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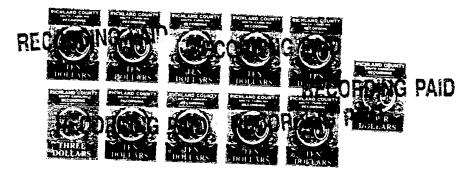
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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS

FOR

WOODCREEK FARMS

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS (this "Declaration") is made as of the date on the signature page hereof by Woodcreek Development Partnership, a South Carolina general partnership (the "Declarant"). Beaver Lake Limited Partnership, a South Carolina limited partnership (the "Additional Land Owner") joins in this Declaration to subject any real property owned by the Additional Land Owner and which is described in Exhibit A to this Declaration.

The Declarant and the Additional Land Owner are the owners of the real property described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated by reference. This Declaration imposes upon the Properties (as defined below) mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of the owners of each portion of the Properties and establishes a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development, administration, maintenance and preservation of the Properties. In furtherance of such plan, this Declaration provides that Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association shall own, operate and maintain Common Areas and administer and enforce the provisions of this Declaration, the By-Laws, and the Design Guidelines (as these terms are defined below).

The Declarant and the Additional Land Cwner hereby declare that all of the property described in Exhibit "A" and any delitional property subjected to this Declaration by Supplemental Declaration (as defined below) shall be held, used and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, which shall run with the title to the real property subjected to this Declaration. This Declaration shall be binding upon all parties having any right, title, or interest in any portion of the Properties, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner of any portion of the Properties.

1. DEFINITIONS

The terms in this Declaration and the Exhibits to this Declaration shall generally be given their natural, commonly accepted definitions except as otherwise specified. Capitalized terms shall be defined as set forth below.

- 1.1. "Area of Common Responsibility": The Common Area, together with such other areas, if any, for which the Association has or assumes responsibility pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration or other applicable covenant, contract, or agreement.
- 1.2. "Articles of Incorporation": The Articles of Incorporation of Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of South Carolina.

- 1.3. "Architectural Control Committee" or "ACC": A committee appointed by the Declarant, or the Board, to supervise compliance with Design Guidelines.
- 1.4. "Association": Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns.
- 1.5. "Board of Directors" or "Board": The board of directors of the Association, as selected in accordance with the By-Laws and South Carolina law, and constituted from time to time.
- 1.6. "Builder": Any Person which purchases (i) one or more Units for the purpose of constructing improvements for later sale to consumers or (ii) one or more parcels of land within the Properties for further subdivision, development, and/or resale in the ordinary course of such Person's business.
- 1.7. "By-Laws": The By-Laws of Woodcreek Farms Home Owners Association, attached as Exhibit "E," as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms of the By-Laws.
- 1.8. "Class "3" Control Period": The period of time during which the Class "B" Member is entitled to appoint a Majority of the members of the Board of Directors as provided in Section 3.2.
- 1.9. "Common Area": All real and personal property, including easements, which the Association cwns, leases or holds possessory or use rights in for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. The term also shall include the Exclusive Common Area, as defined below.
- 1.10. "Common Expenses": The actual and estimated expenses incurred, or anticipated to be incurred, by the Association for the general benefit of all Owners, including any reasonable reserve, as the Board may find necessary and appropriate pursuant to this Declaration, the By-Laws, and the Articles of Incorporation. Common Expenses shall not include any expenses incurred during the Class "B" Control Period for initial development, original construction, installation of infrastructure, original capital improvements, or other original construction costs unless approved by Voting Delegates representing a Majority of the total Class "A" vote of the Association.
- 1.11. "Community-Wide Standard": The standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Properties. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors and/or the Architectural Control Committee.
- 1.12. "Covenant to Share Costs": Any agreement or contract between the Association and an owner or operator of property adjacent to the Properties, including any Non-Association Amenity for the allocation of expenses that benefit both the Association and the owner or operator of such property.

- 1.13. "Declarant": Woodcreek Development Partnership, a South Carolina general partnership, or any successor, successor-in-title, or assign who takes title to any portion of the property described on Exhibits "A" or "B" for the purpose of development and/or sale and who is designated as the Declarant in a recorded instrument executed by the immediately preceding Declarant; provided however, there shall be only one Person entitled to exercise the rights and powers of the "Declarant" hereunder at any one time.
- 1.14. "Declaration": This Declaration, together with all Exhibits, as amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.
- 1.15. "Design Guidelines": The design and construction guidelines and application and review procedures applicable to the Properties promulgated and administered pursuant to Article 9.
- 1.16. "Exclusive Common Area": A portion of the Common Area intended for the exclusive use or primary benefit of one or more, but less than all. Neighborhoods or Units, as more particularly described in Article 2.
- 1.17. "General Assessment": Assessments levied on all Units subject to assessment under Article 8 to fund Common Expenses for the general benefit of all Units, as more particularly described in Sections 8.1 and 8.3.
- 1.18. "Governing Documents": The Declaration, By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, all Supplemental Declarations, the Design Guidelines, use restrictions and rules and regulations of the Association, or any of the above, as each may be amended from time to time.
- 1.19. "Majority": Those votes, Owners, Members, or other group, as the context may require, totaling more than 50% of the total eligible number.
- 1.20. "Master Plan": The land use plan or development plan for "Woodcreek Farms," as such plan may be amended from time to time, which includes the property described on Exhibit "A" and all or a portion of the property described on Exhibit "B" that the Declarant may from time to time anticipate subjecting to this Declaration. Inclusion of property on the Master Plan shall not, under any circumstances, obligate the Declarant to subject such property to this Declaration, nor shall the exclusion of property described on Exhibit "B" from the Master Plan bar its later annexation in accordance with Article 7. The Master Plan is dynamic in nature and subject to modifications and alterations, including modification or elimination of depicted improvements (e.g. recreation areas), due to changing conditions, including financial, and needs as determined by the Declarant and the evolution of the development of the Properties
- 1.21. "Member": A Person vested with a membership in the Association pursuant to Section 3.1.

- 1.22. "Mortgage": A mortgage, a deed of trust, a deed to secure debt, or any other form of security instrument affecting title to any Unit.
 - 1.23. "Mortgagee": A beneficiary or holder of a Mortgage.
- 1.24. "Neighborhood": A separately developed area within the Properties, whether or not governed by a Neighborhood Association (as defined below), in which the Owners of Units may have common interests other than those common to all Members of the Association. For example, and by way of illustration and not limitation, each single-family attached or detached housing development may constitute a separate Neighborhood, or a Neighborhood may be comprised of more than one housing type with other features in common.

Where the context permits or requires, the term Neighborhood shall also refer to the Neighborhood Committee (as defined below), if any, or Neighborhood Association, (as defined below), if any. Neighborhood boundaries shall be established and modified as provided in <u>Section 3.3</u>.

- 1.25. "Neighborhood Assessments": Assessments levied against the Units in a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods to fund Neighborhood Expenses, as described in Sections 8.1 and 8.4.
- 1.26. "Neighborhood Association": Any condominium association or other owners association having concurrent jurisdiction with the Association over any Neighborhood.
- 1.26. "Neighborhood Committee": Any committee created in accordance with Section 3.3 and the By-laws to represent the interests of a Neighborhood.
- 1.27. "Neighborhood Expenses": The actual and estimated expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the Association for the benefit of Owners of Units within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods, which may include a reasonable reserve for capital repairs and replacements, as the Board may specifically authorize from time to time and as may be authorized herein or in Supplemental Declarations applicable to such Neighborhood(s).
- 1.28. "Non-Association Amenity": Certain real property and any improvements and facilities thereon located adjacent to, in the vicinity of, or within the Properties, designated by the Declarant and which are owned and operated by Persons other than the Association for recreational or other purposes on a club membership, daily fee, use fee, public, or private basis or otherwise, and may include, without limitation, any golf course(s) so located and all related and supporting facilities and improvements.
- 1.29. "Owner": One or more Persons who hold the record title to any Unit, but excluding in all cases any party holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. If a Unit is sold under a recorded land sales contract, and

the contract specifically so provides, the purchaser (rather than the fee owner) will be

- 1.30. "Person": A natural person, a corporation, a partnership, a trustee, or any other legal entity.
- 1.31. "Properties": The real property described on Exhibit "A," together with such additional property as is subjected to this Declaration in accordance with Article 7.
- 1.32. "Public Records": The records of the State of South Carolina and/or Richland County, South Carolina.
 - 1.33. "Special Assessment": Assessments levied in accordance with Section 8.6.
- 1.34. "Specific Assessment": Assessments levied in accordance with Section 8.7.
- 1.35. "Supplemental Declaration": An instrument filed in the Public Records which subjects additional property to this Declaration, designates Neighborhoods, and/or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described in such instrument. The term shall also refer to an instrument filed by the Declarant pursuant to Section 3.3(c) which designates Voting Groups.
- 1.36. "Unit": A portion of the Properties, whether improved or unimproved, which may be independently owned and conveyed and which is intended for development, use, and occupancy as an attached or detached residence for a single family. The term shall refer to the land, if any, which is part of the Unicas well as any improvements thereon. The term shall include within its meaning, by way of illustration but not limitation, townhouse units, cluster homes, patio or zero lot line homes, and single-family detached houses on separately platted lots, as well as vacant land intended for development as such, but shall not include Common Area, common property of any Neighborhood Association, or property dedicated to the public. In the case of a building within a condominium or other structure containing multiple dwellings, each dwelling shall be

In the case of a parcel of vacant land or land on which improvements are under construction, the parcel shall be deemed to be a single Unit until such time as a subdivision plat or condominium plat is filed of record on all or a portion of the parcel. Thereafter, the portion encompassed by such plat shall contain the number of Units determined as set forth in the preceding paragraph and any portion not encompassed by such plat shall continue to be treated in accordance with this paragraph.

1.37. "Voting Delegate": The representative selected by the Class "A" Members within each Neighborhood to be responsible for casting all Class "A" votes attributable to Units in the Neighborhood on matters requiring a vote of the membership (except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration and in the By-Laws). The term "Voting

Delegate" shall also refer to any alternate Voting Delegate acting in the absence of a Voting Delegate and any Owner authorized personally to cast the vote for his or her Unit pursuant to Section 3.3(b).

1.38. "Voting Group": One or more Voting Delegates who vote on a common slate for election of directors to the Board of Directors of the Association, as more particularly described in Section 3.3(c) of this Declaration or, if the context so indicates, the group of Members whose Units are represented thereby.

2. PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 2.1. <u>Common Area</u>. Every Owner shall have a right and nonexclusive easement of use, access, and enjoyment in and to the Common Area, which is appurtenant to the title to each Unit, subject to:
 - (a) This Declaration and any other applicable covenants;
- (b) Any restrictions or limitations contained in any deed conveying such property to the Association;
- (c) The right of the Board to adopt, amend and repeal rules regulating the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, including rules limiting the number of guests who may use the Common Area;
- (d) The right of the Board to suspend the right of an Owner to use recreational facilities within the Common Area pursuant to <u>Secon 4.3</u>;
- (e) The right of the Association, acting through the Board, to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Area, subject to such approval requirements as may be set forth in this Declaration;
- (f) The right of the Board to impose reasonable membership requirements and charge reasonable admission or other use fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Area;
- (g) The right of the Board and the Declarant to permit use of any recreational facilities situated on the Common Area by persons other than Owners, their families, lessees and guests upon payment of reasonable use fees, if any, established by the Board;
- (h) The right of the Association, acting through the Board, to mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.

- (i) The rights of certain Owners to the exclusive use of those portions of the Common Area designated "Exclusive Common Areas," as more particularly described in <u>Section 2.2</u>; and
- (j) The right of the Declarant to conduct activities within the Common Area, such as tournaments, charitable events, and promotional events and to restrict Members from using the Common Area during such activities, provided such activities shall be conducted in a manner to minimize (to the extent reasonably possible) any substantial interference with the Members' use and enjoyment of the Common Area and shall not exceed seven consecutive days.

Any Owner may extend his or her right of use and enjoyment to the members of his or her family, lessees, and social invitees, as applicable, subject to reasonable rules and regulations adopted by the Board. An Owner who leases his or her Unit shall be deemed to have assigned all such rights exclusively to the lessee of such Unit during the tenancy of such Lessee.

2.2. Exclusive Common Area. Certain portions of the Common Area may be designated as Exclusive Common Area and reserved for the exclusive use or primary benefit of Owners and occupants of specified Units or Neighborhoods. By way of illustration and not limitation, Exclusive Common Areas may include entry features, recreational facilities, landscaped medians and cul-ue-sacs, ponds, takes and other portions of the Common Area within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods. All costs associated with maintenance, repair, replacement, and insurance of an Exclusive Common Area shall be assessed against the Owners of Units to which the Exclusive Common Areas are assigned either as a Neighborhood Assessment or as a Specific Assessment, as applicable.

Initially, any Exclusive Common Area shall be designated as such, and the exclusive use thereof shall be assigned, in the deed by which the Common Area is conveyed to the Association or on the subdivision plat relating to such Common Area. Thereafter, a portion of the Common Area may be assigned as Exclusive Common Area of particular Units or a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods and Exclusive Common Area may be reassigned by the Board upon the approval of Voting Delegates representing a Majority of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, including, if applicable, a Majority of the Class "A" votes within the Neighborhood(s) to which the Exclusive Common Area is assigned, if previously assigned, and within the Neighborhood(s) to which the Exclusive Common Area is to be assigned or reassigned.

The Association may, upon approval of a Majority of Class "A" votes within the specified area or Neighborhood to which the Exclusive Common Area is assigned, permit Owners of Units in other Neighborhoods to use all or a portion of such Exclusive Common Area in accordance with any use restriction that may be adopted by the Association and payment of reasonable user fees, which fees shall be used to offset the Neighborhood Expenses or Specific Assessments attributable to such Exclusive Common Area.

- 2.3. <u>No Partition</u>. Except as permitted in this Declaration, there shall be no judicial partition of the Common Area. No Person shall seek any judicial partition unless the portion of the Common Area which is the subject of such partition action has been removed from the provisions of this Declaration. This Article shall not prohibit the Board from acquiring and disposing of tangible personal property nor from acquiring and disposing of real property which may or may not be subject to this Declaration.
- 2.4. <u>Condemnation</u>. If any part of the Common Area shall be taken (or conveyed in lieu of and under threat of condemnation by the Board acting on the written direction of Voting Delegates representing at least 67% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and the consent of the Class "B" Member) by any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner shall be entitled to notice of such taking or conveyance prior to disbursement of any condemnation award or proceeds from such conveyance. Such award or proceeds shall be payable to the Association to be disbursed as follows:

If the taking or conveyance involves a portion of the Common Area on which improvements have been constructed, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements on the remaining land included in the Common Area to the extent available, unless within 60 days after such taking, the Board, the Class "B" Member and Voting Delegates representing at least 67% of the total Class "A" vote of the Association shall otherwise agree. Any such construction shall be in accordance with plans approved by the Board. The provisions of Section 6.1(c) regarding funds for the repair of damage or destruction shall apply equally to this Section.

If the taking or conveyance does not involve any improvements on the Common Area, or if a decision is made not to repair or restored confined funds remain after any such restoration or replacement is complete, then such award or net funds shall be disbursed to the Association and used for such purposes as the Board shall determine.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- 3.1. <u>Membership</u>. Every Owner shall be a Member of the Association. There shall be only one membership per Unit. If a Unit is owned by more than one Person, all co-Owners shall share the privileges of such membership, subject to reasonable rules adopted by the Board, if any, and the restrictions on voting set forth in <u>Section 3.2(c)</u> and in the By-Laws, and all such co-Owners shall be jointly and severally obligated to perform the responsibilities of Owners. The membership rights of an Owner which is not a natural person may be exercised by any officer, director, partner or trustee, or by any individual designated from time to time by the Owner in a written instrument delivered to the secretary of the Association.
- 3.2. <u>Voting</u>. The Association shall have two classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B."

(a) Class "A". Class "A" Members shall be all Owners except the Class "B" Member, if any.

Class "A" Members shall have one vote for each Unit in which they hold the interest required for membership under <u>Section 3.1</u>; provided however, there shall be only one vote per Unit and no vote shall be exercised for any property which is exempt from assessment under <u>Section 8.11</u>. All Class "A" votes shall be cast as provided in <u>Section 3.2(c)</u> below.

- (b) <u>Class "B"</u>. The sole Class "B" Member shall be the Declarant. The rights of the Class "B" Member, including the right to approve, or withhold approval of, actions proposed under this Declaration, the By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation, are specified in the relevant sections of this Declaration, the By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation. The Class "B" Member may appoint a Majority of the members of the Board of Directors during the Class "B" Control Period which shall continue until the first to occur of the following:
- (i) when 75% of the total number of Units permitted by the Master Plan for the property described on Exhibits "A" and "B" have certificates of occupancy issued thereon and have been conveyed to Persons other than Builders; or
- (ii) when, in 3 sole discretion, the Class "B" Member so determines.

Until such time as the Class "B" membership terminates, the Declarant shall exercise its rights under the Governing Documents only in good faith in a manner consistent with real estate developm at practices for first class residential communities.

The Class "B" membership shall terminate when the Declarant ceases to own any Unit or interest in any property described on Exhibits "A" and "B"; provided, however, in no event shall the Class "B" membership terminate prior to the end of the Class "B" Control Period. Upon termination of the Class "B" membership, the Declarant shall not be entitled to exercise any rights, other than as a Class "A" Member under the Governing Documents, with all of other rights of the Declarant being deemed assigned to, and fully exercisable by, the Board.

(c) Additional Classes. The Declarant may, by Supplemental Declaration, create additional classes of membership for the owners of Units within any additional property made subject to this Declaration pursuant to Article 7, with such rights, privileges and obligations as may be specified in such Supplemental Declaration, in recognition of the different character and intended use of the property subject to such Supplemental Declaration; provided, however, nothing contained in any such Supplemental Declaration shall expand the rights or privileges of such additional classes of members beyond the rights or privileges generally granted to Class "A" Members (except within the Neighborhoods in which such additional members own Units).

(d) Exercise of Voting Rights. Except as otherwise specified in this Declaration or the By-Laws, the vote for each Unit owned by a Class "A" Member shall be exercised by the Voting Delegate representing the Neighborhood of which the Unit is a part, as provided in Section 3.3(b). The Voting Delegate may cast all such votes as it, in its discretion, deems appropriate. No vote shall be exercised on behalf of any Unit if any assessment for such Unit is delinquent.

In any situation where a Member is entitled personally to exercise the vote for his or her Unit and there is more than one Owner of such Unit, the vote for such Unit shall be exercised as the co-Owners determine among themselves and advise the secretary of the Association in writing prior to the vote being taken. Absent such advice, the Unit's vote shall be suspended if more than one Person seeks to exercise it.

3.3. Neighborhoods, Voting Delegates and Voting Groups.

(a) <u>Neighborhoods</u>. Every Unit shall be located within a Neighborhood; provided however, unless and until additional Neighborhoods are established, the Properties shall consist of one Neighborhood. The Declarant may establish Neighborhoods within the Properties by designation on <u>Exhibit "A"</u> to this Declaration, a Supplemental Declaration, or a plat. The Board may, by Supplemental Declaration, with the consent of the Class B Member, establish Neighborhoods within the Properties from time to time, to redesignate Neighborhood boundaries or the remove property from a specific Neighborhood.

The Owner(s) of a Majority of the total number of Units within any Neighborhood may at any time petition the Board of Directors to divide the property comprising the Neighborhood into two or more Neighborhoods. Such attition shall be in writing and shall include a survey of the entire parcel which indicates the proposed boundaries of the new Neighborhoods or otherwise identifies the Units to be included within the proposed Neighborhoods. Such petition shall be deemed granted 30 days following the filing of all required documents with the Board unless the Board of Directors denies such application in writing within such 30 day period. The Board may deny an application only upon determination that there is no reasonable basis for distinguishing between the areas proposed to be divided into separate Neighborhoods. All applications and copies of any denials shall be filed with the books and records of the Association and shall be maintained as long as this Declaration is in effect.

The Units within a particular Neighborhood may be subject to additional covenants and/or Owners may all be members of a Neighborhood Association in addition to the Association. However, a Neighborhood Association shall not be required except in the case of a condominium or otherwise as required by law. Any Neighborhood which does not have a Neighborhood Association may, but shall not be obligated to, elect a Neighborhood Committee, as described in the By-Laws, to represent the interests of Owners of Units in such Neighborhood.

Any Neighborhood may request that the Association provide a higher level of service or special services for the benefit of Units in such Neighborhood and, upon the affirmative vote, consent, or a combination thereof, of Owners of a Majority of the Units within the Neighborhood, the Association may, in its sole discretion, provide the requested services. The cost of such services, which may include a reasonable administrative charge in such amount as the Board deems appropriate (provided any such administrative charge shall apply at a uniform rate per Unit to all Neighborhoods receiving the same service), shall be assessed against the Units within such Neighborhood as a Neighborhood Assessment pursuant to Article 8 hereof.

Voting Delegates. The Owners within each Neighborhood shall elect a Voting Delegate who shall be responsible for casting all votes attributable to Units owned by Class "A" Members in the Neighborhood on all Association matters requiring a membership vote, except as otherwise specified in this Declaration or the By-Laws; provided, however, in the event any neighborhood has more than 100 Units (excluding Units owned by the Declarant or a Builder), such Neighborhood shall elect three (3) Voting Delegates, with the decision of a Majority to be binding on all Voting Delegates for such Neighborhood. In addition, each Neighborhood shall elect an alternate Voting Delegate who shall be responsible for casting such votes in the absence of the Voting Delegate. The Voting Delegate and alternate Voting Delegate from each Neighborhood shall be elected or, an annual basis, either by written ballot cast by mail or at a meeting of the Class "A" Members within such Neighborhood, as the Board determines; provided however, upon petition signed by Class "A" Members holding at least 10% of the votes attributable to Units within any Neighborhood, the election for such Neighborhood shall be held at a meeting. The presence, in person or by proxy, of Class "A" Members representing at least 30% of the total Class "A" votes attributable to Units in the Neighborhood shall constitute a quorum at any Neighborhood meeting.

The Board shall call for the first election of Voting Delegates not later than when 50% of the Units permitted under the Master Plan have been conveyed to Persons other than Builders; provided however, the first election of a Voting Delegate for any Neighborhood shall not be required until at least 75% of the Units planned for such Neighborhood have been conveyed to Persons other than Builders. Subsequent elections within each Neighborhood shall be held annually within 30 days of the date of the first election. Each Class "A" Member who owns a Unit within the Neighborhood shall be entitled to cast one equal vote per Unit owned. The candidate who ecceives the greatest number of votes shall be elected as Voting Delegate and the candidate receiving the next greatest number of votes shall be elected as the alternate Voting Delegate. The Voting Delegate and the alternate Voting Delegate shall serve a term of one year and until their successors are elected.

Any Voting Delegate or alternate Voting Delegate may be removed, with or without cause, upon the vote or petition of Owners of a Majority of the total number of Units owned by Class "A" Members in the Neighborhood which the Voting Delegate or alternate Voting Delegate represents. Upon removal of a Voting Delegate or an

alternate, a successor shall be elected by the Owners of Units within the Neighborhood to fill the vacancy for the remainder of such delegate's term.

Until such time as the Board first calls for election of a Voting Delegate for any Neighborhood, the Owners within such Neighborhood shall be entitled personally to cast the votes attributable to their respective Units on any issue requiring a vote of the Voting Delegates under this Declaration, the By-Laws, or the Articles of Incorporation.

(c) <u>Voting Groups</u>. The Board may designate Voting Groups consisting of one or more Neighborhoods for the purpose of electing directors to the Board. The designation of Voting Groups, if any, shall be to promote representation on the Board of Directors for various groups having dissimilar interests and to avoid a situation in which the Voting Delegates representing similar Neighborhoods are able, due to the number of Units in such Neighborhoods, to elect the entire Board of Directors, excluding representation of others. The number of Voting Groups within the Properties shall not exceed one-half of the total number of directors to be elected by the Class "A" Members pursuant to the By-Laws. The Voting Delegates representing the Neighborhoods within each Voting Group shall be entitled to elect one director.

The Board shall have the right to amend any designation of Voting Groups as provided above and the Board shall have the right to file or amend any Supplemental Declaration for the purpose of designating Voting Groups. Nether recordation nor amendment of such Supplemental Declaration shall constitute an amendment to this Declaration, and no consent or approval of any Person shall be required except as stated in this paragraph.

4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSCRIATION

- 4.1. <u>Function of Association</u>. The Association shall be the entity responsible for management, maintenance, operation and control of the Area of Common Responsibility and all improvements thereon. The Association shall be the primary entity responsible for enforcement of this Declaration and such reasonable rules regulating use of the Properties as the Board may adopt pursuant to <u>Article 10</u>. The Association shall also be responsible for administering and enforcing the architectural standards and controls set forth in this Declaration and in the Design Guidelines. The Association shall perform its functions in accordance with the Governing Documents and the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- 4.2. Personal Property and Real Property for Common Use. The Association, through action of its Board, may acquire, hold, and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property and real property. The Declarant and its designees may convey to the Association improved or unimproved real estate, or interests in real estate, located within the properties described in Exhibits "A" or "B," personal property and leasehold and other property interests. Such property shall be accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense for the benefit of its Members. Upon request of the Declarant, the Association shall reconvey to Declarant any

unimproved portions of the Properties originally conveyed by the Declarant to the Association for no consideration, to the extent conveyed by the Declarant in error or needed by the Declarant to make adjustments in property lines.

- 4.3. <u>Enforcement.</u> The Board, or the covenants committee if established, may impose sanctions for violation of this Declaration, the By-Laws, any Supplemental Declaration, or any rule or regulation, after compliance with the notice and hearing procedures set forth in the By-Laws. Such sanctions may include, without limitation:
- (a) imposing reasonable monetary fines which shall constitute a lien upon the Unit of the violator (In the event that any occupant, guest or invitee of a Unit violates the Declaration, the By-Laws, the Supplemental Declaration, or any rule or regulation and a fine is imposed, the fine shall first be assessed against the occupant; previded however, if the fine is not paid by the occupant within the time period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Board.);
 - (b) suspending an Owner's right to vote;
- (c) suspending any Person's right to use any recreational facilities within the Common Area; provided however, nothing herein shall authorize the Board to limit ingress or egress to or from a Unit;
- (d) suspending any services provided by the Association to an Owner or the Owner's Unit if the Owner is more than 30 days delinquent in paying any assessment or other charge owed to the Association; and
- (e) levying Specific Assessments to cover costs incurred in bringing a Unit into compliance in accordance with <u>Section 8.7(b)</u>.

In addition, the Board, or the covenants committee if established, may elect to enforce any provision of the Governing Documents by self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules and the removal of pets that are in violation of pet rules) or by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity of compliance with the procedures set forth in <u>Article 14</u> or in the By-Laws.

All remedies set forth in the Governing Documents shall be cumulative of any remedies available at law or in equity. In any action to enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents, if the Association prevails, it shall be entitled to recover all costs, including, without limitation, attorneys fees and court costs, reasonably incurred in such action.

The Association shall not be obligated to take action to enforce any covenant, restriction, or rule of the Governing Documents which the Board in the exercise of its business judgment determines is, or is likely to be construed as, inconsistent with applicable law, or in any case in which the Board reasonably determines that the

Association's position is not strong enough to justify taking enforcement action. Any such determination shall not be construed a waiver of the right of the Association to enforce such provision under any circumstances or estop the Association from enforcing any other covenant, restriction or rule.

The Association, by contract or other agreement, may enforce county and city ordinances, if applicable, and permit local governments to enforce ordinances on the Properties for the benefit of the Association and its Members.

- 4.4. <u>Implied Rights; Board Authority</u>. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration or the By-Laws, or reasonably implied from or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration, the By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or by law, all rights and powers of the Association may be exercised by the Board without a vote of the membership.
- 4.5. <u>Governmental Interests</u>. The Declarant may designate sites within the Properties for fire, police, and utility facilities, public schools and parks, streets, and other public or quasi-public facilities. The sites may include Common Areas, in which case the Association shall take whatever action is required with respect to such site to permit such use, including conveyance of the site, if so directed by the Declarant. The sites may include other property not owned by the Declarant provided the owner consents.
- 4.6. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Association shall indemnify every efficer, director, and committee member against all damages and expenses, including attorneys fees, reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which he or she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director, or committee member, except that such obligation to indemnify shall be limited to those actions for which liability is limited under this Section, the Articles of Incorporation and South Carolina law.

The officers, directors, and committee members shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made or action taken in good faith on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be Members of the Association). The Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer, director and committee member harmless from any and all liability to others on account of any such contract, commitment or action. This right to indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any present or former officer, director, or committee member may be entitled. The Association shall, as a Common Expense, maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such insurance is reasonably available.

- 4.7. <u>Dedication</u>. The Association may dedicate appropriate portions of the common area to be utilized for roadways, or drainage or utility easements, to Richland County, South Carolina, or to any other local, state, or federal governmental or quasi-governmental entity.
- Security. The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, maintain or 4.8. support certain activities within the Properties designed to make the Properties safer than they otherwise might be. Neither the Association, the original Declarant, nor any successor Declarant shall in any way be considered insurers or guarantors of security within the Properties, nor shall any of them 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 fire protection system, burglar alarm system or other security system or measures, including any mechanism or system for limiting access to the Properties, can not be compromised or circumvented. nor that any such systems or security measures undertaken will in all cases prevent loss or provide the detection or protection for which the system is designed or intended. Each Owner acknowledges, understands and covenants to inform its tenants and all occupants of its Unit that the Association, its Board of Directors and committees, the Declarant, and any successor Declarant are not insurers and that each Person using the Properties assumes all risks of personal injury and loss or damage to property, including Units and the contents of Units, resulting from acts of third parties.
- 4.9. <u>Utility Lines</u>. Each Owner, occupant, guest, and invitee acknowledges that neither the Association, the Board nor the Declarant shall in any way be considered insurers or guarantors of health within the Properties and neither the Association, the Board, nor the Declarant shall be held liable for any personal injury, illness or any other loss or damage caused by the presence or malfunction of utility lines or utility sub-stations adjacent to, near, over, or on the Properties. Each Owner, occupant, guest, and invitee assumes all risk of personal injury, illness, or other loss or damage arising from the presence of utility lines or utility sub-stations and further acknowledges that neither the Declarant nor the Association have made any representations or warranties, nor has any Owner, occupant, guest, or invitee relied upon any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, relative to the condition or impact of utility lines or utility sub-stations.
- 4.10. Relationship With Tax-Exempt Organizations. The Declarant or the Association may create, enter into agreements or contracts with, or grant exclusive and/or non-exclusive easements over the Common Area to non-profit, tax-exempt organizations for the benefit of the Properties. The Association may contribute money, real or personal property or services to any such entity. Any such contribution shall be a Common Expense and included as a line item in the Association's annual budget. For the purposes of this Section a "tax-exempt organization" shall mean an entity which is exempt from federal income taxes under the Internal Revenue Code, including but not limited to, Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) thereof.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1. Association's Responsibility.

- (a) The Association shall maintain and keep in good condition, order and repair the Area of Common Responsibility, which may include, but need not be limited to:
 - (i) Common Area;
- (ii) all landscaping and other flora, parks, takes, ponds, structures, and improvements, including any private streets, sidewalks, bike and pedestrian pathways/trails, situated upon the Common Area:
- (iii) all furnishings, equipment and other personal property of the Association;
- (iv) any landscaping and other flora, parks, pedestrian pathways/trails, sidewalks, structures and improvements within public rights-of-way within or abutting the Properties or upon such other public land adjacent to the Properties as deemed necessary in the discretion of the Board;
- (v) such portions of any additional property included within the Area of Common Responsibility as may be dictated by this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, any Covenant to Share Costs, or any contract or agreement for maintenance thereof entered into by the Association;
- (vi) all ponds, lakes. Treams and/or wetlands located within the Properties which serve as part of the drainage and storm water retention system for the Properties, including any retaining walls, bulkheads or dams (earthen or otherwise) retaining water therein, and any foundains, lighting, pumps, conduits, and similar equipment installed therein or used in connection therewith; and
- (vii) any property and facilities owned by the Declarant and made available, on a temporary or permanent basis, for the primary use and enjoyment of the Association and its Members, such property and facilities to be identified by notice from the Declarant to the Association and to remain a part of the Area of Common Responsibility and be maintained by the Association until such time as the Declarant revokes such privilege of use and enjoyment by notice to the Association.

The Association may, as a Common Expense, maintain other property which it does not own, including, without limitation, property dedicated to the public, or provide maintenance or services related to such property over and above the level being provided by the property owner, if the Board of Directors determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard.

(b) The Association shall maintain the facilities and equipment within the Area of Common Responsibility in continuous operation, except for any periods necessary, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, to perform required maintenance or repairs, unless Members holding 67% of the Class "A" votes in the Association and the Class "B" Member, if any, agree in writing to discontinue such operation.

Except as provided above, the Area of Common Responsibility shall not be reduced by amendment of this Declaration or any other means except with the consent of the Class "B" Member.

- (c) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of the Area of Common Responsibility shall be a Common Expense to be allocated among all Units as part of the General Assessment, without prejudice to the right of the Association to seek reimbursement from the owner(s) of, or other Persons responsible for, certain portions of the Area of Common Responsibility pursuant to this Declaration, the Covenant to Share Costs, other recorded covenants, or agreements with the owner(s) thereof. All costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of Exclusive Common Areas shall be a Neighborhood Expense assessed as a Neighborhood Assessment solely against the Units within the Neighborhood(s) to which the Exclusive Common Areas are assigned, or a Specific Assessment against the particular Units to which the Exclusive Common Areas are assigned, notwithstanding that the Association may be responsible for performing such maintenance hereunder.
- 5.2. Owner's Responsibility. Each Owner shall maintain his or her Unit, and all structures, parking areas, and other improvements comprising the Unit in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and applicable covenants, unless such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to the Association or a Neighborhood Association. In addition to any other enforcement rights, if an Owner fails properly to perform his or her maintenance responsibility, the Association may perform such maintenance responsibilities and assess all costs incurred by the Association against the Unit and the Owner in accordance with Section 8.7. The Association shall afford the Owner reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the problem prior to entry, except when entry is required due to an emergency situation.
- 5.3. Neighborhood's Responsibility. Upon resolution of the Board of Directors, the Owners of Units within each Neighborhood shall be responsible for paying, through Neighborhood Assessments, the costs of operating, maintaining and insuring certain portions of the Area of Common Responsibility within or adjacent to such Neighborhood. This may include, without limitation, the costs of maintaining any signage, entry features, right-of-way and greenspace between the Neighborhood and adjacent public roads, private streets within the Neighborhood, and lakes or ponds within the Neighborhood, regardless of ownership and regardless of the fact that such maintenance may be performed by the Association; provided however, all Neighborhoods which are similarly situated shall be treated the same.

Any Neighborhood Association having responsibility for maintenance within a particular Neighborhood pursuant to additional covenants applicable to such Neighborhood shall perform such maintenance responsibility in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. If it fails to do so, the Association may perform such responsibilities and assess the costs as a Specific Assessment against all Units within such Neighborhood as provided in <u>Section 8.7</u>.

5.4. Standard of Performance. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in other instruments creating and assigning such maintenance responsibility, responsibility for maintenance shall include responsibility for repair and replacement, as necessary. All maintenance shall be performed in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all applicable covenants. The Association, and/or an Owner and/or a Neighborhood Association shall not be liable for any damage or injury occurring on, or arising out of the condition of, property which it does not own except to the extent that it has been negligent in the performance of its maintenance responsibilities.

5.5. Party Walls and Similar Structures.

- (a) <u>General Rules of Law to Apply</u>. Each wall, fence, driveway or similar structure built as a part of the original construction on the Units which serves and/or separates any two adjoining Units shall constitute a party structure. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.
- (b) <u>Sharing of Repair and Maintenance</u>. The count of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party structure shall be shared equally by the Owners who make use of the party structure.
- (c) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. If a party structure is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, then to the extent that such damage is not covered by insurance and repaired out of the proceeds of insurance, any Owner who has used the structure may restore it. If other Owners thereafter use the structure, they shall contribute to the restoration cost in equal proportions. However, such contribution will not prejudice the right to call for a larger contribution from the other users under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.
- (d) Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Section shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors-in-title.
- (e) <u>Disputes</u>. Any dispute arising concerning a party structure shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of <u>Article 14</u>.

5.6. Covenant to Share Costs. Adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Properties, there may be certain residential or nonresidential areas, including without limitation single family residential developments, retail, commercial, or business areas and Non-Association Amenities, which are not subject to this Declaration and which are neither Units nor Common Area as defined in this Declaration (hereinafter "adjacent properties"). The owners of such adjacent properties shall not be Members of the Association and shall not be entitled to vote, nor shall they be subject to assessment under Article 8.

The Association may enter into agreements with the owners of portions of the adjacent properties which obligate the owners of such adjacent properties to share in certain costs associated with the maintenance, repair, replacement and insuring of portions of the Area of Common Responsibility, if any, which are used by or benefit jointly the owners of such adjacent properties and the owners within the Properties or which obligate the Association to share in certain costs associated with the maintenance, repair, replacement and insuring of portions of such adjacent properties, if any, which are used by or benefit jointly the owners of such adjacent properties and the owners within the Properties. The owners of such adjacent properties shall be subject to assessment by the Association in accordance with the provisions of such agreement(s). The owners of the adjacent properties shall not be subject to the restrictions contained in this Declaration except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

6. INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES

6.1. Association Insurance.

- (a) Required Coverages. The Association, acting through its Board or its duly authorized agent, shall obtain and continue in effect the following types of insurance, if reasonably available, or if not reasonably available, the most nearly equivalent coverages as are reasonably available:
- (i) Blanket property insurance covering "risks of direct physical loss" on a "special form" basis (or comparable coverage by whatever name denominated) for all insurable improvements on the Common Area, if any, and on other portions of the Area of Common Responsibility to the extent that it has assumed responsibility for maintenance, repair and/or replacement in the event of a casualty. If such coverage is not generally available at reasonable cost, then "broad form" coverage may be substituted. The Association shall have the authority to and interest in insuring any property for which it has maintenance or repair responsibility, regardless of ownership. All property insurance policies obtained by the Association shall have policy limits sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of the insured improvements;
- (ii) Commercial general liability insurance on the Area of Common Responsibility, insuring the Association and its Members for damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its Members, employees, agents, or contractors while acting on its behalf. If generally available at reasonable cost, the

commercial general liability coverage (including primary and any umbrella coverage) shall have a limit of at least \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, provided should additional coverage and higher limits be available at reasonable cost which a reasonably prudent person would obtain, the Association shall obtain such additional coverages or limits;

- (iii) Workers compensation insurance and employers liability insurance, if and to the extent required by law;
- (iv) Directors and officers liability coverage, after termination of the Class "B" Control Period;
- (v) Fidelity insurance covering all Persons responsible for handling Association funds in an amount determined in the Board's best business judgment but not less than an amount equal to one-sixth of the annual General Assessments on all Units plus reserves on hand. Fidelity insurance policies shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of Persons serving without compensation; and
- (vi) Such additional insurance as the Board, in its best business judgment, determines advisable, which may include, without limitation, fleod insurance, boiler and machinery insurance, and building ordinance coverage.

In addition, the Association may obtain and maintain property insurance on the insurable improvements within any Neighborhood in such amounts and with such coverages as the Owners in such Neighborhood may agree upon pursuant to Section 3.3(a). Any such policies shall provide for a certificate of insurance to be furnished to the Neighborhood Association or Neighborhood applicable, and to the Owner of each Unit insured.

Premiums for all insurance on the Area of Common Responsibility shall be Common Expenses and shall be included in the General Assessment, except that (i) premiums for property insurance obtained on behalf of a Neighborhood shall be charged to the Owners of Units within the benefitted Neighborhood as a Neighborhood Assessment; and (ii) premiums for insurance on Exclusive Common Areas may be included in the Neighborhood Assessment of the Neighborhood(s) benefitted unless the Board of Directors reasonably determines that other treatment of the premiums is more appropriate. The Association shall have no insurance responsibility for any portion of the Non-Association Amenities.

(b) <u>Policy Requirements</u>. The Association shall arrange for an annual review of the sufficiency of insurance coverage by one or more qualified Persons, at least one of whom must be familiar with insurable replacement costs in the metropolitan Columbia, South Carolina area.

All Association policies shall provide for a certificate of insurance to be furnished to each Member insured and to the Association.

The policies may contain a reasonable deductible and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the policy limits satisfy the requirements of Section 6.1(a). In the event of an insured loss, the deductible shall be treated as a Common Expense or a Neighborhood Expense in the same manner as the premiums for the applicable insurance coverage. However, if the Board reasonably determines, after notice and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with the By-Laws, that the loss is the result of the negligence or willful misconduct of one or more Owners, their guests, invitees, or lessees, then the Board may specifically assess the full amount of such deductible against such Owner(s) and their Units pursuant to Section 8.7.

All insurance coverage obtained by the Board shall:

- (i) be written with a company authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina which satisfies the requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association, or such other secondary mortgage market agencies or federal agencies as the Board deems appropriate;
- (ii) be written in the name of the Association as trustee for the benefitted parties. Policies on the Common Areas shall be for the benefit of the Association and its Members. Policies secured on behalf of a Neighborhood shall be for the benefit of the Owners of Units within the Neighborhood and their Mortgagees, as their interests may appear;
- (iii) not be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by Owners, occupants, or their Mortgagees individually;
 - (iv) contain an inflation guard endorsement; and
- (v) include an agreed amount endorsement, if the policy contains a co-insurance clause.

In addition, the Board shall use reasonable efforts to secure insurance policies which list the Owners as additional insureds and provide:

- (i) a waiver of subrogation as to any claims against the Association's Board, officers, employees, and its manager, the Owners and their tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
- (ii) a waiver of the insurer's rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;
- (iii) an endorsement precluding cancellation, invalidation, suspension, or non-renewal by the insurer on account of any one or more individual Owners, or on account of any curable defect or violation without prior written demand

to the Association to cure the defect or violation and allowance of a reasonable time to cure:

- (iv) an endorsement excluding Owners' individual policies from consideration under any "other insurance" clause;
- (v) an endorsement requiring at least 30 days' prior notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification, or non-renewal;
 - (vi) a cross liability provision; and
- (vii) a provision vesting in the Board exclusive authority to adjust losses; provided however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related to the loss.
- (c) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. Immediately after damage or destruction to all or any part of the Properties covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board or its duly authorized agent shall file and adjust all insurance claims and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the condition in which it existed prior to the damage, allowing for changes or improvements necessitated by changes in ap. Cable building codes.

Any damage to or destruction of the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Voting Delegates representing at least 67% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, and the Class "B" Member, if any, decide within 60 days after the loss not to repair or reconstruct.

If either the insurance proceeds or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not available to the Association within such 60-day period, then the period shall be extended until such funds or information are available. However, such extension shall not exceed 60 additional days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction to the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed.

If determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction to the Common Area shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, the affected property shall be cleared of all debris and ruins and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Any insurance proceeds remaining after paying the costs of repair or reconstruction, or after such settlement as is necessary and appropriate, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association or the Neighborhood, as appropriate, and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of Mortgagees and may be enforced by the Mortgagee of any affected Unit.

If insurance proceeds are insufficient to cover the costs of repair or reconstruction, the Board of Directors may, without a vote of the Voting Delegates, levy Special Assessments to cover the shortfall against those Owners responsible for the premiums for the applicable insurance coverage under <u>Section 6.1(a)</u>.

6.2. Owners' Insurance. By virtue of taking title to a Unit, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association to carry property insurance for the full replacement cost of all insurable improvements on his or her Unit, less a reasonable deductible, unless either the Neighborhood Association (if any) for the Neighborhood in which the Unit is located or the Association carries such insurance (which they may, but are not obligated to do hereunder). If the Association assumes responsibility for obtaining any insurance coverage on behalf of Owners, the premiums for such insurance shall be levied as a Specific Assessment against the benefitted Unit and the Owner thereof pursuant to Section 8.7.

Each Owner further covenants and agrees that in the event of damage to or destruction of structures on or comprising his Unit, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Article 9. Alternatively, the Owner shall clear the Unit of all debris and ruins and maintain the Unit in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Owner shall pay any costs which are not covered by insurance proceeds.

The requirements of this Section shall apply to any Neighborhood Association responsible for common property within the Neighborhood in the same manner as if the Neighborhood Association were an Owner and the common property were a Unit. Additional recorded covenants applicable to any Neighborhood may establish more stringent requirements for insurance and more stringent standards for rebuilding or reconstructing structures on the Units within such Neighborhood and for clearing and maintaining the Units in the event the structures are not rebuilt or reconstructed.

7. ANNEXATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PROPERTY

7.1. <u>Annexation Without Approval of Membership</u>. Until 40 years after the recording of this Declaration in the Public Records, the Declarant may from time to time unilaterally subject to the provisions of this Declaration all or any portion of the real property described in <u>Exhibit "B."</u> The Declarant may transfer or assign this right to annex property, provided that the transferee or assignee is the developer of at least a portion of the real property described in <u>Exhibits "A" or "B"</u> and that such transfer is memorialized in a written, recorded instrument executed by the Declarant.

Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing a Supplemental Declaration in the Public Records describing the property being annexed. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of Voting Delegates, but shall require the consent of the owner of such property, if other than the Declarant. Any such annexation

shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplemental Declaration unless

Nothing in this Declaration or any plans or schemes which may have been brought to the attention of any party through public hearings, public documents, proposed or preliminary development plans or any other related document or source shall be construed to require the Declarant or any successor to annex or develop any of the property set forth in Exhibit "B" in any manner whatsoever.

Annexation With Approval of Membership. The Association may annex any real property to the provisions of this Declaration with the consent of the owner of such property, the affirmative vote of Voting Delegates representing a Majority of the Class "A" votes of the Association represented at a meeting duly called for such purpose, and the consent of the Class "B" Member.

Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing a Supplemental Declaration describing the property being annexed in the Public Records. Any such Supplemental Declaration shall be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Association, and by the owner of the annexed property, and by the Declarant, if the Declarant's consent is required. Any such annexation shall be effective upon filing unless otherwise provided

- Withdrawal of Property. The Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration for the purpose of removing tracts or parcels described in Exhibit A herein from this Declaration, provided that (i) no structure shall be placed, erected, or installed upon and no improvements (including staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work, exterior alteration of existing improvements, and planting or removing of landscaping from) shall take place on any property without under this Section 7.3, without the approval of the ACC, with such approval not to be unreasonably withheld so long as the improvements incorporate architectural features and building materials to assure that the same will be aesthetically compatible with the Properties (ii) to the extent reasonably required by the ACC, such withdrawn property shall have entrance features. buffer areas and landscaping along exterior roadways that are generally consistent with the appearance of the Properties from roadways and (iii) the Declarant shall further restrict such withdrawn property to prohibit use for apartments or similar multi-family facilities where a majority of the units are available for rental or other transient utilization, including timeshare ownership. Such amendment shail not require the consent of any Person other than the Owner of the property to be withdrawn, if not the Declarant.
- Additional Covenants and Easements. The Declarant may unilaterally subject any portion of the Properties to additional covenants and easements, including covenants obligating the Association to maintain and insure such property on behalf of the Owners and obligating such Owners to pay the costs incurred by the Association through Neighborhood Assessments. Such additional covenants and easements shall be set forth in a Supplemental Declaration filed either concurrent with or after the annexation of the subject property, and shall require the consent of the owner(s) of such

property, if other than the Declarant. Any such Supplemental Declaration may supplement, create exceptions to, or otherwise modify the terms of this Declaration as it applies to the subject property in order to reflect the different character and intended use of such property.

- 7.5. Restrictions on Unannexed Land. Notwithstanding the above, in the event the Declarant does not subject all portions of the property described in Exhibit "B" to this Declaration, the Declarant shall restrict such properties to provide that no structure shall be placed, erected, or installed upon and no improvements shall take place on any unannexed land without the approval of the ACC, provided that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld so long as the improvements incorporate architectural features and building materials to assure that the same will be aesthetically compatible with the Properties.
- 7.6. <u>Amendment</u>. This Article shall not be amended without the prior consent of the Class "B" Member.

8. ASSESSMENTS

8.1. <u>Creation of Assessments</u>. There are hereby created assessments for Association expenses as the Board may specifically authorize from time to time. There shall be four types of assessments: (a) General Assessments to fund Common Expenses for the general benefit of all Units; (b) Neighborhood Assessments for Neighborhood Expenses benefitting only Units within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods; (c) Special Assessments as described in <u>Section 8.6</u>; and (d) Specific Assessments as described in <u>Section 8.7</u>. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or entering into a contract of sale for any portion of the Properties, is decided to covenant and agree to pay these assessments.

All assessments, together with interest, late charges, costs of collection, and reasonable attorneys fees, shall be a charge and continuing lien upon each Unit against which the assessment is made until paid, as more particularly provided in Section 8.8. Each such assessment, together with interest, late charges, costs, and reasonable attorneys fees, also shall be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Unit at the time the assessment arose. Upon a transfer of title to a Unit, the grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for any assessments and other charges due at the time of conveyance. However, no first Mortgagee who obtains title to a Unit by exercising the remedies provided in its Mortgage shall be liable for unpaid assessments which accrued prior to such acquisition of title.

The Association shall, upon request, furnish to any Owner liable for any type of assessment a statement signed by an Association officer setting forth whether such assessment has been paid. Such statement shall be conclusive evidence of payment. The Association may require the advance payment of a reasonable processing fee for the issuance of such statement.

Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as the Board may establish, which may include discounts for early payment or similar time/price differentials. The Board may require advance payment of assessments at closing of the transfer of title to a Unit and impose special requirements for Owners with a history of delinquent payment. If the Board so elects, assessments may be paid in two or more installments. Unless the Board otherwise provides, the General Assessment and any Neighborhood Assessment shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of each fiscal year. If any Owner is delinquent in paying any assessments or other charges levied on his Unit, the Board may require any unpaid installments of all outstanding assessments to be paid in full immediately. Any assessment or installment thereof shall be considered delinquent on the 15th day following the due date unless otherwise specified by Board resolution.

No Owner may exempt himself from liability for assessments by non-use of Common Area, including Exclusive Common Area reserved for such Owner's use, abandonment of his Unit, or any other means. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. No diminution or abatement of assessments or set-off shall be claimed or allowed for any alleged failure of the Association or Board to take some action or perform some function required of it, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements, or from any other action it takes.

The Association is specifically authorized to enter into subsidy contracts or contracts for "in kind" contribution of services, materials, or a combination of services and materials with the Declarant or other entities for payment of Common Expenses.

- Declarant's Obligation for Assessments. Subject to Section 8.13, the Declarant may annually elect either to pay an arraint equal to regular assessments on all of its unsold Units or to pay the difference between the amount of assessments levied on all other Units subject to assessment and the amount of actual expenditures by the Association during the fiscal year. Unless the Declarant otherwise notifies the Board in writing at least 60 days before the beginning or each fiscal year, the Declarant shall be deemed to have elected to continue paying on the same basis as during the immediately preceding fiscal year. Regardless of such election, the Association shall have a lien against all Units owned by the Declarant to secure the Declarant's obligations under this Section, which lien shall have the same attributes and shall be enforceable in the same manner as the Association's lien against each Unit under Section 8.8. The Declarant's obligations hereunder may be satisfied in the form of cash or by "in kind" contributions of services or materials, or by a combination of these.
- Computation of General Assessment. At least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated Common Expenses during the coming year, including a capital contribution to establish a reserve fund in accordance with a budget separately prepared as provided in Section 8.5.

General Assessments shall be levied equally against all Units subject to assessment, provided:

- the Owner of two contiguous Units, as shown on the final subdivision plat recorded in the Public Records, on which one residential dwelling is constructed which crosses the boundary line separating such Units, shall pay one General Assessment rate equal to one and one-half times the assessment for an individual Unit; and
- each Unit shall be assessed at 50% of the General Assessment rate until the first day of the first month following (i) the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the residential dwelling thereon or (ii) actual occupancy of the Unit, whichever is earlier.

The assessment rate shall be set at a level which is reasonably expected to produce total income for the Association equal to the total budgeted Common Expenses, including reserves. In determining the total funds to be generated through the levy of General Assessments, the Board, in its discretion, may consider other sources of funds available to the Association, including any surplus from prior years and any assessment income expected to be generated from any additional Units reasonably anticipated to become subject to assessment during the fiscal year.

The Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to, reduce the General Assessment for any fiscal year by payment of a sucsidy and/or contributions of services and materials (in addition to any amounts paid by the Declarant under Section 8.2), which may be treated as either a contribution or an advance against future assessments due from the Declarant, or a loan, in the Declarant's discretion. Any such anticipated payment or contribution by the Deciarant shall be conspicuously disclosed as a line item in the Common Expense budget. Payments by the Declarant in any year shall under no circumstances obligate the Declarant to continue such payments in future years, unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between the Association and the Declarant.

The Board shall send a copy of the budget and notice of the amount of the General Assessment for the following year to each Owner at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which it is 'o be effective. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by Voting Delegates representing at least 67% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and by the Class "B" Member. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of the Voting Delegates as provided for special meetings in Section 2.4 of the By-Laws, which petition must be presented to the Board within 30 days after delivery of the notice of assessments. If a meeting is requested, assessments pursuant to such proposed budget shall not become effective until after such meeting is held, provided such assessments shall be retroactive to the original effective date of the budget if the budget is not disapproved at such meeting.

if the proposed budget is disapproved or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any year, then until such time as a budget is determined, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year.

The Board shall send a copy of the revised budget to each Owner at least 30 days prior to its becoming effective. The revised budget shall become effective unless disapproved in accordance with the above procedure.

Notwithstanding the above, during the Class "B" Control Period, there shall be a maximum General Assessment for each year. The maximum General Assessment for each Unit the fiscal year 1997 shall be \$300.00. (The maximum General Assessment does not include an obligation to SCE&G Co. or other utility company, for the street lighting benefiting the Unit.) The maximum General Assessment shall automatically increase for each subsequent fiscal year by 10% over the maximum General Assessment of the immediately preceding fiscal year. The Association may, but shall not be required to, levy General Assessments in the amount of the maximum General Assessment each fiscal year. The maximum General Assessment for any year may be increased by an amount greater than that set forth above with the consent of Voting Delegates representing at least 67% of the Class "A" votes represented at a duly called meeting of the membership at which a quorum is present.

Computation of Neighborhood Assessments. At least 30 days before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a separate budget covering the estimated Neighborhood Expenses for each Neighborhood on whose behalf Neighborhood Expenses are expected to be incurred during the coming year. The Board shall be entitled to set such budget only to the extent that this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, or the By-Laws specifically authorizes the Board to assess cartain costs as a Neighborhood Assessment. Any Neighborhood may request that additional services or a higher level of services be provided by the Association and, upon approval of Owners in accordance with Section 3.3(a), any additional costs shall be acided to such budget. Such budget shall include a capital contribution establishing a reserve fund for repair and replacement of control items maintained as a Neighborhood Expense, if any, within the Neighborhood. Neighborhood Expenses shall be allocated equally among all Units within the Neighborhood benefitted thereby and levied as a Neighborhood Assessment; provided however, if so specified in the Supplemental Declaration applicable to such Neighborhood or if so directed by petition signed by a Majority of the Owners within the Neighborhood, any portion of the assessment intended for exterior maintenance of structures, insurance on structures, or replacement reserves which pertain to particular structures shall be levied on each of the benefitted Units in proportion to the benefit received.

The Board shall cause a copy of such budget and notice or the amount of the Neighborhood Assessment for the coming year to be delivered to each Owner of a Unit in the Neighborhood at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved by Owners of a Majority of the Units in the Neighborhood to which the Neighborhood Assessment applies and by the Declarant. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of Owners of at least 10% of the Units in such Neighborhood. This right to disapprove shall only apply to those line items in the Neighborhood budget which are attributable to services requested by the Neighborhood.

If a meeting is requested, assessments pursuant to such proposed budget shall not become effective until after such meeting is held, provided such assessments shall be retroactive to the original effective date of the budget if the budget is not disapproved at such meeting.

If the Owners within any Neighborhood disapprove any line item of a Neighborhood budget, the Association shall not be obligated to provide the services anticipated to be funded by such line item of the budget. If the Board fails for any reason to determine a Neighborhood budget for any year, then until such time as a budget is determined, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year.

- 8.5. Reserve Budget and Capital Contribution. The Board may annually prepare reserve budgets for both general and Neighborhood purposes which take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets within the Area of Common Responsibility, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board may additionally set the required capital contribution in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected needs of the Association, as shown on the budget, with respect both to amount and timing by annual General Assessments or Neighborhood Assessments, as appropriate, over the budget period.
- 8.6. Special Assessments. In addition to other authorized assessments, the Association may levy Special Assessments from time to time to cover unbudgeted expenses or expenses in excess of those budgeted. Any such Special Assessment may be levied against the entire membership, if such Special Assessment is for Common Expenses, or against the Units within any Neighborhood if such Special Assessment is for Neighborhood Expenses. Special Assessments shall be allocated equally among all Units subject to such Special Assessment. Any Special Assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by Voting Delegates representing at least 67% of the total Class "A" votes allocated to Units which will be subject to such Special Assessment and by the Declarant. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering any Special Assessment except on petition of the Voting Delegates as provided for special meetings in Section 2.4 of the By-Laws, which petition must be presented to the Board within 30 days after delivery of the notice of such Special Assessment. Special Assessments shall be payable in such mariner and at such times as determined by the Board, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Special Assessment is approved.
- 8.7. <u>Specific Assessments</u>. The Association shall have the power to levy Specific Assessments against a particular Unit or Units as follows:
- (a) to cover the costs, including overhead and administrative costs, of providing benefits, items, or services to the Unit(s) or occupants thereof upon request of the Owner pursuant to a menu of special services which the Board may from time to time authorize to be offered to Owners and occupants (which might include, without limitation, landscape maintenance, janitorial service, pest control, etc.), which assessments may

be levied in advance of the provision of the requested benefit, item or service as a deposit against charges to be incurred by the Owner;

- (b) to cover costs incurred in bringing the Unit(s) into compliance with the terms of the Governing Documents or costs incurred as a consequence of the conduct of the Owner or occupants of the Unit, their agents, contractors, employees, licensees, invitees, or guests; provided however, the Board shall give the Unit Owner prior notice and an opportunity for a hearing, in accordance with the By-Laws, before levying any Specific Assessment under this subsection (b); and
- (c) to cover costs, actual and estimated expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the Association with respect to an Exclusive Common Area not reserved for the benefit of a Neighborhood which may include a reasonable reserve for capital repairs and replacements, as the Board may specifically authorize from time to time and as may be authorized herein or in Supplemental Declarations applicable to such Neighborhood(s).

The Association may also levy a Specific Assessment against the Units within any Neighborhood to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing the Neighborhood into compliance with the provisions of the Governing Documents; provided however, the Board shall give prior notice to the Owners of Units in, or the Voting Delegate representing, the Neighborhood and an opportunity for such Owners or Voting Delegate to be heard before levying any such assessment.

8.8. <u>Lien for Assessments</u>. The Association shall have a lien against each Unit to secure payment of delinquent assessments, as well as interest at a rate to be set by the Board (subject to the maximum interest rate limitations of South Carolina law), late charges in such amount as the Board may establish (subject to the limitations of South Carolina law), costs of collection and reasonable attorneys fees. Such lien shall be superior to all other liens, except (a) the liens of all taxes, bonds, assessments, and other levies which by law would be superior, and (b) the lien or charge of any first Mortgage of record (meaning any recorded Mortgage with first priority over other Mortgages) made in good faith and for value. Such lien, when delinquent, may be enforced by suit, judgment, and judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure.

The Association may bid for the Unit, at the foreclosure sale and acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the Unit. While a Unit is owned by the Association following foreclosure: (a) no right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; (b) no assessment shall be levied on it; and (c) each other Unit shall be charged, in addition to its usual assessment, its pro rata share of the assessment that would have been charged such Unit had it not been acquired by the Association. The Association may sue for unpaid assessments and other charges authorized hereunder without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

The sale or transfer of any Unit shall not affect the assessment lien or relieve such Unit from the lien for any subsequent assessments. However, the sale or transfer

of any Unit pursuant to foreclosure of the first Mortgage shall extinguish the lien as to any installments of such assessments due prior to such sale or transfer. A Mortgagee or other purchaser of a Unit who obtains title pursuant to foreclosure of the Mortgage shall not be personally liable for assessments on such Unit due prior to such acquisition of title. Such unpaid assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from Owners of all Units subject to assessment under <u>Section 8.9</u>, including such acquirer, its successors and assigns.

- 8.9. <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. The obligation to pay assessments shall commence as to each Unit on the first day of the month following: (a) the month in which the Unit is conveyed to a Person; or (b) the month in which the Board first determines a budget and levies assessments pursuant to this Article, whichever is later. The first annual General Assessment and Neighborhood Assessment, if any, levied on each Unit shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the fiscal year at the time assessments commence on the Unit.
- 8.10. Failure to Assess. Failure of the Board to fix assessment amounts or rates of to deliver or mail each Owner an assessment notice shall not be deemed a waiver, modification, or a release of any Owner from the obligation to pay assessments. In such event, each Owner shall continue to pay General Assessments and Neighborhood Assessments on the same basis as during the last year for which an assessment was made, if any, until a new assessment is levied, at which time the Association may retroactively assess any shortfalls in collections.
- 8.11. Exempt Property. The following property shall be exempt from payment of General Assessments, Neighborhood Assessments, and Special Assessments:
- (a) All Common Area and such portions of the property owned by the Declarant as are included in the Area of Common Responsibility pursuant to <u>Section 5.1</u>;
- (b) Any property dedicated to and accepted by any governmental authority or public utility; and
- (c) Property owned by any Neighborhood Association for the common use and enjoyment of its members, or owned by the members of a Neighborhood Association as tenants-in-common.
- 8.12. <u>Capitalization of Association</u>. Upon acquisition of record title to a Unit by the first Owner thereof other than the Declarant or a Builder, a contribution shall be made by or on behalf of the purchaser to the working capital of the Association in an amount equal to one-sixth of the annual General Assessment per Unit for that year. This amount shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, the annual General Assessment and shall not be considered an advance payment of such assessment. This amount shall be collected and disbursed to the Association at closing of the purchase and sale of the Unit for use in covering operating expenses and other expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to this Declaration and the By-Laws.

- 8.13. <u>Declarant's Obligation</u>. During the Class "B" Control Period, the Declarant shall fund any deficit during any fiscal year. The "deficit" shall be the difference between:
- (a) the amount of all income and revenue of any kind received by the Association, including but not limited to, assessments collected on all Units, use fees, advances made by the Declarant, and income from all other sources, and
- (b) the amount of all actual expenditures incurred by the Association during the fiscal year, including any reserve contributions for such year, but excluding all non-cash expenses, such as depreciation or amortization, and all expenditures made from reserve funds.

Calculation of the deficit shall be performed on a cash basis of accounting. The Declarant may satisfy such obligation through "in kind" contribution of services, materials, or a combination of services and materials.

9. ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

9.1. General. No structure shall be placed, erected or installed upon any Unit or adjacent to any Unit where the purpose of the structure is to service such Unit, and no improvements (including staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work, exterior alteration of existing improvements, and planting or removal of landscaping materials) shall take place except in compliance with this Section, and approval of the appropriate committee under Section 9.2, unless exempted from the application and approval requirements pursuant to Section 9.3.

Any Owner may remodel, paint or redecorate the interior of structures on his Unit without approval. However, modifications to the interior of screened porches, patios, and similar portions of a Unit visible from outside the structures on the Unit shall be subject to approval. No approval shall be required to repaint the exterior of a structure in accordance with the originally approved color scheme or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications.

All dwellings constructed on any portion of the Properties shall be designed by and built in accordance with the plans and specifications of a licensed architect or other qualified building designer.

This Section shall not apply to the activities of the Declarant, nor to improvements to the Common Area by or on behalf of the Association or to improvements to any Non-Association Amenity.

This Section may not be amended without the Class "B" Member's consent.

- 9.2. Architectural Review. Responsibility for administration of the Design Guidelines and review of all applications for construction and modifications under this Section shall be handled by the Architectural Control Committee ("ACC"), the members of which need not be Members of the Association or representatives of Members, and may, but need not, include architects, landscape architects, engineers or similar professionals, whose compensation, if any, shall be established from time to time by the ACC. The ACC may establish and charge reasonable fees for review of applications hereunder and may require such fees to be paid in full prior to review of any application. Such fees may include the reasonable costs incurred by the committees in having any application reviewed by architects, engineers or other professionals.
- (a) Architectural Control Committee. The ACC shall consist of at least three, but not more than five, persons and shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all construction on any portion of the Properties. Until 100% of the Properties have been developed and conveyed to Owners other than Builders, the Declarant retains the right to appoint all members of the ACC who shall serve at the Declarant's discretion. There shall be no surrender of this right prior to that time except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by the Declarant. Upon the expiration of such right, the Board shall appoint the members of the ACC, who shall thereafter serve and may be removed in the Board's discretion.
- The Board of Directors may establish a Modifications Committee. Modifications Committee ("MC") to consist of at least three and no more than five persons, all of whom shall be appointed by and shall serve at the discretion of the Board. If established, the MC shall have jurisdiction over medifications, additions, or alterations made on or to existing structures on Units or containing Units and the The MC may delegate its authority as to a particular adjacent open space. Neighborhood to the Neighborhood Association, if any, so long as the MC has determined that such Neighborhood Association has in force review and enforcement practices, procedures, and appropriate standards at least equal to those of the MC. Such delegation may be revoked and jurisdiction reassumed at any time by notice. The ACC shall have the right to veto any action taken by the MC or a Neighborhood Association which the ACC determines, in its sole discretion, to be inconsistent with the guidelines promulgated by the ACC. Upon expiration of the Declarant's right to appoint the members of the ACC, the MC may be eliminated and its duties assumed by the ACC.

9.3. Guidelines and Procedures.

(a) <u>Design Guidelines</u>. The Declarant shall prepare the initial Design Guidelines for the Properties. The Design Guidelines may contain general provisions applicable to all of the Properties, as well as specific provisions which vary according to land use and from one portion of the Properties to another depending upon the location, unique characteristics, and intended use. The Design Guidelines are intended to provide guidance to Owners and Builders regarding matters of particular concern to the committees in considering applications hereunder. The Design Guidelines are not the

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exclusive basis for decisions of the committees and compliance with the Design Guidelines does not guarantee approval of any application.

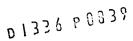
The ACC shall adopt such Design Guidelines at its initial organizational meeting and thereafter shall have sole and full authority to amend them. Any amendments to the Design Guidelines shall be prospective only and shall not apply to require modifications to or removal of structures previously approved once the approved construction or modification has commenced. There shall be no limitation on the scope of amendments to the Design Guidelines; the ACC is expressly authorized to amend the Design Guidelines to remove requirements previously imposed or otherwise to make the Design Guidelines less restrictive.

The ACC shall make the Design Guidelines available to Owners and Builders who seek to engage in development or construction within the Properties. In the Declarant's discretion, such Design Guidelines may be recorded in the Public Records, in which event the recorded version, as it may unilaterally be amended from time to time, shall control in the event of any dispute as to which version of the Design Guidelines was in effect at any particular time.

The MC may promulgate detailed procedures and standards governing its area of responsibility, consistent with those set forth in the Design Guidelines and subject to review and approval or disapproval by the ACC. Any architectural guidelines and standards adopted by the MC may be more restrictive than the Design Guidelines, but under no circumstances shall they be inconsistent with the Design Guidelines.

(b) <u>Procedures.</u> Plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, size, materials, and location of all proposed structures and improvements shall be submitted to the appropriate committee for review and approval (or disapproval). In addition, information concerning irrigation systems, c.a.nage, lighting, landscaping and other features of proposed construction shall be submitted as applicable and as required by the Design Guidelines. In reviewing each submission, the committees may consider the quality of workmanship and design, harmony of external design with existing structures, and location in relation to surrounding structures, topography, and finish grade elevation, among other things. Decisions of the committees may be based on purely aesthetic considerations. Each Owner acknowledges that opinions on aesthetic matters are subjective and may vary as committee members change over time.

In the event that the ACC or MC fails to approve or to disapprove any application within 30 days after submission of all information and materials reasonably requested, the application shall be deemed approved. However, no approval, whether expressly granted or deemed granted pursuant to the foregoing, shall be inconsistent with the Design Guidelines unless a variance has been granted in writing by the ACC pursuant to Section 9.5.



Notwithstanding the above, the ACC by resolution may exempt certain activities from the application and approval requirements of this Article, provided such activities are undertaken in strict compliance with the requirements of such resolution.

- 9.4. No Waiver of Future Approvals. Approval of proposals, plans and specifications, or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring approval, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to withhold approval as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or other matters subsequently or additionally submitted for approval.
- 9.5. <u>Variance</u>. The ACC may authorize variances from compliance with any of its guidelines and procedures when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, or aesthetic or environmental considerations require, but only in accordance with duly adopted rules and regulations. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing; (b) be contrary to this Declaration; or (c) estop the ACC from denying a variance in other circumstances. For purposes of this Section, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency, the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.
- 9.6. <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Review and approval of any application pursuant to this Section is made on the basis of aesthetic considerations only and neither the ACC nor the MC shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes and other governmental requirements. Neither the Declarant, the Association, the Board, any committee, or member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages, or less arising out of the manner or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Unit. In all matters, the committees and their members shall be defended and indemnified by the Association as provided in <u>Section 4.6</u>.
- 9.7. <u>Enforcement.</u> Any structure or improvement placed or made in violation of this Section shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon request from the ACC or MC, Owners shall, at their own cost and expense, remove such structure or improvement and restore the property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the nonconforming work. Should an Owner fail to remove and restore as required, the ACC or MC shall have the right to enter the property, remove the violation, and restore the property to substantially the same condition as previously existed. All costs, together with the interest at the maximum rate then allowed by law, may be assessed against the benefitted Unit and collected as a Specific Assessment.

Unless otherwise specified in writing by the committee granting approval, all approvals granted hereunder shall be deemed conditioned upon completion of all elements of the approved work and all work previously approved with respect to the same Unit, unless approval to modify any application has been obtained. In the event that any Person fails to commence and diligently pursue to completion all approved work, the Association shall be authorized, after notice to the Owner of the Unit and an

opportunity to be heard in accordance with the By-Laws, to enter upon the Unit and remove or complete any incomplete work and to assess all costs incurred against the Unit and the Owner thereof as a Specific Assessment.

Neither the ACC, MC or any member of the foregoing nor the Association, the Declarant, or their officers or directors shall be held liable to any Person for exercising the rights granted by this Section. Any contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee, or other invitee of an Owner who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of this Article or the Design Guidelines may be excluded by the ACC from the Properties, subject to the notice and hearing procedures contained in the By-Laws.

In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall have the authority and standing to pursue all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce the provisions of this Article and the decisions of the ACC and MC.

10. USE RESTRICTIONS AND RULES

10.1. General. This Section sets out certain use restrictions and rules which must be complied with by all Owners and occupants of any Unit. The Board may, from time to time, without consent of the Members, promulgate, modify, or delete use restrictions and rules and regulations applicable to the Properties. Such use restrictions and rules and regulations shall be distributed to all Owners and occupants prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and occupants until and unless overruled, canceled, or modified in a regular or special meeting by a Majority of the Members, and the consent of the Class "B" Member.

The Properties shall be used only for residential, recreational, and related purposes (which may include, without limitation, model homes, an information center and/or a sales office for any real estate broker retained by the Declarant to assist in the sale of property described on <a href="Exhibits "A" or "B," offices for any property manager retained by the Association, or business offices for the Declarant or the Association) consistent with this Declaration and any Supplemental Declaration.

10.2. Residential Use. All Units shall be used exclusively for residential purposes of a single family. No business, trade, garage sale, moving sale, rummage sale, or similar activity shall be conducted upon a Unit without the prior consent of the Board. An Owner or occupant residing in a Unit may conduct business activities within the Unit so long as: (i) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from outside the Unit; (ii) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Properties; (iii) the business activity does not involve regular visitation of the Unit by clients, customers, suppliers, or other business invitees or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Properties; and (iv) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Properties and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety

of other residents of the Properties, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board.

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: (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time, (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit, or (iii) a license is required.

The leasing of a Unit shall not be considered a business or trade within the meaning of this Section. This Section shall not apply to any activity conducted by the Declarant or a Builder approved by the Declarant with respect to its development and sale of the Properties or its use of any Units which it owns within the Properties.

- 10.3. <u>Leasing</u>. Units may be leased for residential purposes only. All leases shall require, without limitation, that the tenant acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Governing Documents of the Association. The lease shall also obligate the tenant to comply with the foregoing. The Board may require notice of any lease together with such additional information deemed necessary by the Board.
- 10.4. Occupants Bound. All previsions of the Governing Documents governing the conduct of Owners and establishing sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all occupants even though occupants are not specifically mentioned. Fines may be levied against Owners or occupants. If a fine is first levied against an occupant and is not paid timely, the fine may then be levied against the Owner.
- 10.5. Signs. No sign of any kind shall be erected by an Owner or occupant without the prior consent of the ACC or MC, as applicable, except:
 - (a) such signs as may be required by legal proceedings; and
- (b) not more than one professional security sign of such size deemed reasonable by the ACC in its sole discretion.

Unless in compliance with this Section, no signs shall be posted or erected by any Owner or occupant within any portion of the Properties, including the Common Area, any Lot, or any structure or dwelling located on the Common Area or any Lot (if such sign would be visible from the exterior of such structure or dwelling as determined in the ACC's sole discretion) or within any Non-Association Amenity.

The ACC reserves the right to restrict the color, lettering and placement of all signs. This provision shall not apply to entry, directional, or other signs installed by the Declarant.

10.6. Vehicles.

- (a) Automobiles and non-commercial trucks and vans shall be parked only in the garages or in the driveways, if any, serving the Units unless otherwise approved by the ACC; provided however, the Declarant and/or the Association may designate certain on-street parking areas for visitors or guests subject to reasonable rules adopted by the Board. No automobile or non-commercial truck or van may be left upon any portion of the Properties, except in a garage, if it is unlicensed or if it is in a condition such that it is incapable of being operated upon the public highways. Such vehicle shall be considered a nuisance and may be removed from the Properties. No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on pathways or unpaved Common Area except for public safety vehicles authorized by the Board.
- (b) Recreational vehicles shall be parked only in the garages, if any, serving the Units or other hard-surfaced areas which are not visible from the street or Non-Association Amenities. "Visibility" shall be determined by the ACC in its sole discretion. The term "recreational vehicles," as used herein, shall include, without limitation, motor homes, mobile homes, boats, trailers, other towed vehicles, motorcycles, minibikes, scooters, go-carts, campers, buses, commercial trucks and vans. Any recreational vehicle parked or stored in violation of this provision in excess of two days shall be considered a nuisance and may be removed from the Properties. Trucks with mounted campers which are an Owner's or occupant's primary means of transportation shall not be considered recreational vehicles, precided they are used on a regular basis for transportation and the camper is stored out of public view.

All vehicles shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt.

- 10.7. Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept, or permitted on any Unit, with the exception of dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number, as determined by the Board. All pets shall be reasonably controlled by the owner whenever outside a Unit and shall be kept in such a manner as to not become a nuisance by barking or other acts. The owners of the pet shall be responsible for all of the pet's actions. Pets shall not be permitted on any golf course, in any lake, or within any Non-Association Amenity except in compliance with conditions established by the owner of such Non-Association Amenity. If, in the sole opinion of the Board, any animal becomes dangerous or an annoyance or nuisance in the Properties or to nearby property or destructive of wildlife, it shall be removed from the Properties. By way of explanation and not limitation, this Section may be enforced by exercising self-help rights provided in Section 4.3.
- 10.8. <u>Nuisance</u>. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition on his or her Unit. No property within the Properties shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Unit to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance,

thing, or material be kept that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on within the Properties, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any Person using any property within the Properties. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Properties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no speaker, horn, whistle, siren, bell, amplifier or other sound device, except such devices as may be used or maintained upon the exterior of any Unit unless required by law.

- 10.9. Exterior Structures. No exterior structure of any kind nor any artificial vegetation or sculpture shall be constructed, erected or placed on the outside portion of the Unit, whether such portion is improved or unimproved, except in strict compliance with Article 9. This shall include without limitation, mailboxes; basketball hoops; swing sets and similar sports and play equipment; clotheslines; garbage cans; wood piles; swimming pools; docks, seawalls, bulkheads, piers, boathouses, boatslips or wharfs; wells; window air-conditioning units; not tubs; antennas; satellite dishes, or any other apparatus for the transmission or reception of television, radio, satellite, or other signals of any kind; and hedges, walls, dog runs, animal pens, or fences of any kind.
- 10.10. <u>Streams</u>. No streams which run across any Unit may be dammed, or the water therefrom impounded, diverted, or used for any purpose without the prior consent of the Board, except that the Declarant shall have such rights as provided in <u>Article 11</u>.
- 10.11. <u>Prohibited Conditions</u>. The properties unless prior approval in writing is obtained from the ACC by the Owner or occupant:
- (a) <u>Tree Removal</u>. No trees that are more than 6 inches in diameter at a point 2 feet above the ground shall be removed without the prior consent of the ACC; of a drainage area, a septic field, a sidewalk, a residence, or a driveway, or any diseased or dead trees needing to be removed to promote the growth of other trees or for safety reasons;
- (b) <u>Lighting</u>. Exterior lighting visible from the street shall not be permitted except for: (i) approved lighting as originally installed on a Unit; (ii) approved decorative post light, (iii) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for the Properties; (iv) seasonal decorative lights during the usual and common season; or (v) front house illumination of model homes;

- (c) <u>Utility Lines</u>. No overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, shall be permitted within the Properties, except for temporary lines as required during construction and lines installed by or at the request of Declarant; and
- (d) <u>Buffer Areas</u>. All areas within 25 feet of the rear property line of any Unit abutting any Non-Association Amenity or roadways are deemed "buffer areas" and there shall be no removal of natural vegetation or the placing of any landscaping, fences or structures within said buffer area without the prior consent of the ACC.
- 10.12. <u>Drainage and Grading</u>. Catch basins and drainage areas are for the purpose of natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas.

No Person shall alter the grading of any Unit without prior approval pursuant to Article 9 of this Declaration. The Declarant hereby reserves for itself and the Association a perpetual easement across the Properties for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow. However, the exercise of such an easement shall not materially diminish the value of or unreasonably interfere with the use of any Unit without the Owner's consent.

- 10.13. <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. All property located at street intersections or driveways shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across such areas.
- 10.14. Garbage, Dumping, Etc. All garbage cans shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate. There shall be no dumping of grass clippings, leaves or other debris; rubbish, trash or garbage; petroleum products, fertilizers, or other potentially hazardous or toxic substances in any drainage ditch, stream, pond, or lake within the Propesses, except that fertilizers may be applied to landscaping on Units provided care is taken to minimize runoff. The Declarant and Builders may dump and bury rocks and trees removed from a building site on such building site. Owners and occupants may burn or bury biodegradable trash, leaves, debris or other materials in accordance with rules established by the Board.
- 10.15. <u>Subdivision of Unit</u>. No Unit shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed after a subdivision plat including such Unit has been approved and filed in the Public Records. The Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Unit or Units which it or any Builder owns, with the prior consent of the owner of the Unit or Units affected. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations, if any.
- 10.16. <u>Guns.</u> The discharge of firearms on the Properties is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes without limitation "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and firearms of all types. The Board shall have no obligation to take action to prevent or stop such discharge.

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- 10.17. <u>Combustible Liquid</u>. There shall be no storage of gasoline, heating or other fuels, except for a reasonable amount of fuel that may be stored on each Unit for emergency purposes and operation of lawn mowers and similar tools or equipment, and the Association shall be permitted to store fuel for operation of maintenance vehicles, generators and similar equipment. This provision shall not apply to any underground fuel tank approved by the ACC.
- 10.18. Occupancy of Unfinished Units. No dwelling erected upon any Unit shall be occupied in any manner before commencement of construction or while in the course of construction, nor at any time prior to the dwelling being fully completed. For the purposes of this Section, commencement of construction shall mean that (i) all plans for such construction have been approved by the ACC; (ii) a building permit has been issued for the Unit by the appropriate jurisdiction; and (iii) construction of a residential dwelling on the Unit has physically commenced beyond site preparation. Completion of a dwelling shall mean that a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the appropriate jurisdiction for the Unit.
- 10.19. Temporary Structures. Except as may be permitted by the Declarant during initial construction, or the ACC thereafter, no temporary house, dwelling, garage or out building shall be placed or erected on any Unit. No mobile home, trailer home, travel trailer, camper or vehicle commonly known as a "recreational vehicle" shall be stored, parked or otherwise allowed to be placed on a Unit as a temporary or permanent dwelling.
- 10.20. <u>Lakes and Other Water Bodies</u>. All lakes, ponds, and streams within the Properties, shall be used only in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be adopted and published by the Board. The Association shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of lakes, ponds, or streams within the Properties.
- as their families, tenants, guests, invitees, and pets, shall be obligated to refrain from any actions which would distract from the playing qualities of any golf course adjacent to the Properties. Such prohibited activities shall include, but shall not be limited to, burning materials where the smoke will cross the golf course property, maintenance of dogs or other pets under conditions which interfere with golf course play due to their loud barking or other actions, playing of loud radios, televisions, stereos or musical instruments, running, bicycling, skateboarding, walking or trespassing in any way on the golf course property, picking up balls or similar interference with play. This covenant is for the benefit of any golf course adjacent to the Properties and the owner thereof and persons playing golf on said golf courses and shall be enforceable by the owner of such golf course.

11. EASEMENTS

11.1. Easements of Encroachment. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements of encroachment, and for maintenance and use of any permitted encroachment, between adjacent Units, between each Unit and any adjacent Common Area, and between each Unit and any adjacent Non-Association Amenity due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of these restrictions) to a distance of not more than three feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary along a line perpendicular to such boundary. However, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful and knowing conduct on the part of, or with the knowledge and consent of, the Person claiming the benefit of such easement.

11.2. Easements for Utilities, Etc.

(a) There are hereby reserved to the Declarant, the Association, and the designees of each (which may include, without limitation, any governmental or quasi-governmental entity and any utility company) perpetual non-exclusive easements upon, across, over, and under all of the Properties to the extent reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing, constructing, monitoring, replacing, repairing, maintaining, operating and removing cable television systems, master television antenna systems, and other devices for sending or receiving data and/or other electronic signals; security and similar systems; roads, walkways, pathways and trails; lakes, ponds, wetlands, irrigation, and drainage systems; street lights and signage; and all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewers, telephone, gas, and electricity, and utility meters; and an easement for access of vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, across, and through the Properties, as necessary, to exercise the easements

The Declarant specifically grants to the local water supplier, electric company, telephone company, and natural gas supplier easements across the Properties for ingress, egress, installation, reading, replacing, repairing, and maintaining utility lines, meters and boxes, as applicable.

- (b) There is hereby reserved to the Declarant, the non-exclusive right and power to grant such specific easements as may be necessary. in the sole discretion of the Declarant, in connection with the orderly development of any property described on Exhibits "A" or "B."
- (c) Any damage to a Unit resulting from the exercise of the easements described in Sections (a) and (b) of this Section shall promptly be repaired by, and at the expense of, the Person exercising the easement. The exercise of these easements shall not extend to permitting entry into the structures on any Unit. For shall it unreasonably interfere with the use of any Unit and, except in an emergency, entry onto any Unit shall be made only after reasonable notice to the Owner or occupant.

- (d) The Declarant reserves unto itself the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, upon the request of any Person holding, or intending to hold, an interest in the Properties, or at any other time, (i) to release all or any portion of the Properties from the burden, effect, and encumbrance of any of the easements granted or reserved under this Section, or (ii) to define the limits of any such easements.
- 11.3. <u>Easement for Slope Control, Drainage and Waterway Maintenance</u>. The Declarant, for itself and the Association, and their respective representatives, successors and assigns, contractors and agents, hereby establishes and reserves a permanent and perpetual non-exclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through and upon each Unit for the purposes of:
 - (a) controlling soil erosion, including grading and planting with vegetation any areas of any Unit which are or may be subject to soil erosion;
 - (b) drainage of natural or man-made water flow and water areas from any portion of the Properties;
 - (c) changing, modifying or altering the natural flow of water, water courses or waterways on or adjacent to any Unit;
 - (d) dredging, enlarging, reducing or maintaining any water areas or waterways within the Properties; and
 - (e) installing such pipes, lines, conduits or other equipment as may be necessary for slope control, drainage and waterway maintenance of any portion of the Properties.
- 11.4. Easements to Serve Additional Property. The Declarant hereby reserves for itself and its duly authorized agents, representatives, and employees, successors, assigns, licensees, and mortgagees, an easement over the Common Area for the purposes of enjoyment, use, access, and development of the property described in Exhibit "B," whether or not such property is made subject to this Declaration. This easement includes, but is not limited to, a right of ingress and egress over the Common Area for construction of roads and for connecting and installing utilities on such property. The Declarant agrees that it and its successors or assigns shall be responsible for any damage caused to the Common Area as a result of vehicular traffic connected with development of such property. The Declarant further agrees that if the easement is exercised for permanent access to such property and such property or any portion thereof benefitting from such easement is not made subject to this Declaration, the Declarant, its successors or assigns shall enter into a reasonable agreement with the Association to share the cost of any maintenance which the Association provides to or along any roadway providing access to such property.
- 11.5. Easement for Entry. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, and a perpetual easement is hereby granted to the Association, to enter all

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portions of the Properties, including each Unit, for emergency, security, and safety reasons. Such right may be exercised by the authorized agents, employees and managers of the Association, any member of its Board or committees, and its officers, and by all police officers, fire fighters, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their duties. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Unit shall be only during reasonable hours and after notice to and permission from the Owner. This easement includes the right to enter any Unit to cure any condition which may increase the risk of fire, slope erosion or other hazard if an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition within a reasonable time after request by the Board, but shall not authorize entry into any dwelling without permission of the Owner, except by emergency personnel acting in their official capacities.

11.6. <u>Easements for Maintenance and Enforcement</u>. Authorized agents of the Association shall have the right, and a perpetual easement is hereby granted to the Association, to enter all portions of the Properties, including each Unit to (a) perform its maintenance responsibilities under <u>Article 5 and (b)</u> make inspections to ensure compliance with this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, By-Laws, Design Guidelines and rules. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Unit shall be only during reasonable hours. This easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Owners' property, and any damage shall be repaired by the Association at its expense.

The Association also may enter a Unit to abate or remove, using such measures as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates the Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, the By-Laws, the Design Guidelines, or the rules. All costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys fees, may be assessed against the violator as a Specific Assessment.

11.7. Easements for Lake and Pond Machance and Flood Water. The Declarant reserves for itself and its successors, assigns, and designees the nonexclusive right and easement, but not the obligation, to enter upon the lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands located within the Area of Common Responsibility to (a) install, keep, maintain, and replace pumps in order to provide water for the irrigation of any of the Area of Common Responsibility or any Non-Association Amenity; (b) construct, maintain, and repair any bulkhead, wall, dam, or other structure retaining water; and (c) remove trash and other debris therefrom and fulfill their maintenance responsibilities as provided in this Declaration. The Declarant's rights and easements provided in this Section shall be transferred to the Association at such time as the Declarant shall cease to own any property subject to the Declaration, or such earlier time as the Declarant may elect, in its sole discretion, to transfer such rights by a written instrument. The Declarant, the Association, and their designees shall have an access easement over and across any of the Properties abutting or containing any portion of any lake, pond, stream, or wetland to the extent reasonably necessary to exercise their rights under this Section.

There is further reserved herein for the benefit of the Declarant, the Association, and their successors, assigns and designees, a perpetual, nonexclusive right and

easement of access and encroachment over the Common Area and Units (but not the dwellings thereon) adjacent to or within 50 feet of lake beds, ponds, streams and wetlands in order to (a) temporarily flood and back water upon and maintain water over such portions of the Properties; (b) fill, drain, dredge, deepen, clean, fertilize, dye, and generally maintain the lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands within the Area of Common Responsibility; (c) maintain and landscape the slopes and banks pertaining to such lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands; and (d) enter upon and across such portions of the Proparties for the purpose of exercising its rights under this Section. All persons entitled to exercise these easements shall use reasonable care in, and repair any damage resulting from the intentional exercise of such easements. Nothing herein shall be construed to make the Declarant or any other Person liable for damage resulting from flooding due to heavy rainfall or other natural disasters.

The Declarant reserves unto itself the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, upon the request of any Person holding, or intending to hold, an interest in the Properties, or at any other time, (i) to release all or any portion of the Properties from the burden, effect, and encumbrance of any of the easements granted or reserved under this Section, or (ii) to define the limits of any such easements.

11.8. <u>Lateral Support</u>. Every portion of the Common Area, every Unit, and any improvement which contributes to the lateral support of another portion of the Common Area or of another Unit shall be burdened with an easement for lateral support, and each shall also have the right to lateral support which shall be appurtenant to and pass with title to such property.

11.9. Easements for Non-Association Amenities.

- Every Unit and the Common Area and the common property of any (a) Neighborhood Association adjacent to any Non-Association Amenity are burdened with an easement permitting golf balls unintentionally to come upon such Common Area, Units or common property of a Neighborhood and for golfers at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner to come upon the Common Area, common property of a Neighborhood, or the exterior portions of a Unit to retrieve errant golf balls; provided however, if any Unit is fenced or walled, the golfer shall seek the Owner's permission before entry. The existence of this easement shall not relieve golfers of liability for damage caused by errant golf balls. Under no circumstances shall any of the following Persons be held liable, if any, for any damage or injury resulting from errant golf balls or the exercise of this easement: the Declarant, or any successor Declarant; the Association or its Members (in their capacity as such); the owner(s) of the Non-Association Amenities or their successors, successors-in-title, or assigns; any Builder or contractor (in their capacities as such); any officer, director or partner of any of the foregoing, or any officer or director of any partner, equity holder.
- (b) The owner(s) of the Non-Association Amenities, their respective successors and assigns, shall have a perpetual, exclusive easement of access over the Properties for the purpose of retrieving golf balls from bodies of water within the Common Areas,

if any, lying reasonably within range of golf balls hit from any golf course within such Non-Association Amenity.

- (c) The owner of any Non-Association Amenity within or adjacent to any portion of the Properties, its agents, successors and assigns, shall at all times have a right and non-exclusive easement of access and use over those portions of the Common Areas reasonably necessary to the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of its Non-Association Amenity.
- (d) There is hereby established for the benefit of the Non-Association Amenities and their members (regardless of whether such members are Owners hereunder), guests, invitees, employees, agents, contractors, and designees, a right and nonexclusive easement of access and use over all roadways located within the Properties reasonably necessary to travel between the entrance to the Properties and the Non-Association Amenities and over those portions of the Properties (whether Common Area or otherwise) reasonably necessary to the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Non-Association Amenities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, members of the Non-Association Amenities and guests and invitees of the Non-Association Amenities shall have the right to park their vehicles on the roadways located within the Properties at reasonable times before, during, and after tournaments and other similar functions held by or at the Non-Association Amenities to the extent that the Non-Association Amenities have insufficient parking to accommodate such vehicles.
- (e) Any portion of the Properties immediately adjacent to the Non-Association Amenities are hereby burdened with a non-exclusive easement in favor of the adjacent Non-Association Amenities for overspray of water from the irrigation system serving the Non-Association Amenities. Under no circumstances shall the Association or the owner(s) of the Non-Association Amenities be held liable for any damage or injury resulting from such overspray or the exercise of this resement.
- (f) The Declarant hereby reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, and may assign to the owner(s) of the Non-Association Amenities, an easement to draw water from the lakes and ponds within the Properties for purposes of irrigation of the Non-Association Amenities and for access to and the right to enter upon the lakes and ponds within or adjacent to the Properties, if any, for installation and maintenance of any irrigation systems; provided, however, the Declarant, its successors or assigns shall not draw water from any lake or pond that is 18" or more below average seasonal levels without the consent of the Board.
- (g) Each Owner of a Unit adjacent to the Non-Association Amenities hereby acknowledges the nature of the easements contained in this Section and any nuisances incidental to the maintenance, operation, and use of, in particular, any golf course.
- 11.10. <u>Liability for Use of Easements</u>. No Owner shall have a claim or cause of action against the Declarant, its successors or assigns, arising out of the

if any, lying reasonably within range of golf balls hit from any golf course within such Non-Association Amenity.

- (c) The owner of any Non-Association Amenity within or adjacent to any portion of the Properties, its agents, successors and assigns, shall at all times have a right and non-exclusive easement of access and use over those portions of the Common Areas reasonably necessary to the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of its Non-Association Amenity.
- (d) There is hereby established for the benefit of the Non-Association Amenities and their members (regardless of whether such members are Owners hereunder), guests, invitees, employees, agents, contractors, and designees, a right and nonexclusive easement of access and use over all roadways located within the Properties reasonably necessary to travel between the entrance to the Properties and the Non-Association Amenities and over those portions of the Properties (whether Common Area or otherwise) reasonably necessary to the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Non-Association Amenities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, members of the Non-Association Amenities and guests and invitees of the Non-Association Amenities shall have the right to park their vehicles on the roadways located within the Properties at reasonable times before, during, and after tournaments and other similar functions held by or at the Non-Association Amenities to the extent that the Non-Association Amenities have insufficient parking to accommodate such vehicles.
- (e) Any portion of the Properties immediately adjacent to the Non-Association Amenities are hereby burdened with a non-exclusive easement in favor of the adjacent Non-Association Amenities for overspray of water from the irrigation system serving the Non-Association Amenities. Under no circumstances shall the Association or the owner(s) of the Non-Association Amenities be held liable for any damage or injury resulting from such overspray or the exercise of this easement
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- (g) Each Owner of a Unit adjacent to the Non-Association Amenities hereby acknowledges the nature of the easements contained in this Section and any nuisances incidental to the maintenance, operation, and use of, in particular, any golf course.
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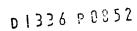
exercise or non-exercise of any easement reserved hereunder or shown on any subdivision plat for the Properties, except in cases of willful or wanton misconduct.

11.11. <u>Easement for Special Events</u>. The Declarant hereby reserves for itself, its successors, assigns and designees a perpetual, non-exclusive easement over the Common Area for the purpose of conducting educational, cultural, entertainment, or sporting events, and other activities of general community interest at such locations and times as the Declarant, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in a Unit, acknowledges and agrees that the exercise of this easement may result in a temporary increase in traffic, noise, gathering of crowds, and related inconveniences, and each Owner agrees on behalf of itself and the occupants of its Unit to take no action, legal or otherwise, which would interfere with the exercise of such easement or to recover damages for or as the result of any such activities.

12. MORTGAGEE PROVISIONS

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders, insurers and guarantors of first Mortgages on Units in the Properties. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the By-Laws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

- 12.1. <u>Notices of Action</u>. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage who provides a request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the street address of the Unit to which its Mortgage relates, thereby becoming an "Eligible Holder"), will be entitled to timely notice of:
- (a) Any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Properties or which affects any Unit on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such Eligible Holder;
- (b) Any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by a Unit subject to the Mortgage of such Eligible Holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of 60 days, or any other violation of the Declaration or By-Laws relating to such Unit or the Owner or Occupant which is not cured within 60 days;
- (c) Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or
- (d) Any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Holders.
- 12.2. <u>No Priority</u>. No provision of this Declaration or the By-Laws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first



Mortgagee of any Unit in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Area.

- 12.3. Notice to Association. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Unit.
- 12.4. <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond</u>. Any Mortgagee who receives a request from the Board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within 30 days of the date of the Association's request, provided such request is delivered to the Mortgagee by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.
- 12.5. Construction of Article 12. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or South Carolina law for any of the acts set out in this Article.

13. THE DECLARANT'S RIGHTS

Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant set forth in this Declaration or the By-Laws may be transferred in whole or in part to the Association or to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that which the Declarant has under this Declaration or the By-Laws. No such transfer or assignment shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Public Records.

The Declarant and Builders authorized by the Declarant may maintain and carry on upon portions of the Properties such facilities and activities as, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the development of the Properties and/or the construction or sale of Units, including, but not limited to, business offices, signs, model units, and sales offices. The Declarant and authorized Builders shall have easements for access to and use of such facilities.

The Declarant and its employees, agents and designees shall also have a right and easement over and upon all of the Common Area for the purpose of making, constructing and installing such improvements to the Common Area as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

No Person shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or declaration of condominium or similar instrument affecting any portion of the Properties without the Declarant's review and consent. Any attempted recordation without such consent shall result in such instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by consent signed by the Declarant and recorded in the Public Records.

This Section may not be amended without the consent of the Declarant.

14. MANDATORY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 14.1. Agreement to Avoid Litigation. The Declarant, the Association, its officers, directors, and committee members, all Owners, all other Persons subject to this Declaration, any Builder, and any Person not otherwise subject to this Declaration who agrees to submit to this Article (collectively, "Bound Parties") agree to encourage the amicable resolution of disputes arising out of or related to any matter pertaining to the Governing Documents or the Properties, without the emotional and financial costs of litigation. Accordingly, each Bound Party covenants and agrees that those claims, grievances or disputes described in Section 14.2 ("Claims") shall be resolved using the procedures set forth in Section 14.3 in lieu of filing suit in any court.
- 14.2. <u>Claims</u>. Unless specifically exempted below, all claims, grievances or disputes arising out of or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of the Governing Documents, or the rights, obligations and duties of any Bound Party under the Governing Documents or relating to the design or construction of improvements on the Properties shall be subject to the provisions of <u>Section 14</u>.

14.3. Mandatory Procedures.

- (a) Notice. Any Bound Party having a Claim ("Claimant") against any other Bound Party ("Respondent") (collectively, the "Parties") shall notify each Respondent in writing (the "Notice"), stating plainly and concisely:
 - 1. the nature of the Claim, including the Persons involved and Respondent's role in the Cl. (1);
 - the legal basis of the Claim (i.e., the specific authority out of which the Claim arises);
 - 3. Claimant's proposed remedy; and
 - that Claimant will meet with Respondent to discuss in good faith ways to resolve the Claim.

(b) Negotiation and Mediation.

1. The Parties shall make every reasonable effort to meet in person and confer for the purpose of resolving the Claim by good faith negotiation. If requested in writing, accompanied by a copy of the Notice, the Board may appoint a representative to assist the Parties in resolving the dispute by negotiation.

- 2. If the Parties do not resolve the Claim within 30 days of the date of the Notice (or within such other period as may be agreed upon by the Parties) ("Termination of Negotiations"), Claimant shall have 30 additional days to submit the Other independent agency providing similar services upon which the Parties mutually
- 3. If Claimant does not submit the Claim to mediation within 30 days after Termination of Negotiations, or does not appear for the mediation, Claimant shall be deemed to have waived the Claim, and Respondent shall be released and discharged from any and all liability to Claimant on account of such Claim; provided however, nothing herein shall release or discharge Respondent from any liability to any Person other than the Claimant.
- 4. Any settlement of the Claim through mediation shall be documented in writing by the mediator. If the Parties do not settle the Claim within 30 days after submission of the maiter to the mediation process, or within such time as determined by the mediator, the mediator shall issue a notice of termination of the mediation proceedings ("Termination of Mediation"). The Termination of Mediation notice shall set forth that the Parties are at an impasse and the date that mediation was terminated.
- 5. Within five days after the Termination of Mediation, the Claimant shall make a final written settlement demand ("Settlement Demand") to the Respondent and the Respondent shall make a final written settlement offer ("Settlement Offer") to the Claimant. If the Claimant fails to make a Settlement Demand, Claimant's original Notice shall constitute the Settlement Demand. If the Respondent fails to make a Settlement Offer, Respondent shall be deemed to have made a "zero" or "take nothing" Settlement Offer.

(c) Final and Binding Arbitration.

- 1. If the Parties do not agree in writing to a settlement of the Claim within 15 days of the Termination of Mediation, the Claimant shall have 15 additional days to submit the Claim to arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration contained in Exhibit "D" or such rules as may be required by the agency providing the arbitration if not timely submitted to arbitration or if the Claimant fails to appear for the arbitration proceeding, the Claim shall be deemed abandoned, and Respondent shall be released and discharged from any and all liability to Claimant arising out of such Claim; provided however, nothing herein shall release or discharge Respondent from any liability to Persons other than Claimant.
- 2. This subsection (c) is an agreement to arbitrate and is specifically enforceable under the applicable arbitration laws of the State of South Carolina. The arbitration award (the "Award") shall be final and binding, and judgment may be entered upon it in any court of competent jurisdiction to the fullest extent permitted under the laws of the State of South Carolina.

14.4. Allocation of Costs of Resolving Claims.

- (a) Subject to <u>Section 14.4(b)</u>, each Party shall bear its own costs, including any attorneys fees incurred, and each Party shall share equally all charges rendered by the mediator(s) and all filing fees and costs of conducting the arbitration proceeding ("Post Mediation Costs").
- (b) Any Award which is equal to or more favorable to Claimant than Claimant's Settlement Demand shall add Claimant's Post Mediation Costs to the Award, such costs to be borne equally by all Respondents. Any Award which is equal to or less favorable to Claimant than any Respondent's Settlement Offer shall award to such Respondent its Post Mediation Costs.
- 14.5. Enforcement of Resolution. After resolution of any Claim, if any Party fails to abide by the terms of any agreement or Award, then any other Party may file suit or initiate administrative proceedings to enforce such agreement or Award without the need to again comply with the procedures set forth in Section 14.3. In such event, the Party taking action to enforce the agreement or Award shall be entitled to recover from the non-complying Party (or if more than one non-complying Party, from all such Parties pro rata) all costs incurred in enforcing such agreement or Award, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs.
- 14.6. Emergency Relief. Notwithstanding the above, the Association shall be entitled to obtain a temporary restraining order or other equitable relief in the event of the violation, or threatened violation, of the Governing Documents which may result in irreparable harm to the Association, the Declarant, any Owner or any other party entitled to the benefits of the Governing Documents. In addition, the commencement of litigation related to such emergency relief by the Association shall not be deemed a waiver of the Association's rights to insist upon compliance by any defendant with the provisions of this Article, so long as the Association requests, within 30 days after responsive pleadings are filed, that the litigation, exclusive of the emergency relief being sought, be stayed pending compliance with this Article.

15. NON-ASSOCIATION AMENITIES

15.1. General. Neither membership in the Association nor ownership or occupancy of a Unit shall confer any ownership interest in or right to use any Non-Association Amenity. Rights to use the Non-Association Amenities will be granted only to such persons, and on such terms and conditions, as may be determined from time to time by the respective owners of the Non-Association Amenities. The owners of the Non-Association Amenities shall have the right, from time to time in their sole and absolute discretion and without notice, to amend or waive the terms and conditions of use of their respective Non-Association Amenities, including, without limitation, eligibility for and duration of use rights, categories of use and extent of use privileges, and number

of users, and shall also have the right to reserve use rights and to terminate use rights altogether, subject to the terms of any written agreements with their respective members.

- 15.2. Conveyance of Non-Association Amenities. All Persons, including all Owners, are hereby advised that no representations or warranties have been or are made by the Declarant, the Association, any Builder, or by any Person acting on behalf of any of the foregoing, with regard to the continuing ownership or operation of any Non-Association Amenity, and no purported representation or warranty in such regard, either written or oral, shall be effective unless specifically set forth in a written instrument executed by the record owner of the Non-Association Amenity. Further, the ownership or operation of the Non-Association Amenities may change at any time by virtue of, but without limitation, (a) the sale to or assumption of operations of any Non-Association Amenity by a Person other than the current owner or operator; (b) the establishment of, or conversion of the membership structure to, an "equity" club or similar arrangement whereby the members of the Non-Association Amenity or an entity owned or controlled by its members become the owner(s) and/or operator(s) of the Non-Association Amenity. or (c) the conveyance of any Non-Association Amenity to one or more affiliates, shareholders, employees, or independent contractors of the Declarant. No consent of the Association, any Neighborhood Association, any Voting Delegate, or any Owner shall be required to effectuate any change in ownership or operation of any Non-Association Amenity, for or without consideration and subject to or free of any mortgage, covenant, lien or other encumbrance.
- 15.3. <u>View Impairment</u>. Neither the Declarant, the Association, nor the owner of any Non-Association Amenity, guarantees or represents that any view over and across any Non-Association Amenity, the Common Area or any public facilities from Units will be preserved without impairment. The owners of such property, shall have no obligation to prune or thin trees or other landscaping, and shall have the right, in their sole and absolute discretion, to add trees and other landscaping to the Non-Association Amenities, the Common Area or the public facilities from time to time. In addition, the cwner of any Non-Association Amenity which includes a golf course may, in its sole and absolute discretion, change the location, configuration, size and elevation of the trees, bunkers, fairways and greens from time to time. Any such additions on changes may diminish or obstruct any view from the Units and any express or implied easements for view purposes or for the passage of light and air are hereby expressly disclaimed.
- 15.4. Rights of Access and Parking. There is hereby established for the benefit of the Non-Association Amenities and their members (regardless of whether such members are Owners hereunder), guests, invitees, employees, agents, contractors, and designees, a right and nonexclusive easement of access and use over all roadways located within the Properties reasonably necessary to travel between the entrance to the Properties and the Non-Association Amenities and over those portions of the Properties (whether Common Area or otherwise) reasonably necessary to the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Non-Association Amenities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, members of the Non-Association Amenities and guests and invitees of the Non-Association Amenities shall have the right to park their vehicles

on the roadways located within the Properties at reasonable times before, during, and after tournaments and other similar functions held by or at the Non-Association Amenities to the extent that the Non-Association Amenity has insufficient parking to accommodate such vehicles.

- 15.5. Covenant to Share Costs. The Association may enter into a contractual arrangement or Covenant to Share Costs with any Non-Association Amenity obligating the Non-Association Amenity or the Association to contribute funds for, among other things, shared property or services and/or a higher level of Common Area maintenance.
- 15.6. Architectural Control. Neither the Association, nor any committee thereof, shall approve or permit any construction, addition, alteration, change, or installation on or to any portion of the Properties which is adjacent to, or otherwise in the direct line of sight of, any Non-Association Amenity without giving the Non-Association Amenity at least 15 days' prior notice of its intent to approve or permit the same, together with copies of the request and all other documents and information finally submitted in such regard. The Non-Association Amenity shall then have 15 days to comment thereon and request disapproval of the proposal in whole or in part in writing delivered to the appropriate committee or Association. If disapproval is requested, specific details as to the basis for such request shall be provided and alternate solutions proposed to the extent practicable. This Section shall also apply to any work on the Common Area.
- 15.7. <u>Use Restrictions.</u> Upon request of the owner of any Non-Association Amenity, the Association shall enforce its use restrictions and rules and regulations against any Owner or occupant violating such regulations within such Non-Association Amenity, including but not limited to the exercise of the Association's self-help rights for violation of sign and pet restrictions.
- 15.8. <u>Limitations on Amendments</u>. In recognition of the fact that the provisions of this Article are for the benefit of the Non-Association Amenity, no amendment to this Article, and no amendment in derogation of any other provisions of this Declaration benefitting any Non-Association Amenity, may be made without the approval of the Non-Association Amenity. The foregoing shall not apply, however, to amendments made by the Declarant.
- Association and the Non-Association Amenities shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the operation of the Properties and the Non-Association Amenities. Each shall reasonably assist the other in upholding the Community-Wide Standard as it pertains to maintenance and the Design Guidelines. The Association shall have no power to promulgate use restrictions or rules affecting activities on or use of the Non-Association Amenities without the prior consent of the owners of the Non-Association Amenities affected thereby.

16. GENERAL PROVISIONS

16.1. Duration.

- (a) Unless terminated as provided in <u>Section 16.1(b)</u>, this Declaration shall have perpetual duration. If South Carolina law hereafter limits the period during which covenants may run with the land, then to the extent consistent with such law, this Declaration shall automatically be extended at the expiration of such period for successive periods of 10 years each, unless terminated as provided herein.
- (b) Unless otherwise provided by South Carolina law, in which case such law shall control, this Declaration may not be terminated within 40 years of the date of recording without the consent of all Owners. Thereafter, it may be terminated only by an instrument signed by Owners of at least 75% of the total Units within the Properties and by the Class "B" Member, if the Declarant owns any portion of the Properties, which instrument is recorded in the Public Records. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit termination of any easement created in this Declaration without the consent of the holder of such easement.

16.2. Amendment.

- (a) By The Declarant. The Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration from time to time if such amendment is necessary (i) to bring any provision into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation, or judicial determination; (ii) to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Units; (iii) to enable any institutional or governmental lender, purchaser, insurer or guarantor of Mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal come Loan Mortgage Corporation, to make, purchase, insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Units; or (iv) to satisfy the requirements of any local, state or federal governmental agency. However, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Unit unless the Owner of such Unit shall consent in writing.
- (b) <u>By Board</u>. The Board may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any purpose; provided, however, the Amendment shall not be effective for 30 days after notice of such amendment to Owners and shall be null and void if within said 30 day period Voting Delegates representing at least 67% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association disapprove said amendment in a meeting called for such purpose. In addition, no amendment to this Declaration by the Board shall be effective without the consent of the Class "B" Member.
- (c) <u>By Class "A" Members</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided above and elsewhere in this Declaration, this Declaration may be amended only by the affirmative vote or consent, or any combination thereof, of Voting Delegates representing 67% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, including 67% of the Class "A" votes held by Members other than the Declarant, and the consent of the Class "B" Member.

(d) <u>Class "B" Member Consent</u>. Notwithstanding the above, the Governing Documents shall not be amended without the consent of the Class"B" Member.

Notwithstanding the above, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause.

(e) <u>Validity and Effective Date</u>. Any amendment to the Declaration shall become effective upon recordation in the Public Records, unless a later effective date is specified in the amendment. Any procedural challenge to an amendment must be made within six months of its recordation or such amendment shall be presumed to have been validly adopted. In no event shall a change of conditions or circumstances operate to amend any provisions of this Declaration. No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of the Declarant or the Class "B" Member without the consent of the Declarant, the Class "B" Member, or the assignee of such right or privilege.

If an Owner consents to any amendment to this Declaration or the By-Laws, it will be conclusively presumed that such Owner has the authority to consent, and no contrary provision in any Mortgage or contract between the Owner and a third party will affect the validity of such amendment.

- 16.3. <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any provision of this Declaration, in whole or in part, or any application of a provision of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect other provisions or applications.
- Except as provided below, no judicial or administrative 16.4. Litigation. proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by a vote of 67% of the Voting Delegates. A Voting Delegate representing Units owned by Persons other than himself or herself shall not vote in favor of bringing or prosecuting any such proceeding unless authorized to do so by a vote of Owners holding 67% of the total votes attributable to Units in the Neighborhood represented by the Voting Delegate. This Section shall not apply, however, to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents (including, without limitation, the foreclosure of liens); (b) the imposition and collection of assessments as provided in Article 8; (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation; (d) counter-claims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it or (e) actions brought by the Association against any contractor, vendor, or supplier of goods and services arising out of a contract for services or supplies. This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is approved by the percentage of votes, and pursuant to the same procedures, necessary to institute proceedings as provided above
- 16.5. <u>Cumulative Effect; Conflict</u>. The provisions of this Declaration shall be cumulative with any additional covenants, restrictions, and declarations applicable to any Neighborhood, and the Association may, but shall not be required to, enforce the covenants, conditions, and provisions applicable to any Neighborhood; provided

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however, in the event of a conflict between or among this Declaration and such covenants or restrictions, and/or the provisions of any articles of incorporation, by-laws, rules and regulations, policies, or practices adopted or carried out pursuant thereto, this Declaration, the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, and use restrictions and rules of the Association shall prevail over those of any Neighborhood. The foregoing priorities shall apply, but not be limited to, the lien for assessments created in favor of the Association. Nothing in this Section shall preclude any Supplemental Declaration or other recorded declaration, covenants and restrictions applicable to any portion of the Properties from containing additional restrictions or provisions which are more restrictive than the provisions of this Declaration, and the Association shall have the standing and authority to enforce the same.

- 16.6. <u>Use of the Words "Woodcreek Farms"</u>. No Person shall use the words "Woodcreek Farms" or any derivative in any printed or promotional material without the Declarant's prior consent. However, Owners may use the term "Woodcreek Farms" in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely to specify that particular property is located within Woodcreek Farms and the Association and any other community association located on Woodcreek Farms shall be entitled to use the words "Woodcreek Farms" in its name.
- 16.7. <u>Compliance</u>. Every Owner and occupant of any Unit shall comply with the Governing Documents. Subject to the terms of <u>Article 14</u>, failure to comply shall be grounds for an action by the Association or by any aggrieval Owner(s) to recover sums due, for damages or injunctive relief, or for any other remedy available at law or in equity, in addition to those enforcement powers granted to the Association in Section 4.3.
- 16.8. Notice of Sale or Transfer of Title. Any Owner desiring to sell or otherwise transfer title to his or her Unit shall give the Board at least seven days' prior notice of the name and address of the purchaser or transferee, the date of such transfer of title, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. The transferor shall continue to be jointly and severally responsible with the transferee for all obligations of the Owner of the Unit, including assessment obligations, until the date upon which such notice is received by the Board, notwithstanding the transfer of title.
- 16.9. Exhibits. Exhibits "A," "B," "D" and "E" attached to this Declaration are incorporated by this reference and amendment of such Exhibits shall be governed by the provisions of Section 16.2. All other Exhibits are attached for informational purposes and may be amended as provided therein or in the provisions of this Declaration which refer to such Exhibits.
- 16.10.<u>Interpretation</u>. In all cases, the provisions set forth or provided for in this Declaration shall be construed together and given that interpretation or construction which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors will best effect the intent of the general plan of development and shall not be construed against any party based upon said party's involvement in the drafting hereof. The provisions hereof shall be liberally interpreted and, if necessary, they shall be so extended or enlarged by implication as to

make them fully effective. The provisions of this Declaration shall be given full force and effect notwithstanding the existence of any zoning ordinance or building codes which are less restrictive. The captions of each Article and Section hereof as to the contents of each Article and Section are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending, or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer. All references to Articles, Sections and Exhibits shall refer to applicable portions of this Declaration unless expressly provided to the contrary.

- 16.11. No Affirmative Obligation Unless Stated. ANY RESERVATION OR RIGHT OF THE DECLARANT WHICH IS STATED IN OR IMPLIED FROM THESE COVENANTS SHALL NOT GIVE RISE TO ANY AFFIRMATIVE OBLIGATION OR DUTY ON THE PART OF THE DECLARANT UNLESS EXPRESSLY STATED IN THIS DECLARATION.
- 16.12. No Implied Liabilities or Duties. ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION SHALL NOT EXPRESSLY OR IMPLIEDLY CREATE ANY DUTY OF CARE TO ANY PROPERTY OWNER.
- 16.13. Gender and Grammar. The singular wherever used herein shall be construed to mean the plural when applicable, and the necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions hereof apply either to corporations or other entities or to individuals, men or women, shall in all cases be assumed as though in each case fully expressed.
- 16.14. Notices and Consents. All notices, consents, requests, statements, petitions, approvals and other forms of communication between parties subject to this Declaration shall, unless otherwise stated, be in writing and shall be hand-delivered or forwarded by certified mail with return receipt requested, postage prepaid.
- 16.15. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Declaration shall be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Declarant has executed this Declaration this day of September 1996.

[SIGNATURE PAGE ATTACHED]

DECLARANT:

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WOODCREEK DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, a South Carolina general partnership

JOINING PARTY:

BEAVER LAKE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a South Carolina general partnership

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EXHIBIT "A"

Land Initially Submitted

All those certain parcels or tracts of land situate near the town of Pontiac, in the County of Richland, State of South Carolina, shown on a drawing entitled "General Development Plan: Woodcreek Farms Planned Unit Development (PUD-2) Drawing" dated March 15, 1996 as follows:

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D-4a (See Plat recorded in Plat Book 55, Page 4165, RMC Offices)

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Upon the preparation of appropriate plats of the foregoing parcels, this description will be supplemented accordingly.

EXHIBIT "B"

Land Subject to Annexation

All those certain parcels or tracts of land situate near the town of Pontiac, in the County of Richland, State of South Carolina, shown on a drawing entitled "General Development Plan: Woodcreek Farms Planned Unit Development (PUD-2) Drawing" dated March 15, 1996, less and excepting parcels which are subject to the Declaration.

EXHIBIT "C"

Initial Use Restrictions and Rules

The following restrictions shall apply to all of the Properties until such time as they are amended, modified, repealed or limited by rules of the Association adopted pursuant to Article 10 of tre Declaration.

- 1. General. All Units shall be used only for residential purposes.
- 2. <u>Restricted Activities</u>. The following activities are prohibited within the Properties unless expressly authorized by, and then subject to such conditions as may be imposed by, the Board of Directors:
- (a) Parking of any vehicles on public or private streets or thoroughfares, or parking of commercial vehicles or equipment, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, golf carts, boats and other watercraft, trailers, stored vehicles or inoperable vehicles in places other than enclosed garages or docks approved in accordance with Article 9 cf the Declaration; provided however, construction, service and delivery vehicles shall be exempt from this provision during daylight hours for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to provide service or to make a delivery to a Unit or the Common Area;
- (b) Raising, breeding or keeping of animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind, except that a reasonable number of dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets may be permitted in a Unit; nowever, those pots which are permitted to roam free, or, in the sole discretion of the Board, make objectionable noise, endanger the health or safety of, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the occupants of other Units shall be removed upon request of the Board. If the pet owner fails to honor such request, the Board may remove the pet. Dogs shall be kept on a leash or otherwise confined in a manner acceptable to the Board whenever outside the dwelling. Pets shall be registered, licensed and inoculated as required by law;
- (c) Pursuit of hobbies or other activities which tend to cause an unclean, unhealthy or untidy condition to exist outside of enclosed structures on the Unit;
- (d) Outside burning of trash, leaves, debris or other materials, except during the normal course of constructing a dwelling on a Unit;
- (e) Use or discharge of any radio, loudspeaker, horn, whistle, bell, or other sound device so as to be audible to occupants of other Units, except alarm devices used exclusively for security purposes, provided that such devices have appropriate cut-off features and otherwise minimize disturbance to occupants of other Units;
- (f) Obstruction or rechanneling of drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains, except that the Declarant and the Association shall have such right; provided however, the exercise of such right shall not materially diminish the value of or unreasonably interfere with the use of any Unit without the Owner's consent;

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- (g) Discharge of firecrackers and other fireworks, provided the Board shall have no obligation to take action to prevent or stop such discharge;
- (h) Capturing, trapping or killing of wildlife within the Properties, except in circumstances posing an imminent threat to the safety of persons using the Properties;
- (i) Any activities which materially disturb or destroy the vegetation, wildlife, wetlands, or air quality within the Properties or which use excessive amounts of water or which result in unreasonable levels of sound or light pollution;
- (j) Conversion of any carport or garage to finished space for use as an apartment or other integral part of the living area on any Unit without the prior approval of the appropriate committee pursuant to Article 9.
- (k) Operation of motorized vehicles on pathways or trails maintained by the Association, except that golf carts may be operated on cart paths intended for such purposes;
- (I) Operation of boats on any lake, pond or streams within the Properties other than non-motorized boats or boats powered by a solid battery; and
- (m) Operation of permitted boats in areas of any lake, pond or streams within the Properties, whether or not physically marked off or so designated, that would interfere with operation or utilization of the golf course.
- 3. <u>Prohibited Conditions</u>. The following shall be prohibited within the Properties:
- (a) Plants, animals, devices or other things of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxicus, dangercus, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Properties;
- (b) Structures, equipment or other items on the exterior portions of a Unit which have become rusty, diapidated or otherwise fallen into disrepair;
- (c) Sprinkler or irrigation systems or wells of any type which draw upon water from lakes, creeks, streams, rivers, ponds, wetlands, canals, or other ground or surface waters within the Properties, except that the Declarant, its successors and assigns (subject to the limitation contained in the Declaration) and the Association shall have the right to draw water from such sources; and
- (d) Use of any Unit for operation of a timesharing, fraction-sharing, or similar program whereby the right to exclusive use of the Unit rotates among participants in the program on a fixed or floating time schedule over a period of years.

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EXHIBIT "D" Rules of Arbitration

- 1. If a dispute, or controversy, or claim arises (whether based upon statute, contract, tort, common law or otherwise (collectively the "Dispute") from or relating directly or indirectly to the Governing Documents, including any breach thereof, and if the Dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions, the parties shall first endeavor to resolve the Dispute by participating in a mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association (the "AAA") under its Commercial Mediation Rules before resorting to arbitration.
- 2. Thereafter, any unresolved Dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s), after the review rights set forth below have been exhausted, may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in Columbia, South Carolina before a neutral arbitrator who is a member of the Bar of the State of South Carolina, has been actively engaged in the practice of law for at least fifteen (15) years and has substantial experience in connection with real estate transactions and interpretation of contracts.
- 3. The award shall be rendered immediately following the close of the hearing, if possible, and no later than fifteen (15) days from the close of the hearing. The award shall be in writing and each party agrees to a cept as legal delivery of the award the deposit of the award in the mail addressed to the party or its attorney. Upon the request of either party, the arbitrator's award shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law provided that such findings be in summary form.
- 4. Either party may seek review of the arbitrator's award to an arbitration review panel, comprised of three (3) arthurs qualified in the same manner as the initial arbitrator (as set forth above) by submitting a written request to the AAA. The right of review shall be waived unless requested in writing within ten (10) days of the delivery of the initial arbitrator's award. The arbitration review panel shall be entitled to review all findings of fact and conclusions of law in whatever manner it deems appropriate and may modify the award of the initial arbitrator in its discretion.
- 5. Unless otherwise deemed appropriate by the arbitrator(s), the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including attorneys' and arbitrators' fee) related to the entire arbitration proceeding (including review if applicable). The decision of the arbitrator(s), after exhausting the review provided above, shall be deemed the "arbitration award" and may be enrolled as a final judgment as otherwise provided by law.

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WOODCREEK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

1. Name, Principal Office, and Definitions

- 1.1 Name. The name of the corporation is Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association (the "Association"), a South Carolina nonprofit mutual benefit corporation.
- 1.2 <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Association shall be located in Richland County, South Carolina. The Association may have such other offices, either within or outside the State of South Carolina, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.
- 1.3 <u>Definitions.</u> The words used in these By-Laws shall be given their normal, commonly understood definitions. Capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as set forth in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Woodcreek Farms filed in the Public Records, as it may be amended (the "Declaration"), unless the context indicates otherwise.

2. Association: Membership, Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies

- 2.1 <u>Membership.</u> The Association shall have two classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B," as more fully set forth in the Declaration, the terms of which pertaining to membership are incorporated by this reference.
- 2.2 <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Members as the Board may designate, either within the Properties or as convenient as possible and practical.
- 2.3 Annual Meetings. The first meeting of the Association, whether a regular or special meeting, shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation of the Association. Meetings shall be of the Voting Delegates. Subsequent regular annual meetings shall be set by the Board so as to occur during the third quarter of the Association's fiscal year on a date and at a time set by the Board.
- 2.4 <u>Special Meetings</u>. The President may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting if so directed by resolution of the Board or upon a petition signed by Voting Delegates representing at least ten percent (10%) of the total Class "A" votes of the Association.
- 2.5 <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. Written notice stating the place, day, and time of any meeting of the Voting Delegates shall be delivered, either personally or by mail, to each Voting Delegate entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than 10 nor more than 30 days

before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or the Secretary or the officers or persons calling the meeting.

In the case of a special meeting or when otherwise required by statute or these By-Laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.

If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Voting Delegate at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage prepaid.

- 2.6 <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the Voting Delegates shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any Voting Delegate may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Voting Delegates, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a Voting Delegate shall be deemed a waiver by such Voting Delegate of any objection as to notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such Voting Delegate specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order. Attendance at a special meeting also shall be deemed waiver of notice of all business transacted at such meeting unless an objection on the basis of lack of proper notice is raised before the business is put to a vote.
- 2.7 Adjournment of Meetings. If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a Majority of the Voting Delegates who are present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five nor more than 30 days from the time the original meeting was called. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been cansacted at the meeting originally called. If a time and place for reconvening the meeting is not fixed by those in attendance at the original meeting or if for any reason a new date is fixed for reconvening the meeting after adjournment, notice of the time and place for reconvening the meeting shall be given to Voting Delegates in the manner prescribed for regular meetings.
- 2.8 <u>Voting</u>. The voting rights of the Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration and in these By-Laws, and such voting rights provisions are specifically incorporated by this reference.
- 2.9 <u>Proxies</u>. A Voting Delegate entitled to cast the votes for all Units within such delegates' Neighborhood may not assign the right to cast such votes by proxy, but may cast such votes only in person or through his or her designated alternate. Any Member who is entitled to cast only the vote(s) for his or her own Unit(s) pursuant to <u>Section 3.4</u> of the Declaration may cast such vote in person or by proxy. On any matter as to which a Member is entitled to personally cast the vote for his or her Unit, such vote may be cast in person or by proxy, subject to the limitations of South Carolina law relating to use of general proxies and subject to any specific provision to the contrary in the Declaration or these By-Laws. Every proxy shall be in writing specifying the Unit for which it is given, signed by the Member or his or her duly authorized attorney-in-fact, dated, and filed with the Secretary of the Association prior to the meeting for which it is

to be effective. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the proxy, a proxy shall be presumed to cover all votes which the Member giving such proxy is entitled to cast, and in the event of any conflict between two or more proxies purporting to cover the same voting rights, the later dated proxy shall prevail, or if dated as of the same date, both shall be deemed invalid. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance of any Unit for which it was given, upon receipt by the Secretary of written notice of revocation of the proxy or of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a Member who is a natural person, or 11 months from the date of the proxy, unless a shorter period is specified in the proxy.

2.10 Quorum. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or in the Declaration, the presence of Voting Delegates representing a Majority of the total Class "A" votes in the Association shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association.

The Voting Delegates present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Voting Delegates to leave less than a quorum, provided that any action taken is approved by at least a Majority of the votes required to constitute a quorum.

- 2.11 <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted and all other transactions occurring at such meetings.
- 2.12 Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted by law to be taken at a meeting of the Voting Delegates may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if written consent specifically authorizing the proposed action is signed by all Voting Delegates entitled to vote on such matter. Such consents shall be signed within 60 days after receipt of the earliest dated consent, dated and delivered to the Association at its principal place of business in the State of South Carolina. Such consents shall be filled with the minutes of the Association, and shall have the same force and effect as a vote of the Voting Delegates at a meeting.

3. Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

A. Composition and Selection.

3.1 <u>Governing Body: Composition</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one equal vote. Except with respect to directors appointed by the Class "B" Member or serving as a representative of the Declarant, the directors shall be eligible Members or residents; provided, however, no Owner and resident representing the same Unit may serve on the Board at the same time. No Owner or resident shall be eligible to serve as a director if any assessment for such Owner's or resident's Unit is delinquent. A "resident" shall be any natural person 18 years of age or older whose principal residence is a Unit within the Properties. In the case of a Member which is not a natural person, any officer, director, partner or trust

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officer of such Member shall be eligible to serve as a director unless otherwise specified by written notice to the Association signed by such Member, provided that no Member may have more than one such representative on the Board at a time, except in the case of directors appointed by the Class "B" Member.

- 3.2 <u>Number of Directors.</u> The Board shall consist of three to seven directors, as provided in <u>Sections 3.3 and 3.5</u> below. The initial Board shall consist of three directors and shall be appointed as provided in <u>Section 3.3</u>.
- 3.3 <u>Directors During Class "B" Control Period.</u> Subject to the provisions of <u>Section 3.5</u>, the directors shall be selected by the Class "B" Member acting in its sole discretion and shall serve at the pleasure of the Class "B" Member during the Class "B" Control Period. Directors appointed by the Class "B" Member shall not be subject to the qualifications for directors set forth in <u>Section 3.1</u>.
 - 3.4 Nomination and Election Procedures.
- Nomination of Directors. Except with respect to directors selected by the Class "B" Member, nominations for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairperson, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and three or more Members or representatives of Members. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors not less than 30 days prior to each election to serve a term of one year or until their successors are appointed, and such appointment shall be announced at each such election. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but in no event less than the number of positions to be filled as provided in <u>Section 3.5</u> below. Nominations shall also be permitted from the floor. The Nominating Committee shall nominate separate slates for the directors, if any, to be elected at large by all Class "A" votes, and for the director(s) to be elected by the votes within each Voting Group. In making its nominations, the Nominating Committee shall use reasonable efforts to nominate candidates representing the diversity which exists within the pool of potential candidates. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the Members and to solicit votes.
- (b) <u>Election Procedures</u>. Each Voting Delegate may cast all votes assigned to the Units which it represents for each position to be filled from the slate of candidates on which such Voting Delegate is entitled to vote. There shall be no cumulative voting. That number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. Directors may be elected to serve any number of consecutive terms.
- 3.5 <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws:
- (a) Within 30 days after the time that Class "A" Members other than Builders own 25% of the Units permitted by the Master Pian for the property described in Exhibits "A" and "B" of the Declaration, or whenever the Class "B" Member earlier

determines, the Association shall hold an election at which the Class "A" Members shall elect one of the three directors, who shall be an at-large director and shall serve a term of two years or until the occurrence of the event described in subsection (b), whichever is shorter. If such director's term expires prior to the occurrence of the event described in subsection (b), a successor shall be elected for a like term. The remaining two directors shall be appointees of the Class "B" Member.

- Within 30 days after the time that Class "A" Members other than Builders own 50% of the Units permitted by the Master Plan for the property described in Exhibits "A" and "B" of the Declaration, or whenever the Class "B" Member earlier determines, the Board shall be increased to five directors. The Association shall hold an election at which the Class "A" Members or the Voting Delegates, if elected, shall elect two of the five directors, who shall serve as at-large directors and shall serve a term of two years or until the occurrence of the event described in subsection (c) below, whichever is shorter. If such directors' terms expire prior to the occurrence of the event described in subsection (c) below, successors shall be elected for a like term. The remaining three directors shall be appointees of the Class "B" Member.
- Within 90 days after termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the Association shall hold an election at which the Voting Delegates shall elect three of the five directors, who shall serve as at-large directors and shall serve until the first annual meeting following the termination of the Class "B" Control Period. If such annual meeting is scheduled to occur within 90 days after termination of the Class "B" Control Period, this subsection shall not apply and directors shall be elected in accordance with subsection (d) below. The remaining two directors shall be appointees of the Class "B" Member.
- Not later than the first annual meeting after the termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the Board shall be increased to seven directors and an election shall be held. Six directors shall be elected by the Voting Delegates, with an equal number of directors elected by the Voting Delegates representing each Voting Group and any remaining directorships filled at large by the vote c. all Voting Delegates. Three directors shall serve a term of two years, and three directors shall serve a term of one year, as such directors determine among themselves.

Until termination of the Class "B" membership, the Class "B" Member shall be entitled to appoint one director. Upon termination of the Class "B" membership, the director appointed by the Class "B" Member shall resign and the remaining directors shall be entitled to appoint a director to serve until the next annual meeting, at which time the Voting Delegates shall be entitled to elect a director to fill such position. Such director shall be elected for a term of two years.

Upon the expiration of the term of office of each director elected by the Voting Delegates, the Voting Delegates entitled to elect such director shall be entitled to elect a successor to serve a term of two years. The directors elected by the Voting Delegates shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected.

3.6 Removal of Directors and Vacancies. Any director elected by the Voting Delegates may be removed, with or without cause, by the vote of Voting Delegates holding a Majority of the votes entitled to be cast for the election of such director, but shall not be subject to removal solely by the Class "B" Member. Any director whose removal is sought shall be given notice prior to any meeting called for that purpose. Upon removal of a director, a successor shall be elected by the Voting Delegates entitled to elect the director so removed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of such director.

Any director elected by the Voting Delegates who has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings, or who is more than 30 days delinquent (or is the resident of a Unit that is delinquent or is an officer, director, partner or trust officer of a Member who is delinquent) in the payment of any assessment or other charge due the Association, may be removed by a Majority of the directors, and the Board may appoint a successor to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting, at which time the Voting Delegates entitled to fill such directorship may elect a successor for the remainder of the term.

In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of a director, the Board may declare a vacancy and appoint a successor to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting, at which time the Voting Delegates entitled to fill such directorship may elect a successor for the remainder of the term.

Any director which the Board appoints shall be selected from among Members within the Voting Group represented by the director who vacated the position.

This Section shall not apply to directors appointed by the Class "B" Member nor to any director serving as a representative of the Declarant. The Class "B" Member or the Declarant shall be entitled to appoint a successor to fill any vacancy on the Board resulting from the death, disability or resignation of a director appointed by or elected as a representative of the Class "B" Member or the Declarant.

B. Meetings.

- 3.7 <u>Organizational Meetings</u>. The Board shall hold its first meeting within 10 days following each annual meeting of the membership at such time and place as the Board shall fix.
- 3.8 <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as a Majority of the directors shall determine, but at least one such meeting shall be held during each quarter.
- 3.9 <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by written notice signed by the President or Vice President or by any two directors.
- 3.10 <u>Notice</u>. Notice of the time and place of a regular meeting shall be communicated to directors not less than four calendar days prior to the meeting. Notice of the time and place of a special meeting shall be communicated to directors not less

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than 72 hours prior to the meeting. No notice need be given to any director who has signed a waiver of notice or a written consent to holding of the meeting. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the nature of any special business to be considered. Notices shall be given to each director (i) personal delivery; (ii) first class mail, postage prepaid; (iii) telephone communication, either directly to the director or to a person at the director's office or home who would reasonably be expected to communicate such notice promptly to the director; (iv) telecopier transmission to the director's home or office, with confirmation of receipt by the receiving telecopier; or (v) telegram, charges prepaid. All such notices shall be given at the director's telephone or telecopier number or sent to the director's address as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deemed communicated when deposited into a United States mailbox. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, telecopier or telegraph shall be deemed communicated when delivered, telephoned, telecopied or given to the telegraph

- 3.11 Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting also shall be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.
- 3.12 Telephonic Participation in Meetings. wembers of the Board or any committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section shall constitute presence in person
- 3.13 Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board, a Majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a Majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board, unless otherwise specifically provided in these By-Laws or the Declaration. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a Majority of the required quorum for that meeting. If any meeting of the Board cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a Majority of the directors present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five nor more than 30 days from the date of the original meeting. At the reconvened meeting, if a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.
- 3.14 Compensation. Directors shall not receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such unless approved by Voting Delegates representing a Majority of the total Class "A" votes in the Association at a regular or special meeting of

the Association. Any director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Association upon approval of a Majority of the other directors. Nothing herein shall is affiliated, for services or supplies furnished to the Association in a capacity other than as a director pursuant to a contract or agreement with the Association, provided that such director's interest was made known to the Board prior to entering into such contract and such contract was approved by a Majority of the Board of Directors, excluding the interested director.

- 3.15 <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board, and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of Board meetings, recording all Board resolutions and all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings.
- 3.16 Open Meetings. Subject to the provisions of Sections 3.11 and 3.16, all meetings of the Board shall be open to all Voting Delegates and, if required by law, all Owners, but attendees other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless permission to speak is requested on their behalf by a director. In such case, the President may limit the time any such individual may speak. Notwithstanding the above, the President may adjourn any meeting of the Board, reconvene in executive session and exclude persons other than directors, to discuss matters of a sensitive nature, such as pending or threatened litigation, personnel matters, etc.
- 3.17 Action Without a Formal Meeting. Any action to be taken at a meeting of the directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the directors, and such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote.

C. Powers and Duties.

- 3.18 <u>Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and for performing all responsibilities and exercising all rights of the Association as set forth in the Declaration, these By-Laws, the Articles, and as provided by law. The Board may do or cause to be done all acts and things which the Declaration, Articles, these By-Laws, or South Carolina law do not direct to be done and exercised exclusively by the Voting Delegates or the membership generally.
 - 3.19 <u>Duties</u>. The duties of the Board shall include, without limitation:
- (a) preparing and adopting, in accordance with the Declaration, an annual budget establishing each Owner's share of the Common Expenses and any Neighborhood Expenses;
 - (b) levying and collecting such assessments from the Owners;

- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of the Area of Common Responsibility;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary to carry out the rights and responsibilities of the Association and where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and materials to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) depositing all funds received on behalf of the Association in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using such funds to operate the Association, provided any reserve funds may be deposited, in the directors' best business judgment, in depositories other than banks;
- (f) making and amending use restrictions and rules in accordance with the Declaration;
- (g) opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) making or contracting for the making of repairs, additions, and improvements to or alterations of the Common Area in accordance with the Declaration and these By-Laws;
- (i) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and the rules adopted by it and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the Owners concerning the Association;
- (j) obtaining and carrying property and liability insurance and fidelity bonds, as provided in the Declaration, paying the cost thereof, and filing and adjusting claims, as appropriate;
 - (k) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association;
- (I) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association;
- (m) making available to any prospective purchaser of a Unit, any Owner, and the holders, insurers, and guarantors of any Mortgage on any Unit, current copies of the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws, rules and all other books, records, and financial statements of the Association as provided in Section 6.4;
- (n) permitting utility suppliers to use portions of the Common Area reasonably necessary to the ongoing development or operation of the Properties;
- (o) indemnifying a director, officer or committee member, or former director, officer or committee member of the Association to the extent such indemnity is required by South Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Declaration; and

- (p) assisting in the resolution of disputes between owners and others without litigation, as set forth in the Declaration.
- 3.20 Right of Class "B" Member to Disapprove Actions. So long as the Class "B" membership exists, the Class "B" Member shall have a right to disapprove any action, policy or program of the Association, the Board and any committee which, in the sole judgment of the Class "B" Member, would tend to impair rights of the Declarant or Builders under the Declaration or these By-Laws, or interfere with development or construction of any portion of the Properties, or diminish the level of services being provided by the Association.
- (a) The Class "B" Member shall be given written notice of all meetings and proposed actions approved at meetings (or by written consent in lieu of a meeting) of the Association, the Board or any committee. Such notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery at the address it has registered with the Secretary of the Association, which notice complies with Section 3.10 and which notice shall, except in the case of the regular meetings held pursuant to the By-Laws, set forth with reasonable particularity the agenda to be followed at such meeting. The Class "B" Member may waive its right to receive notice in the same manner as provided in Section 3.11; and
- (b) The Class "B" Member shall be given the opportunity at any such meeting to join in or to have its representatives or agents join in discussion from the floor of any prospective action, policy, or program which would be subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein.

No action, policy or program subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein shall become effective or be implemented until and unless the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) above have been met.

The Class "B" Member, its representatives or agents shall make its concerns, thoughts, and suggestions known to the Board and/or the members of the subject committee. The Class "B" Member, acting through any officer or director, agent or authorized representative, may exercise its right to disapprove at any time within 10 days following the meeting at which such action was proposed or, in the case of any action taken by written consent in lieu of a meeting, at any time within 10 days following receipt of written notice of the proposed action. This right to disapprove may be used to block proposed actions but shall not include a right to require any action or counteraction on behalf of any committee, or the Board or the Association. The Class "B" Member shall not use its right to disapprove to reduce the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repairs or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

3.21 <u>Management</u>. The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at such compensation as the Board may establish, to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize. The Board of Directors may delegate such powers as are necessary to perform the manager's assigned duties, but shall not delegate policymaking authority or those duties set forth

in <u>Sections 3.18(a), 3.18(b), 3.18(f), 3.18(g)</u> and 3.18(i). The Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant may be employed as managing agent or manager.

The Board of Directors may delegate to one of its members the authority to act on behalf of the Board on all matters relating to the duties of the managing agent or manager, if any, which might arise between meetings of the Board.

- 3.22 Accounts and Reports. The following management standards of performance shall be followed unless the Board by resolution specifically determines otherwise:
- (a) accrual accounting, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, shall be employed;
- (b) accounting and controls should conform to generally accepted accounting principles;
- (c) cash accounts of the Association shall not be commingled with any other accounts;
- (d) no remuneration shall be accepted by the managing agent from vendors, independent contractors, or others providing goods or services to the Association, whether in the form of commissions, finder's fees, service fees, prizes, gifts, or otherwise; any thing of value received shall benefit the Association;
- (e) any financial or other interest which the managing agent may have in any firm providing goods or services to the Association shall be disclosed promptly to the Board of Directors:
- (f) commencing at the end of the quarter in which the first Unit is sold and closed, financial reports shall be prepared for the financial statements shall include an income statement reflecting all income and expense activity for the preceding period on an accrual basis and may include such other reports as deemed necessary by the Board); and
- (g) an annual financial report shall be made available to all Members within 120 days after the close of the fiscal year. Such annual report may be prepared on an audited, reviewed, or compiled basis, as the Board determines; provided however, upon written request of any holder, guarantor, or insurer of any first Mortgage on a Unit, the Association shall provide an audited financial statement.
- 3.23 <u>Borrowing</u>. The Association shall have the power to borrow money for any legal purpose; provided however, the Board shall obtain Voting Delegate approval in the same manner provided in <u>Section 8.6</u> of the Declaration for Special Assessments if the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of making discretionary capital improvements and the total amount of such borrowing, together with all other debt incurred within the previous 12-month period, exceeds or would exceed 10% of the budgeted gross expenses of the Association for that fiscal year.

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3.24 Right to Contract. The Association shall have the right to contract with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions. This right shall include, without limitation, the right to enter into common management, operational, or other agreements with trusts, condominiums, cooperatives, or Neighborhood and other owners or residents associations, within and outside the Properties; provided, any common management agreement shall require the consent of a Majority of the total number of directors of the Association.

3.25 Enforcement.

- Notice. Prior to imposition of any sanction requiring compliance with these procedures as set forth in the Declaration, the Board or its delegate shall serve the alleged violator with written notice including (i) the nature of the alleged violation, (ii) the proposed sanction to be imposed, (iii) a statement that the alleged violator may present a written request for a hearing to the Board or the covenants committee, if one has been appointed pursuant to Section 5, within 15 days of the notice; and (iv) a statement that the proposed sanction shall be imposed as contained in the notice unless a request for a hearing is received within 15 days of the notice. If a timely request is not received, the sanction stated in the notice shall be imposed; provided however, the Board or covenants committee may, but shall not be obligated to, suspend any proposed sanction if the violation is cured within the 15-day period. Such suspension shall not constitute a waiver of the right to sanction future violations of the same or other provisions and rules by any Person. In the event of a continuing violation, each day the violation continues beyond the 15-day period constitutes a separate offense, and fines may be imposed on a per diem basis without further notice to the violator. In the event of a violation which recurs within one year from the date of any nauce hereunder, the Board or covenants committee may impose a sanction without notice to the violator.
- (b) Hearing. If a hearing is requested within the allotted 15-day period, the hearing shall be held before the covenants committee, or if none has been appointed, then before the Board in executive session. The alleged collator shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Prior to the effectiveness of any sanction hereunder, proof of proper notice shall be placed in the minutes of the meeting. Such proof shall be deemed adequate if a copy of the notice, together with a statement of the date and manner of delivery, is entered by the officer, director, or agent who delivered such notice. The notice requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the alleged violator or its representative appears at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing and the sanction, if any, imposed.
- (c) <u>Appeal</u>. If a hearing is held before a covenants committee, the violator shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Directors. To exercise this right, a written notice of appeal must be received by the manager, President, or Secretary of the Association within 15 days after the hearing date.

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4. Officers

- 4.1 Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Secretary shall be elected from among the members of the Board; other officers may, but need not be members of the Board. The Board may appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have such authority and perform such duties as the Board prescribes. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.
- 4.2 <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. The Board shall elect the officers of the Association at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Voting Delegates, to serve until their successors are elected.
- 4.3 <u>Removal and Vacancies</u>. The Board may remove any officer whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association will be served, and may fill any vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, for the unexpired portion of the term.
- powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, as well as such powers and duties as may specifically be conferred or imposed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The Treasurer shall have primary responsibility for the preparation of the budget as provided for in the Declaration and may delegate all or part of the preparation and notification duties to a finance committee, management agent, or both. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing minutes of meetings of the Members and the Board and for authenticating records of the Association.
- 4.5 <u>Resignation</u>. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 4.6 Agreements, Contracts, Deeds, Leases, Checks, Etc. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks, and other instruments of the Association shall be executed by at least two officers or by such other person or persons as may be designated by Board resolution.
- 4.7 <u>Compensation</u>. Compensation of officers shall be subject to the same limitations as compensation of directors under <u>Section 3.13</u>.

5. Committees

- 5.1 <u>General</u>. The Board may appoint such committees as it deems appropriate to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as the Board may designate by resolution. Each committee shall operate in accordance with the terms of such resolution.
- 5.2 <u>Covenants Committee</u>. In addition to any other committees which the Board may establish pursuant to Section 5.1, the Board may appoint a covenants committee consisting of at least three and no more than seven Members. Acting in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these By-Laws, and resolutions the Board may adopt, the covenants committee, if established, shall be the hearing tribunal of the Association and shall conduct all hearings held pursuant to <u>Section 3.24</u> of these By-Laws.
- 5.3 Neighborhood Committees. In addition to any other committees appointed as provided above, each Neighborhood which has no formal organizational structure or association may elect a Neighborhood Committee to determine the nature and extent of services, if any, to be provided to the Neighborhood by the Association in addition to those provided to all Members of the Association in accordance with the Declaration. A Neighborhood Committee may advise the Board on any other issue, but shall not have the authority to bind the Board. Such Neighborhood Committees, if elected, shall consist of three to five Members, as determined by the vote of at least a Majority of the Owners of Units within the Neighborhood.

Neighborhood Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Any director elected to the Board of Directors from a Neighborhood shall be an <u>ex officio</u> member of the Neighborhood Committee. The Neighborhood Committee shall elect a chairperson who shall preside at its meetings and shall be responsible for transmitting any and all communications to the Board.

In the conduct of its duties and responsibilities, each Neighborhood Committee shall abide by the meeting, notice and quorum requirements applicable to the Board under Sections 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, and 3.11. Meetings of a Neighborhood Committee shall be open to all Owners of Units in the Neighborhood and their representatives. Members of a Neighborhood Committee may act by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting.

5.4 Advisory Board. During the Class "B" Control Period, the Board shall establish an advisory board to advise the Board and to act as liaison between the Board and the Members. The advisory board shall be composed of five members. The initial members of the advisory board shall be appointed by the Board. The terms of such initial members shall be staggered with two of the members appointed for a term of three years, two of the members elected for a term of two years, and one of the members elected for a term of one year. Thereafter, the members of the advisory board shall be elected by the Voting Delegates at each annual meeting of the Association and shall be elected to serve for three year terms.

6. Miscellaneous

- 6.1 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year unless the Board establishes a different fiscal year by resolution.
- 6.2 <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Except as may be modified by Board resolution, <u>Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised</u> (current edition) shall govern the conduct of Association proceedings when not in conflict with South Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, or these By-Laws.
- 6.3 <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts between the provisions of South Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of South Carolina law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

6.4 Books and Records.

- (a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgagees</u>. The Board shall make available for inspection and copying by any holder, insurer or guarantor of a first Mortgage on a Unit, any Member, or the duly appointed representative of any of the foregoing at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her interest in a Unit: the Declaration, By-Laws, and Articles of Incorporation, including any amendments, the rules of the Association and the minutes of meetings of the Members, the Board, and committees. The Board shall provide for such inspection to take place at the office of the Association or at such other place within the Properties as the Board shall designate.
 - (b) Rules for Inspection. The Board shall establish rules with respect to:
 - (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records;
- (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made;
 - (iii) payment of the cost of reproducing documents requested.
- (c) <u>Inspection by Directors</u>. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a director includes the right to make a copy of relevant documents at the expense of the Association.
- 6.5 Notices. Except as otherwise provided in the Declaration or these By-Laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications under the Declaration or these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by United States mail, first class postage prepaid:
- (a) if to a Member or Voting Delegate, at the address which the Member or Voting Delegate has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such

address has been designated, at the address of the Unit of such Member or Voting Delegate; or

(b) if to the Association, the Board, or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Members pursuant to this Section.

6.6 Amendment.

- (a) By Declarant. Until termination of the Class "B" membership, Declarant may unilaterally amend these By-Laws for any purpose. Thereafter, the Declarant may unilaterally amend these By-Laws at any time and from time to time if such amendment is necessary (i) to bring any provision into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation, or judicial determination; (ii) to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Units; (iii) to enable any institutional or governmental lender, purchaser, insurer or guarantor of Mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to make, purchase, insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Units; or (iv) to satisfy the requirements of any local, state, or federal governmental agency. However, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Unit unless the Owner shall consent thereto in writing. In addition, so long as the Declarant owns any property which is subject to the Declaration or which may be unilaterally subjected to the Declaration by Declarant, it may unilaterally amend these By-Laws for any other purpose, provided the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of any Member.
- (b) <u>By Members</u>. Except as provided above, these By-Laws may be amended only by the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Voting Delegates representing 67% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, and the written consent of the Declarant, so long as Declarant owns any property which is subject to the Declaration or which may be unilaterally subjected to the Declaration by Declarant. In addition, the approval requirements at forth in Section 12 of the Declaration shall be met, if applicable.

Notwithstanding the above, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause.

(c) <u>Validity and Effective Date</u>. Any amendment to these By-i..aws shall become effective upon recordation in the Public Records, unless a later effective date is specified in the amendment. Any procedural challenge to an amendment must be made within six months of its recordation or such amendment shall be presumed to have been validly adopted. In no event shall a change of conditions or circumstances operate to amend any provisions of these By-Laws.

No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of the Declarant or the Class "B" Member without the written consent of the Declarant, the Class "B" Member, or the assignee of such right or privilege.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

That I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Woodcreek Farms Homeowners Association, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation;

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