the Owner's Lot. Individual Assessments may include, but are not limited to: interest, late charges, and collection costs on delinquent Assessments; reimbursement for costs incurred in bringing an Owner or the Owner's Lot into compliance with the Declaration; fines for violations of the Restrictions; transfer-related fees and resale certificate fees; fees for estoppel letters and project documents; insurance deductibles; reimbursement for damage or waste caused by willful or negligent acts of the Owner, the Owner's guests, invitees or Residents of the Owner's Lot; common expenses that benefit fewer than all of the Lots, which may be assessed according to benefit received; fees or charges levied against the Association on a per-Lot basis; and "pass through" expenses for services to Lots provided through the Association and which are equitability paid by each Lot according to the benefit received.

6.7 Amount of Assessment.

6.7.1 Assessments to be Levied. The Board shall levy Assessments against each "Assessment Unit" (as defined in Section 6.7.2 below). Unless otherwise provided in this Declaration, Assessments levied pursuant to Section 6.3 and Section 6.5 shall be levied uniformly against each Assessment Unit allocated to a Lot.

6.7.2 Assessment Unit. Each Lot shall constitute one "Assessment Unit" unless otherwise provided in Section 6.7.3 and 6.7.4.

6.7.3 Declarant Exemption. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, no Assessments shall be levied upon Lots owned by Declarant.

6.7.4 Other Exemptions. Declarant may, in its sole discretion, elect to: (i) exempt any un-platted or unimproved portion of the Property or any Lot from any

Assessments levied or charged pursuant to this *Article 6*; or (ii) delay the levy of Assessments against any un-platted, unimproved or improved portion of the Property. Declarant or the Board may also exempt any portion of the Property which is dedicated and accepted by public authority from Assessments.

6.8 Late Charges. If any Assessment is not paid by the due date applicable thereto, the Owner responsible for the payment may be required by the Board, at the Board's election at any time and from time to time, to pay a late charge in such amount as the Board may designate, and the late charge (and any reasonable handling costs) shall be levied as an Individual Assessment against the Lot owned by such Owner, collectible in the manner as provided for collection of Assessments, including foreclosure of the lien against such Lot; provided, however, such charge shall never exceed the maximum charge permitted under Applicable Law.

6.9 Owner's Personal Obligation; Interest. Assessments levied as provided for herein shall be the personal and individual debt of the Owner of the Lot against which are levied such Assessments. No Owner may exempt himself from liability for such Assessments. In the event of default in the payment of any such Assessment, the Owner of the Lot shall be obligated to pay interest on the amount of the Assessment at the highest rate allowed by applicable usury laws then in effect on the amount of the Assessment from the due date therefor (or if there is no such highest rate, then at the rate of one and one half percent (1 1/2%) per month), together with all costs and expenses of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees. Such amounts shall be levied as an Individual Assessment against the Lot owned by such Owner.

6.10 Assessment Lien and Foreclosure. The payment of all sums assessed in the manner provided in this Article is, together with late charges as provided in *Section 6.8* and interest as provided in *Section 6.9* hereof and all costs of collection, including attorney's fees as herein provided, secured by the continuing Assessment lien granted to the Association pursuant to *Section 6.1.2* above, and shall bind each Lot in the hands of the Owner thereof, and such Owner's heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors or assigns. The aforesaid lien shall be superior to all other liens and charges against such Lot, except only for: (i) tax and governmental assessment liens; (ii) all sums secured by a first mortgage lien or first deed of trust lien of record, to the extent such lien secures sums borrowed for the acquisition or improvement of the Lot in question and (iii) home equity loans or home equity lines of credit which are secured by a second mortgage lien or second deed of trust lien of record; provided that, in the case of subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) above, such Mortgage was Recorded before the delinquent Assessment was due. The Association shall have the power to subordinate the aforesaid Assessment lien to any other lien. Such power shall be entirely discretionary with the Board, and such subordination may be signed by an officer, agent or attorney of the Association. The Association may, at its option and without prejudice to the priority or enforceability of the Assessment lien granted hereunder, prepare a written notice of Assessment lien setting forth the amount of the unpaid indebtedness, the name of the Owner of the Lot covered by such lien and a description of the Lot. Such notice may be signed by one of the

officers, agents, or attorneys of the Association and shall be Recorded. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or ownership interest to a Lot subject to this Declaration, shall be deemed conclusively to have granted a power of sale to the Association to secure and enforce the Assessment lien granted hereunder. The Assessment liens and rights to foreclosure thereof shall be in addition to and not in substitution of any other rights and remedies the Association may have by law and under this Declaration, including the rights of the Association to institute suit against such Owner personally obligated to pay the Assessment and/or for foreclosure of the aforesaid lien. In any foreclosure proceeding, such Owner shall be required to pay the costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred. The Association shall have the power to bid (in cash or by credit against the amount secured by the lien) on the property at foreclosure or other legal sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey or otherwise deal with the same. Upon the written request of any Mortgagee, the Association shall report to said Mortgagee any unpaid Assessments remaining unpaid for longer than sixty (60) days after the same are due. The lien hereunder shall not be affected by the sale or transfer of any Lot; except, however, that in the event of foreclosure of any lien superior to the Assessment lien, the lien for any Assessments that were due and payable before the foreclosure sale shall be extinguished, provided that past-due Assessments shall be paid out of the proceeds of such foreclosure sale only to the extent that funds are available after the satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage. The provisions of the preceding sentence shall not, however, relieve any subsequent Owner (including any Mortgagee or other purchaser at a foreclosure sale) from paying Assessments becoming due and payable after the foreclosure sale. Upon payment of all sums secured by a lien of the type described in this *Section 6.10*, the Association shall upon the request of the Owner, and at such Owner's cost, execute a release of lien relating to any lien for which written notice has been Recorded as provided above, except in circumstances in which the Association has already foreclosed such lien. Such release shall be signed by an officer, agent, or attorney of the Association. In addition to the lien hereby retained, in the event of nonpayment by any Owner of any Assessment and after the lapse of at least twelve (12) days since such payment was due, the Association may, upon five (5) days' prior written notice (which may run concurrently with such twelve (12) day period) to such Owner, in addition to all other rights and remedies available pursuant to Applicable Law, terminate, in such manner as the Board deems appropriate, any utility or cable service provided through the Association and not paid for directly by an Owner or Resident to the utility or service provider. Such notice shall consist of a separate mailing or hand delivery at least five (5) days prior to a stated date of disconnection, with the title "termination notice" or similar language prominently displayed on the notice. The notice shall include the office or street address where the Owner or the Owner's tenant can make arrangements for payment of the bill and for reconnection of service. Utility or cable service shall not be disconnected on a day, or immediately preceding a day, when personnel are not available for the purpose of collection and reconnecting such services. Except as otherwise provided by Applicable Law, the sale or transfer of a Lot shall not relieve the Owner of such Lot or such Owner's transferee from liability for any Assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien associated therewith. If an Owner conveys its Lot and on the date of such conveyance Assessments against the Lot remain unpaid, or said Owner owes other sums or fees under this Declaration to the Association, the Owner shall pay such amounts to the

Association out of the sales price of the Lot, and such sums shall be paid in preference to any other charges against the Lot other than liens superior to the Assessment lien and charges in favor of the State of Texas or a political subdivision thereof for taxes on the Lot which are due and unpaid. The Owner conveying such Lot shall remain personally liable for all such sums until the same are fully paid, regardless of whether the transferee of the Lot also assumes the obligation to pay such amounts. The Board may adopt an administrative transfer fee to cover the expenses associated with updating the Association's records upon the transfer of a Lot to a third party; provided, however, that no transfer fee shall be due upon the transfer of a Lot from Declarant to a third party.

6.11 Exempt Property. The following areas within the Property shall be exempt from the Assessments provided for in this Article: (i) all area dedicated and accepted by a public authority; (ii) the Common Area; and (iii) any portion of the Property owned by Declarant.

6.12 Fines and Damages Assessment.

6.12.1 Board Assessment. The Board may assess fines against an Owner for violations of the Restrictions which have been committed by an Owner, a Resident, or the Owner or Residents guests, agents or invitees. Any fine and/or charge for damage levied in accordance with this *Section 6.12* shall be considered an Individual Assessment pursuant to this Declaration. Each day of violation may be considered a separate violation if the violation continues after written notice to the Owner. The Board may assess damage charges against an Owner for pecuniary loss to the Association from property damage or destruction of Common Area or any facilities caused by the Owner, Resident, or their guests, agents, or invitees. The Manager shall have authority to send notices to alleged violators, informing them of their violations and asking them to comply with the Rules and Regulations and/or informing them of potential or probable fines or damage assessments. The Board may from time to time adopt a schedule of fines.

6.12.2 Lien Created. The payment of each fine and/or damage charge levied by the Board against the Owner of a Lot is, together with interest as provided in *Section 6.9* hereof and all costs of collection, including attorney's fees as herein provided, secured by the lien granted to the Association pursuant to *Section 6.1.2* of this Declaration. Unless otherwise provided in this *Section 6.12*, the fine and/or damage charge shall be considered an Assessment for the purpose of this Article and shall be enforced in accordance with the terms and provisions governing the enforcement of assessments pursuant to this *Article 6*.

ARTICLE 7 ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Declarant has a substantial interest in ensuring that Improvements within the Property maintain and enhance Declarant's reputation as a community developer and do not impair Declarant's ability to market and sell all or any portion of the Property. Until Declarant has delegated its right to appoint and remove all members of the ACC to the Board as provided in *Section 7.2.1* below, the ACC shall be acting solely in Declarant's interest and shall owe no duty

to any other Owner or the Association. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant may appoint a single person to exercise the rights of the ACC.

7.1 Construction of Improvements. No Improvement may be erected, placed, constructed, painted, altered, modified or remodeled on any Lot, and no Lot may be re-subdivided or consolidated with other Lots or Property, by anyone other than Declarant without the prior written approval of the ACC.

7.2 Architectural Control Committee.

7.2.1 Composition. The ACC shall be composed of not more than three (3) persons (who need not be Members or Owners) appointed as provided below, who shall review Improvements proposed to be made by any Owner other than Declarant. Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove (with or without cause) all members of the ACC. Declarant may assign its right to appoint all members of the ACC to the Association by Recorded written instrument, and thereafter, the Board shall have the right to appoint and remove (with or without cause) all members of the ACC. Any assignment by Declarant of the right to appoint and remove all members of the ACC may be withdrawn until expiration of twenty-four (24) months after the expiration of the Development Period. If Declarant withdraws its assignment of the right to appoint and remove all members of the ACC, then on the date of such withdrawal, Declarant shall have the right to appoint and remove (with or without cause) all members of the ACC. Declarant's right to appoint all members of the ACC shall automatically be assigned to the Association upon the expiration of twenty-four (24) months after the expiration of the Development Period. Declarant, at its option, may create and assign specific duties and responsibilities to one or more sub-committees consisting of members and/or nonmembers of the ACC. In the event responsibilities and duties are assigned to a sub-committee, those responsibilities and duties shall no longer be discharged by the ACC unless the sub-committee exercising such duties and responsibilities is dissolved by Declarant. The right to create, dissolve, and appoint members of such sub-committees shall reside exclusively with Declarant until such time as Declarant has assigned its right to appoint members of the ACC to the Association. The ACC shall have the right to employ consultants and advisors as it deems necessary or appropriate.

7.2.2 Submission and Approval of Plans and Specifications. Construction plans and specifications or, when an Owner desires solely to re-subdivide or consolidate Lots, a proposal for such re-subdivision or consolidation, shall be submitted in accordance with any rules adopted by the ACC together with any review fee which is imposed by the ACC in accordance with Section 7.2.3 to the ACC at the offices of Declarant, at such address as may hereafter be designated in writing from time to time. No re-subdivision or consolidation shall be made, nor any Improvement placed or allowed on any Lot, until the plans and specifications and the builder which the Owner intends to use to construct the proposed structure or Improvement have been approved in writing by a Majority of the members of the ACC. The ACC may, in reviewing such plans and specifications consider any information that it deems proper; including, without limitation, any permits, environmental impact statements or

percolation tests that may be required by the ACC or any other entity; and harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures, topography, vegetation, and finished grade elevation. The ACC may postpone its review of any plans and specifications submitted for approval pending receipt of any information or material which the ACC, in its sole discretion, may require. Site plans shall be approved by the ACC prior to the clearing of any Lot, or the construction of any Improvements. The ACC may refuse to approve plans and specifications for proposed Improvements, or for the re-subdivision or consolidation of any Lot on any grounds that, in the sole and absolute discretion of the ACC, are deemed sufficient, including, but not limited to, purely aesthetic grounds.

7.2.3 Review Fee. The ACC shall have the power and authority to impose a fee for the review of plans, specifications and other documents and information submitted to it pursuant to the terms of this Declaration. Such charges shall be held by the ACC and used to defray the administrative expenses incurred by the ACC in performing its duties hereunder; provided, however, that any excess funds held by the ACC shall be distributed to the Association at the end of each calendar year. The ACC shall have the authority to adopt such additional procedural and substantive rules and guidelines (including, without limitation, the imposition of any requirements for certificates of compliance or completion relating to any Improvement and the right to approve in advance any contractor selected for the construction of Improvements), not in conflict with this Declaration, as it may deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the performance of its duties hereunder. The ACC shall not be required to review any plans until a complete submittal package, as required by this Declaration and any rules adopted by the ACC, is assembled and submitted to the ACC.

7.2.4 Actions of the Architectural Control Committee. The ACC may, by resolution unanimously adopted in writing, designate one or more of its members, or an agent acting on its behalf, to take any action or perform any duties for and on behalf of the ACC, except the granting of variances. In the absence of such designation, the vote of a Majority of all of the members of the ACC taken at a duly constituted meeting shall constitute an act of the ACC.

7.2.5 Failure to Act. In the event that any plans and specifications are submitted to the ACC as provided herein, and the ACC fails either to approve or reject such plans and specifications for a period of sixty (60) days following such submission, rejection of such plans and specifications by the ACC shall be presumed. In furtherance, and not in limitation, of the foregoing, any failure of the ACC to act upon a request for a variance shall not be deemed a consent to such variance, and the ACC's written approval of all requests for variances shall be expressly required.

7.2.6 Variances. The ACC may grant variances, in its sole and absolute discretion, from compliance with any of the provisions of this Declaration. All variances shall be evidenced in writing and shall be signed by at least a Majority of the members of the ACC. Each variance may, but need not be, Recorded. The failure to record a variance shall not affect the validity thereof or give rise to any claim or cause of action against the ACC, including the

Declarant or its designee, the Association, or the Board. If a variance is granted, no violation of the covenants, conditions, or restrictions contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to the matter for which the variance was granted. The granting of such variance shall not operate to waive or amend any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration for any purpose except as to the particular property and in the particular instance covered by the variance, and such variance shall not be considered to establish a precedent for any future waiver, modification, or amendment of the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

7.2.7 Duration of Approval. The approval of the ACC of any plans and specifications, and any variances granted by the ACC, shall be valid for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days only. If construction in accordance with such plans and specifications or variance is not commenced within such one hundred and twenty (120) day period and diligently prosecuted to completion within either: (i) one year after issuance of approval of such plans and specifications; or (ii) such other period thereafter as determined by the ACC, in its sole and absolute discretion, the Owner shall be required to resubmit such plans and specifications or request for a variance to the ACC, and the ACC shall have the authority to re-evaluate such plans and specifications in accordance with this Section 7.2.7 and may, in addition, consider any change in circumstances which may have occurred since the time of the original approval.

7.2.8 No Waiver of Future Approvals. The approval of the ACC to any plans or specifications for any work done or proposed in connection with any matter requiring the approval or consent of the ACC shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any plans and specifications on any other matter, subsequently or additionally submitted for approval by the same or a different person, nor shall such approval or consent be deemed to establish a precedent for future approvals by the ACC.

7.2.9 Non-Liability of Committee Members. NEITHER DECLARANT, THE BOARD, THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE, NOR ANY MEMBER SHALL BE LIABLE TO ANY OWNER OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE'S DUTIES UNDER THIS DECLARATION.

ARTICLE 8 MORTGAGE PROVISIONS

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders, insurers and guarantors of first Mortgages on Lots within the Property. The provisions of this Article apply to the Declaration and the Bylaws of the Association.

8.1 Notice of Action. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage which provides a written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the street address of the Lot to which its Mortgage relates (thereby becoming an "Eligible Mortgage Holder"), shall be entitled to timely written notice of: (i) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material

portion of the Property or which affects any Lot on which there is an eligible Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such Eligible Mortgage Holder; or (ii) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed for a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such Eligible Mortgage Holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days, or any other violation of the Restrictions relating to such Lot or the Owner or Resident which is not cured within sixty (60) days; or (iii) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association.

8.2 **Examination of Books.** The Association shall permit Mortgagees to examine the books and records of the Association during normal business hours.

8.3 **Taxes, Assessments and Charges.** All taxes, assessments and charges that may become liens prior to first lien mortgages under Applicable Law shall relate only to the individual Lots and not to any other portion of the Property.

ARTICLE 9 GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1 **Term.** The terms, covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges, and liens set out in this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, and every Owner, including Declarant, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, for a term beginning on the date this Declaration is Recorded, and continuing through and including January 1, 2069, after which time this Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years unless a change (the word "change" meaning a termination, or change of term or renewal term) is approved in a resolution adopted by Members entitled to cast at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total number of votes of the Association, voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose, written notice of which shall be given to all Members at least thirty (30) days in advance and shall set forth the purpose of such meeting; provided, however, that such change shall be effective only upon the Recording of a certified copy of such resolution. The foregoing sentence shall in no way be interpreted to mean sixty-seven percent (67%) of a quorum as established pursuant to the Bylaws. Notwithstanding any provision in this Section 9.1 to the contrary, if any provision of this Declaration would be unlawful, void, or voidable by reason of any Applicable Law restricting the period of time that covenants on land may be enforced, such provision shall expire (twenty one) 21 years after the death of the last survivor of the now living, as of the date of the Recording of this document, descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

9.2 **Eminent Domain.** In the event it becomes necessary for any public authority to acquire all or any part of the Common Area for any public purpose during the period this Declaration is in effect, the Board is hereby authorized to negotiate with such public authority for such acquisition and to execute instruments necessary for that purpose. Should acquisitions by eminent domain become necessary, only the Board need be made a party, and in any event the proceeds received shall be held by the Association for the benefit of the Owners. In the event any proceeds attributable to acquisition of Common Area are paid to Owners, such

payments shall be allocated on the basis of Assessment Units and paid jointly to the Owners and the holders of Mortgages or deeds of trust on the respective Lot.

9.3 **Amendment.** This Declaration may be amended or terminated by the Recording of an instrument executed and acknowledged by: (i) Declarant acting alone; or (ii) by the president and secretary of the Association setting forth the amendment and certifying that such amendment has been approved by Declarant (until expiration or termination of the Development Period) and Members entitled to cast at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by members of the Association. The foregoing sentence shall in no way be interpreted to mean sixty-seven percent (67%) of a quorum as established pursuant to the Bylaws. No amendment shall be effective without the written consent of Declarant, its successors or assigns, during the Development Period.

9.4 **Roadway and Utility Easements.** Declarant reserves the right to create, locate, relocate, construct, erect, and maintain or cause to be created, located, relocated, constructed, erected, and maintained in and on any portion of the Property then owned by Declarant or any streets maintained by the Association, or areas conveyed to the Association, or areas reserved or held as Common Area, roadways, sewer lines, water lines, electrical lines and conduits, and other pipelines, conduits, wires, and any public utility function beneath or above the surface of the ground with the right of access to the same at any time for the purposes of repair and maintenance.

9.5 **Enforcement.** The Association and the Declarant shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the Restrictions. The Association and/or the Declarant may initiate, defend, or intervene in any action brought to enforce any provision of the Restrictions. Such right of enforcement shall include both damages for and injunctive relief against the breach of any provision hereof. Every act or omission whereby any provision of the Restrictions is violated, in whole or in part, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and may be enjoined or abated by any Owner of a Lot (at such Owner's own expense), Declarant or the Association. Any violation of any Applicable Law pertaining to the ownership, occupancy, or use of any portion of the Property is hereby declared to be a violation of this Declaration and subject to all of the enforcement procedures set forth herein. Failure to enforce any right, provision, covenant, or condition set forth in the Restrictions shall not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce such right, provision, covenants or condition in the future. Failure of the Declarant or the Association to enforce the terms and provisions of the Restrictions shall in no event give rise to any claim or liability against the Declarant, the Association, or any of their partners, directors, officers, or agents.

9.6 **Higher Authority.** The terms and provisions of this Declaration are subordinate to Applicable Law. Generally, the terms and provisions of this Declaration are enforceable to the extent they do not violate or conflict with Applicable Law.

9.7 **Severability.** If any provision of this Declaration is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other

provision of this Declaration, or, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the validity of such provision as applied to any other person or entity.

9.8 **Conflicts.** If there is any conflict between the provisions of this Declaration, the Certificate, the Bylaws, or any Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant to the terms of such documents, the provisions of this Declaration, the Certificate, the Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations, in such order, shall govern.

9.9 **Gender.** Whenever the context so requires, all words herein in the male gender shall be deemed to include the female or neuter gender, all singular words shall include the plural, and all plural words shall include the singular.

9.10 **Acceptance by Owners.** Each Owner of a Lot or other real property interest in the Property, by the acceptance of a deed of conveyance, or each subsequent purchaser, accepts the same subject to all terms, restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, easements, liens and charges, and the jurisdiction rights and powers created or reserved by this Declaration or to whom this Declaration is subject, and all rights, benefits and privileges of every character hereby granted, created, reserved or declared. Furthermore, each Owner agrees that no assignee or successor to Declarant hereunder shall have any liability for any act or omission of Declarant which occurred prior to the effective date of any such succession or assignment. All impositions and obligations hereby imposed shall constitute covenants running with the land within the Property, and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Property, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner in like manner as though the provisions of this Declaration were recited and stipulated at length in each and every deed of conveyance.

9.11 **Damage and Destruction.** The Association shall undertake the following actions subsequent to damage or destruction to all or any part of the Common Area covered by insurance:

9.11.1 **Claims.** Promptly after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any part of the Common Area covered by insurance, the Board, or its duly authorized agent, shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair of the damage. Repair, as used in this Section 9.11.1, means repairing or restoring the Common Area to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the fire or other casualty.

9.11.2 **Repair Obligations.** Any damage to or destruction of the Common Area shall be repaired unless a Majority of the Board decides within sixty (60) days after the casualty not to repair. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair, or both, are not made available to the Association within said period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available.

9.11.3 **Restoration.** In the event that it should be determined by the Board that the damage or destruction of the Common Area shall not be repaired and no alternative

Improvements are authorized, then the affected portion of the Common Area shall be restored to its natural state and maintained as an undeveloped portion of the Common Area by the Association in a neat and attractive condition.

9.11.4 Special Assessment. If insurance proceeds are paid to restore or repair any damaged or destroyed Common Area, and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost of such repair or restoration, the Board shall levy a Special Assessment, as provided in *Article 6*, against all Owners. Additional Assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair.

9.11.5 Proceeds Payable to Owners. In the event that any proceeds of insurance policies are paid to Owners as a result of any damage or destruction to any Common Area, such payments shall be allocated based on Assessment Units and paid jointly to the Owners and the holders of Mortgages or deeds of trust on their Lots.

9.12 No Partition. Except as may be permitted in this Declaration or amendments thereto, no physical partition of the Common Area or any part thereof shall be permitted, nor shall any person acquiring any interest in the Property or any part thereof seek any such judicial partition unless the portion of the Property or Common Area in question has been removed from the provisions of this Declaration pursuant to *Section 11.4* below. This *Section 9.12* shall not be construed to prohibit the Board from acquiring and disposing of tangible personal property or from acquiring title to real property that may or may not be subject to this Declaration.

9.13 Notices. Any notice permitted or required to be given to any person by this Declaration shall be in writing and may be delivered either personally or by mail, or as otherwise required by Applicable Law. If delivery is made by mail, it shall be deemed to have been delivered on the third (3rd) day (other than a Sunday or legal holiday) after a copy of the same has been deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the person at the address given by such person to the Association for the purpose of service of notices. Such address may be changed from time to time by notice in writing given by such person to the Association.

9.14 View Impairment. Neither Declarant nor the Association guarantee or represent that any view over and across the Lots, or any open space or Common Area within the Property shall be preserved without impairment. Neither the Declarant, the ACC, nor the Association shall have any obligation to relocate, prune, thin trees or perform other landscaping. The Association (with respect to any Common Area) shall have the right to add trees and other landscaping from time to time, subject to Applicable Law. There shall be no express or implied easements for view purposes or for the passage of light and air.

9.15 Safety and Security. Each Owner and Resident of a Lot, and their respective guests and invitees, shall be responsible for their own personal safety and the security of their property within the Property and the Common Area. The Association may, but shall not be

obligated to, maintain or support certain activities within the Property and the Common Area designed to promote or enhance the level of safety or security which each person provides for himself or herself and his or her property. However, neither the Association nor Declarant shall in any way be considered insurers or guarantors of safety or security within the Property or the Common Area, nor shall either be held liable for any loss or damage by reason of failure to provide adequate security or ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken. No representation or warranty is made that any systems or measures, including security monitoring systems or any mechanism or system for limiting access to the Property or the Common Area, cannot be compromised or circumvented; or that any such system or security measures undertaken shall in all cases prevent loss or provide the detection or protection for which the system is designed or intended. Each Owner acknowledges, understands, and shall be responsible for informing any Residents of such Owner's Lot that the Association, its Board and committees, and the Declarant are not insurers or guarantors of security or safety and that each person within the Property assumes all risks of personal injury and loss or damage to the property, including any residences or Improvements constructed upon any Lot and the contents thereof, resulting from acts of third parties.

ARTICLE 10 EASEMENTS

10.1 Right of Ingress and Egress. Declarant, its agents, employees, designees, successors and assigns shall have a right of ingress and egress over and the right of access to the Common Area to the extent necessary to use the Common Area and the right to such other temporary uses of the Common Area as may be required or reasonably desirable (as determined by Declarant in its sole discretion) in connection with the construction and development of the Property. The Property shall be subject to a perpetual non-exclusive easement for the installation and maintenance of, including the right to read meters, service or repair lines and equipment, and to do everything and anything necessary to properly maintain and furnish the Community Systems and the facilities pertinent and necessary to the same, which easement shall run in favor of Declarant. Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to install and provide the Community Systems and to provide the services available through the Community Systems to any and all Lots within the Property. Neither the Association nor any Owner shall have any interest therein. Any or all of such services may be provided either directly through the Association and paid for as part of the Assessments or directly to Declarant, any affiliate of Declarant, or a third party, by the Owner who receives the services. The Community Systems shall be the property of Declarant unless transferred by Declarant, whereupon any proceeds of such transfer shall belong to Declarant. Declarant shall have the right but not the obligation to convey, transfer, sell or assign all or any portion of the Community Systems or all or any portion of the rights, duties or obligations with respect thereto, to the Association or to any person or entity. The rights of Declarant with respect to the Community Systems installed by Declarant and the services provided through such Community Systems are exclusive, and no other person or entity may provide such services through the Community Systems installed by Declarant without the prior written consent of Declarant. In recognition of the fact that interruptions in cable television and other Community Systems services shall occur from time to time, no person or entity described above shall in any

manner be liable, and no user of any Community System shall be entitled to any refund, rebate, discount or offset in applicable fees, for any interruption in Community Systems services, regardless of whether or not same is caused by reasons within the control of the then-provider of such services.

10.2 **Reserved Easements.** All dedications, limitations, restrictions and reservations shown on any Plat and all grants and dedications of easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and related rights made by Declarant or any third party prior to the Property becoming subject to this Declaration are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Declaration for all purposes as if fully set forth herein, and shall be construed as being adopted in each and every contract, deed or conveyance executed or to be executed by or on behalf of Declarant. Declarant reserves the right to relocate, make changes in, and additions to said easements, rights-of-way, dedications, limitations, reservations and grants for the purpose of most efficiently and economically developing the Property.

10.3 **Utility Easements.** Declarant, during the Development Period, and the Board thereafter, may grant easements over and across the Lots and Common Areas to the extent necessary or required to provide utilities to the Lots, Common Area and any other property owned by the Declarant; provided, however, that such easements do not unreasonably interfere with the use of any residence for residential purposes. A company or entity, public or private, furnishing utility service to the Property, is granted an easement over the Property, for ingress, egress, meter reading, installation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of utility lines and equipment, and to do anything else necessary to properly maintain and furnish utility service to the Property. Utilities may include, but are not limited to, water, sewer, trash removal, electricity, gas, telephone, electronic communications and internet, master or cable television and security.

10.4 **Subdivision Entry and Fencing Easement.** Declarant reserves for itself and the Association, an easement over and across the Property and any Common Area for the installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of certain subdivision entry facilities, walls, and/or fencing which serves the Property, the Common Area or any other property owned by the Declarant. Declarant shall have the right, from time to time, to Record a written notice which identifies the subdivision entry facilities fencing to which the easement reserved hereunder applies. Declarant may designate all or any portion of the subdivision entry facilities as Common Area by Recorded written notice. The exercise of the easements reserved hereunder shall not extend to permitting entry into any residence, nor shall it unreasonably interfere with the use of any Lot or residence or Improvement constructed thereon.

10.5 **Landscape and Monument Sign Easement.** Declarant hereby reserves for itself and the Association, an easement over and across the Property and the Common Area for the installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of signs, landscaping, and/or monument signs which serve the Property, the Common Area or any other property owned by the Declarant. Declarant shall have the right, from time to time, to Record a written notice, which identifies those portions of the Property, Common Area or property owned by the Declarant to which the

easement reserved hereunder applies. Declarant may designate all or any portion of the easement areas reserved hereunder as Common Area. The exercise of the easements reserved hereunder shall not extend to permitting entry into any residence, nor shall it unreasonably interfere with the use of any Lot or residence or Improvement constructed thereon.

ARTICLE 11 DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

11.1 Development by Declarant. It is contemplated that the Property shall be developed pursuant to a plan, which may, from time to time, be amended or modified. Declarant reserves the right, but shall not be obligated, to pursue the development, construction and marketing of the Property, the right to direct the size, shape, and composition of the Property, the right to create and/or designate Lots and Common Areas and to subdivide all or any portion of the Property pursuant to the terms of this *Section 11.1*, subject to any limitations imposed on portions of the Property by any applicable Plat. These rights may be exercised with respect to any portions of the Property and the Common Area. As each area is developed or dedicated, Declarant may designate the use, classification and such additional covenants, conditions and restrictions as Declarant may deem appropriate for that area.

11.2 Special Declarant Rights. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, at all times, Declarant shall have the right and privilege: (i) to erect and maintain advertising signs (illuminated or non-illuminated), sales flags, other sales devices and banners for the purpose of aiding the sale of Lots in the Property; (ii) to maintain Improvements upon Lots as sales, model, management, business and construction offices; and (iii) to maintain and locate construction trailers and construction tools and equipment within the Property and the Common Area. The construction, placement or maintenance of Improvements by Declarant shall not be considered a nuisance, and Declarant hereby reserves the right and privilege for itself to conduct the activities enumerated in this *Section 11.2* until twenty-four (24) months after expiration or termination of the Development Period.

11.3 Addition of Land. Declarant may, at any time and from time to time, add additional lands to the Property. Upon the Recording of a notice of addition of land, such land shall be considered part of the Property for purposes of this Declaration, and such added lands shall be considered part of the Property subject to this Declaration and the terms, covenants, conditions, restrictions and obligations set forth in this Declaration, and the rights, privileges, duties and liabilities of the persons subject to this Declaration shall be the same with respect to such added land as with respect to the lands originally covered by this Declaration. To add lands to the Property, Declarant shall be required only to Record a notice of addition of land containing the following provisions: (i) a reference to this Declaration, which reference shall state the document number or volume and initial page number where this Declaration is Recorded; (ii) a statement that such land shall be considered Property for purposes of this Declaration, and that all of the terms, covenants, conditions, restrictions and obligations of this Declaration shall apply to the added land; and (iii) a legal description of the added land.

11.4 Withdrawal of Land. Declarant may, at any time and from time to time, reduce or withdraw from the Property, and remove and exclude from the burden of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association any portion of the Property. Upon any such withdrawal and removal, this Declaration and the covenants conditions, restrictions and obligations set forth herein shall no longer apply to the portion of the Property withdrawn. To withdraw lands from the Property hereunder, Declarant shall be required only to Record a notice of withdrawal of land containing the following provisions: (i) a reference to this Declaration, which reference shall state the document number or volume and initial page number where this Declaration is recorded; (ii) a statement that the provisions of this Declaration shall no longer apply to the withdrawn land; and (iii) a legal description of the withdrawn land.

11.5 Notice of Plat Recordation. Declarant may, at any time and from time to time, file a notice of plat recordation (a "Notice of Plat Recordation"). A Notice of Plat Recordation is Recorded for the purpose of more clearly identifying specific Lots subject to the terms and provisions of this Declaration after portions of the Property is made subject to a Plat. Unless otherwise provide in the Notice of Plat Recordation, portions of the Property included in the Plat identified in the Notice of Plat Recordation, but not shown as a residential Lot on such Plat, shall be automatically withdrawn from the terms and provisions of this Declaration (without the necessity of complying with the withdrawal provisions set forth in *Section 11.4*). Declarant shall have no obligation to Record a Notice of Plat Recordation and failure to Record a Notice of Plat Recordation shall in no event remove any portion of the Property from the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

11.6 Assignment of Declarant's Rights. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Declarant may, by written instrument, assign, in whole or in part, any of its privileges, exemptions, rights and duties under this Declaration to any person or entity and may permit the participation, in whole, in part, exclusively, or non-exclusively, by any other person or entity in any of its privileges, exemptions, rights and duties hereunder.

ARTICLE 12 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

12.1 Introduction and Definitions. The Association, the Owners, Declarant, all persons subject to this Declaration, and any person not otherwise subject to this Declaration who agrees to submit to this Article (collectively, the "Parties") agree to encourage the amicable resolution of disputes involving the Property and to avoid the emotional and financial costs of litigation and arbitration if at all possible. Accordingly, each Party hereby covenants and agrees that this Article applies to all Claims as hereafter defined. This *Article 12* may only be amended with the prior written approval of the Declarant, the Association (acting through a Majority of the Board), and Owners holding 100% of the votes in the Association. As used in this Article only, the following words, when capitalized, have the following specified meanings:

- (i) "Claim" means:
 - (A) Claims relating to the rights and/or duties of Declarant, the Association, or an Owner, under the Restrictions.
 - (B) Claims relating to the acts or omissions of the Declarant or the Association during control and administration of the Association, any claim asserted against the ACC, and any claims asserted against the Board or a person serving as a Board member or officer of the Association, or the ACC.
 - (C) Claims relating to the design or construction of Improvements on the Common Areas or Lots located within the Property.
- (ii) "Claimant" means any Party having a Claim against any other Party.
- (iii) "Respondent" means any Party against which a Claim has been asserted by a Claimant.

12.2 Mandatory Procedures. Claimant may not initiate any proceeding before any administrative tribunal seeking redress or resolution of its Claim until Claimant has complied with the procedures of this Article. As provided in *Section 12.8* below, a Claim shall be resolved by binding arbitration.

12.3 Claim Affecting Common Areas. In accordance with *Section 4.12* of this Declaration, the Association does not have the power or right to institute, defend, intervene in, settle, or compromise litigation or administrative proceedings: (i) in the name of or on behalf of any Lot Owner (whether one or more); or (ii) pertaining to a Claim, as defined in *Section 12.1* above, relating to the design or construction of Improvements on a Lot (whether one or more). In the event the Association or a Lot Owner asserts a Claim related to the Common Areas, as a precondition to providing the Notice defined in *Section 12.4*, initiating the mandatory dispute resolution procedures set forth in this *Article 12*, or taking any other action to prosecute a Claim related to the Common Areas, the Association or a Lot Owner, as applicable, shall:

12.3.1 Independent Report on the Condition of the Common Areas. Obtain an independent third-party report (the "Common Area Report") from a licensed professional engineer which: (i) identifies the Common Areas subject to the Claim including the present physical condition of the Common Areas; (ii) describes any modification, maintenance, or repairs to the Common Areas performed by the Lot Owner(s) and/or the Association; and (iii) provides specific and detailed recommendations regarding remediation and/or repair of the Common Areas subject to the Claim. For the purposes of this Section, an independent third-party report is a report obtained directly by the Association or a Lot Owner and paid for by the Association or a Lot Owner, as applicable, and not prepared by a person employed by or

otherwise affiliated with the attorney or law firm that represents or shall represent the Association or a Lot Owner in the Claim. As a precondition to providing the Notice described in *Section 12.4*, the Association or Lot Owner shall provide at least ten (10) days prior written notice of the inspection to each party subject to a Claim which notice shall identify the independent third-party engaged to prepare the Common Area Report, the specific Common Areas to be inspected, and the date and time the inspection shall occur. Each party subject to a Claim may attend the inspection, personally or through an agent. Upon completion, the Common Area Report shall be provided to each party subject to a Claim. In addition, before providing the Notice described in *Section 12.4*, the Association or the Lot Owner, as applicable, shall have permitted each party subject to a Claim the right, for a period of ninety (90) days, to inspect and correct, any condition identified in the Common Area Report.

12.3.2 Claim by the Association - Owner Meeting and Approval. If the Claim is prosecuted by the Association, obtain approval from Members holding sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes in the Association to provide the Notice described in *Section 12.4*, initiate the mandatory dispute resolution procedures set forth in this *Article 12*, or take any other action to prosecute a Claim, which approval from Members shall be obtained at a special meeting of Members called in accordance with the Bylaws. The notice of meeting required hereunder shall be provided pursuant to the Bylaws but the notice shall also include: (i) the nature of the Claim, the relief sought, the anticipated duration of prosecuting the Claim, and the likelihood of success; (ii) a copy of the Common Area Report; (iii) a copy of any proposed engagement letter, with the terms of such engagement between the Association and an attorney to be engaged by the Association to assert or provide assistance with the claim (the "Engagement Letter"); (iv) a description of the attorney fees, consultant fees, expert witness fees, and court costs, whether incurred by the Association directly or for which it may be liable if it is not the prevailing party or that the Association shall be required, pursuant to the Engagement Letter or otherwise, to pay if the Association elects to not proceed with the Claim; (v) a summary of the steps previously taken, and proposed to be taken, to resolve the Claim; (vi) an estimate of the impact on the value of each Lot if the Claim is prosecuted and an estimate of the impact on the value of each Lot after resolution of the Claim; (vii) an estimate of the impact on the marketability of each Lot if the Claim is prosecuted and during prosecution of the Claim, and an estimate of the impact on the value of each Lot during and after resolution of the Claim; (viii) the manner in which the Association proposes to fund the cost of prosecuting the Claim; and (ix) the impact on the finances of the Association, including the impact on present and projected reserves, in the event the Association is not the prevailing party. The notice required by this paragraph shall be prepared and signed by a person other than, and not employed by or otherwise affiliated with, the attorney or law firm that represents or shall represent the Association or Lot Owner, as applicable, in the Claim. In the event Members approve providing the Notice described in *Section 12.4*, or taking any other action to prosecute a Claim, the Members holding a Majority of the votes in the Association, at a special meeting called in accordance with the Bylaws, may elect to discontinue prosecution or pursuit of the Claim.

12.4 Notice. Claimant shall notify Respondent in writing of the Claim (the "Notice"), stating plainly and concisely: (i) the nature of the Claim, including date, time, location, persons

involved, and Respondent's role in the Claim; (ii) the basis of the Claim (i.e., the provision of the Restrictions or other authority out of which the Claim arises); (iii) what Claimant wants Respondent to do or not do to resolve the Claim; and (iv) that the Notice is given pursuant to this Section. For Claims governed by Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code, the time period for negotiation in *Section 12.5* below, is equivalent to the sixty (60) day period under Section 27.004 of the Texas Property Code. If a Claim is subject to Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code, the Claimant and Respondent are advised, in addition to compliance with *Section 12.5*, to comply with the terms and provisions of Section 27.004 during such sixty (60) day period. *Section 12.5* does not modify or extend the time period set forth in Section 27.004 of the Texas Property Code. Failure to comply with the time periods or actions specified in Section 27.004 could affect a Claim if the Claim is subject to Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code. The one hundred and twenty (120) day period for mediation set forth in *Section 12.6* below, is intended to provide the Claimant and Respondent with sufficient time to resolve the Claim in the event resolution is not accomplished during negotiation. If the Claim is not resolved during negotiation, mediation pursuant to *Section 12.6* is required without regard to the monetary amount of the Claim.

If the Claimant is the Association, the Notice shall also include: (a) a true and correct copy of the Common Area Report; (b) a copy of the Engagement Letter; (c) copies of all reports, studies, analyses, and recommendations obtained by the Association related to the Common Area which forms the basis of the Claim; (d) a true and correct copy of the special meeting notice provided to Members in accordance with *Section 12.3.2* above; and (e) reasonable and credible evidence confirming that Members holding sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes in the Association approved providing the Notice. If the Claimant is not the Association and pertains to the Common Areas, the Notice shall also include a true and correct copy of the Common Area Report.

12.5 Negotiation. Claimant and Respondent shall make every reasonable effort to meet in person to resolve the Claim by good faith negotiation. Within sixty (60) days after Respondent's receipt of the Notice, Respondent and Claimant shall meet at a mutually acceptable place and time to discuss the Claim. If the Claim involves all or any portion of the Property, then at such meeting or at some other mutually-agreeable time, Respondent and Respondent's representatives shall have full access to the Property that is subject to the Claim for the purposes of inspecting the Property. If Respondent elects to take corrective action, Claimant shall provide Respondent and Respondent's representatives and agents with full access to the Property to take and complete corrective action.

12.6 Mediation. If the parties negotiate, but do not resolve the Claim through negotiation within one-hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the Notice (or within such other period as may be agreed on by the parties), Claimant shall have thirty (30) additional days within which to submit the Claim to mediation under the auspices of a mediation center or individual mediator on which the parties mutually agree. The mediator shall have at least five (5) years of experience serving as a mediator and shall have technical knowledge or expertise appropriate to the subject matter of the Claim. If Claimant does not submit the Claim to

mediation within the 30-day period, Respondent shall submit the Claim to mediation in accordance with this *Section 12.6*.

12.7 **Termination Of Mediation.** If the Parties do not settle the Claim within thirty (30) days after submission to mediation, or within a time deemed reasonable by the mediator, the mediator shall issue a notice of termination of the mediation proceedings indicating that the Parties are at an impasse and the date that mediation was terminated. Thereafter, Claimant may file suit or initiate arbitration proceedings on the Claim, as appropriate and permitted by this Article.

12.8 **Binding Arbitration-Claims.** All Claims shall be settled by binding arbitration. Claimant or Respondent may, by summary proceedings (e.g., a plea in abatement or motion to stay further proceedings), bring an action in court to compel arbitration of any Claim not referred to arbitration as required by this *Section 12.8*.

12.8.1 **Governing Rules.** If a Claim has not been resolved after mediation as required by *Section 12.6*, the Claim shall be resolved by binding arbitration in accordance with the terms of this *Section 12.8* and the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") or, if the AAA is unable or unwilling to act as the arbitrator, then the arbitration shall be conducted by another neutral reputable arbitration service selected by Respondent in Hays County, Texas. Regardless of what entity or person is acting as the arbitrator, the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the AAA's "Construction Industry Dispute Resolution Procedures" and, if they apply to the disagreement, the rules contained in the Supplementary Procedures for Consumer-Related Disputes. If such Rules have changed or been renamed by the time a disagreement arises, then the successor rules shall apply. Also, despite the choice of rules governing the arbitration of any Claim, if the AAA has, by the time of Claim, identified different rules that would specifically apply to the Claim, then those rules shall apply instead of the rules identified above. In the event of any inconsistency between any such applicable rules and this *Section 12.8*, this *Section 12.8* shall control. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator shall be binding and not subject to appeal, but may be reduced to judgment in any court having jurisdiction. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary or any applicable rules for arbitration, any arbitration with respect to Claims arising hereunder shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) arbitrators, to be chosen as follows: (i) one arbitrator shall be selected by Respondent, in its sole and absolute discretion; (ii) one arbitrator shall be selected by the Claimant, in its sole and absolute discretion; and (iii) one arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement of the arbitrators having been selected by Respondent and the Claimant, in their sole and absolute discretion.

12.8.2 **Exceptions to Arbitration; Preservation of Remedies.** No provision of, nor the exercise of any rights under, this *Section 12.8* shall limit the right of Claimant or Respondent, and Claimant and the Respondent shall have the right during any Claim, to seek, use, and employ ancillary or preliminary remedies, judicial or otherwise, for the purposes of realizing upon, preserving, or protecting upon any property, real or personal, that is involved in a Claim, including, without limitation, rights and remedies relating to: (i) exercising self-help remedies

(including set-off rights); or (ii) obtaining provisions or ancillary remedies such as injunctive relief, sequestration, attachment, garnishment, or the appointment of a receiver from a court having jurisdiction before, during, or after the pendency of any arbitration. The institution and maintenance of an action for judicial relief or pursuit of provisional or ancillary remedies or exercise of self-help remedies shall not constitute a waiver of the right of any party to submit the Claim to arbitration nor render inapplicable the compulsory arbitration provisions hereof.

12.8.3 Statute of Limitations. All statutes of limitation that would otherwise be applicable shall apply to any arbitration proceeding under this *Section 12.8*.

12.8.4 Scope of Award; Modification or Vacation of Award. The arbitrator shall resolve all Claims in accordance with the applicable substantive law. The arbitrator may grant any remedy or relief that the arbitrator deems just and equitable and within the scope of this *Section 12.8* and subject to *Section 12.9* below (attorney's fees and costs may not be awarded by the arbitrator); provided, however, that for a Claim, or any portion of a Claim governed by Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code, or any successor statute, in no event shall the arbitrator award damages which exceed the damages a Claimant would be entitled to under Chapter 27 of the Texas Property Code. In all arbitration proceedings the arbitrator shall make specific, written findings of fact and conclusions of law. In all arbitration proceedings the parties shall have the right to seek vacation or modification of any award that is based in whole, or in part, on (i) factual findings that have no legally or factually sufficient evidence, as those terms are defined in Texas law; (ii) conclusions of law that are erroneous; (iii) an error of federal or state law; or (iv) a cause of action or remedy not expressly provided under existing state or federal law. In no event may an arbitrator award speculative, consequential, or punitive damages for any Claim.

12.8.5 Other Matters. To the maximum extent practicable, an arbitration proceeding hereunder shall be concluded within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the filing of the Claim for arbitration by notice from either party to the other. Arbitration proceedings hereunder shall be conducted in Hays County, Texas. The arbitrator shall be empowered to impose sanctions and to take such other actions as the arbitrator deems necessary to the same extent a judge could pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and Applicable Law. Each party agrees to keep all Claims and arbitration proceedings strictly confidential, except for disclosures of information required in the ordinary course of business of the parties or by Applicable Law or regulation. In no event shall any party discuss with the news media or grant any interviews with the news media regarding a Claim or issue any press release regarding any Claim without the written consent of the other parties to the Claim.

12.9 Allocation Of Costs. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, each party bears all of its own costs incurred prior to and during the proceedings described in the Notice, Negotiation, Mediation, and Arbitration sections above, including its attorney's fees. Respondent and Claimant shall equally divide all expenses and fees charged by the mediator and arbitrator.

12.10 General Provisions. A release or discharge of Respondent from liability to Claimant on account of the Claim does not release Respondent from liability to persons who are not party to Claimant's Claim.

12.11 Period of Limitation.

12.11.1 For Actions by an Owner. The exclusive period of limitation for any of the Parties to bring any Claim, including, but not limited to, a Claim of construction defect or defective design of Improvements on the Common Areas or Lots, shall be the earliest of: (i) for Claims alleging construction defect or defective design, two (2) years and one (1) day from the date that the Owner discovered or reasonably should have discovered evidence of the Claim; (ii) for Claims other than those alleging construction defect or defective design, four (4) years and one (1) day from the date that the Owner discovered or reasonably should have discovered evidence of the Claim.

12.11.2 For Actions by the Association. The exclusive period of limitation for the Association to bring any Claim, including, but not limited to, a Claim of construction defect or defective design of the Common Areas, shall be the earliest of: (i) for Claims alleging construction defect or defective design, two (2) years and one (1) day from the date that the Association or its agents discovered or reasonably should have discovered evidence of the Claim; (ii) for Claims other than those alleging construction defect or defective design of the Common Areas, four (4) years and one (1) day from the date that the Association discovered or reasonably should have discovered evidence of the Claim.

12.12 Funding Arbitration and Litigation. The Association shall levy a Special Assessment to fund the estimated costs of arbitration, including estimated attorney's fees, conducted pursuant to this *Article 12* or any judicial action initiated by the Association. The Association may not use its annual operating income or reserve funds or savings to fund arbitration or litigation, unless the Association's annual budget or a savings account was established and funded from its inception as an arbitration and litigation reserve fund.

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