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#### **DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS**

**FOR** 

CREEKSIDE PLACE AT THE GOLF CLUB OF GEORGIA

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## <u>DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,</u> <u>RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS</u>

#### **FOR**

#### CREEKSIDE PLACE AT THE GOLF CLUB OF GEORGIA

THIS DECLARATION is made on the date hereinafter set forth by Crossfire Properties, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Declarant").

#### **Background Statement**

Declarant is the owner of the real property described in Article II, Section 1 of this Declaration and desires to subject such real property to the provisions of this Declaration to create a residential community of detached single-family housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the real property described in Article II, Section 1 of this Declaration, including the improvements constructed or to be constructed thereon, is hereby subjected to the provisions of this Declaration and any and all easements, restrictions and/or requirements as set forth on the plat of the Community and shall be held, sold, transferred, conveyed, used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, assessments, and liens hereinafter set forth, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the title to, the real property made subject hereto, and shall be binding on all Persons or entities having any right, title, or interest in all or any portion of the real property made subject hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each and every owner of all or any portion thereof.

## Article I Definitions

The following words, when used in this Declaration or in any Supplementary Declaration (unless the context shall prohibit), shall have the following meanings:

(a)	"Access	Eas	seme	<u>nt</u> " shall	mean	that	certai	n Acce	ss E	asem	ent	Agree	ment	dated
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(b) "Approved Builder" shall mean any builder that is designated in writing by Declarant as an "Approved Builder". All builders shall be approved by Declarant for so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community. An Approved Builder shall continue to be an Approved Builder until the earlier of the following events: (i) the completion of a residence on the Lot; or (ii) the termination of a builder's status as an "Approved Builder" by Declarant

THIS DECLARATION DOES NOT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO CREATE A CONDOMINIUM REGIME SUBJECT TO THE GEORGIA CONDOMINIUM ACT, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-70, ET SEQ.

THIS DECLARATION DOES NOT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO SUBMIT THE PROPERTY TO THE TERMS OF THE GEORGIA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACT, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-220, ET SEQ.

- (c) "Architectural Control Committee" or "ACC" shall mean the committee established to exercise the architectural review powers set forth in Article IX hereof.
- (d) "Area of Common Responsibility" shall mean the Common Property, together with those areas, if any, which by the terms of this Declaration or by agreement with any other Person become the Association's responsibility to maintain.
- (e) "Association" shall mean Creekside Place at The Golf Club of Georgia Homeowners Association, Inc., a nonprofit Georgia corporation, its successors and assigns.
- (f) "Board of Directors" or "Board" of the Association shall be the appointed or elected body, as applicable, having its normal meaning under Georgia law.
- (g) "Bylaws" shall refer to the Bylaws of Creekside Place at The Golf Club of Georgia Homeowners Association, Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- (h) "Common Expenses" shall mean the expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the Association for the general benefit of the Community, including, but not limited to, those expenses incurred for maintaining, repairing, and replacing the Area of Common Responsibility, and the assessment, if any, for which the Association is liable in accordance with the Master Declaration, and any payments due in accordance with the Access Easement.
- (i) "Common Property" shall mean any and all real and personal property and easements and other interests therein, together with the facilities and improvements located thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- (j) "Community" shall mean and refer to that certain real property and interests therein described in Exhibit "A." attached hereto.
- (k) "<u>Community-Wide Standard</u>" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Such determination, however, must be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by Declarant.
- (I) "<u>Declarant</u>" shall mean and refer to by Crossfire Properties, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, and its successors-in-title and assigns, provided that in a recorded instrument, such successor-in-title or assignee is designated as the "Declarant" hereunder; and, provided, further, upon the effective date of the designation of such successor Declarant, all rights of the former Declarant in and to such status as "Declarant" hereunder shall cease, it being understood that there shall be only one "Declarant" hereunder at any one point in time.
- (m) "<u>Electronic Document"</u> shall mean information created, transmitted, received or stored by electronic means and retrievable in human perceivable form, such as email, web pages, electronic documents, facsimile transmissions, etc.

- (n) "<u>Electronic Signature</u>" shall mean a signature created, transmitted, received or stored by electronic means and includes, but is not limited to, a Secure Electronic Signature.
- (o) "Lot" shall mean any plot of land within the Community, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon, which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single-family dwelling site as shown on a plat recorded in the Official Records.
- (p) "Master Association" shall mean Windward Community Services Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns, which association is created pursuant to the Master Declaration.
- (q) "<u>Master Declaration</u>" shall mean that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Windward Community Services Association recorded in Deed Book 8468, Page 205, <u>et seq.</u>, Fulton County, Georgia records, as amended or as it may be amended.
- (r) "Mortgage" shall mean any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, and any and all other similar instruments used for the purpose of encumbering real property in the Community as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation.
  - (s) "Mortgagee" shall mean the holder of a Mortgage.
- (t) "Occupant" shall mean any Person occupying all or any portion of a residence or other property located within the Community for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant of the Owner of such property.
- (u) "Official Records" shall mean the official land records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County.
- (v) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot located within the Community, excluding, however, any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.
- (w) "Person" shall mean any natural person, as well as a corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership (general or limited), association, trust, or other legal entity.
- (x) "Secure Electronic Signature" shall mean an electronic or digital method executed or adopted by a Person with the intent to be bound by or to authenticate a record, which is unique to the Person using it, is capable of verification, is under the sole control of the Person using it, and is linked to data in such a manner that if the data is changed, the electronic signature is invalidated.
- (y) "<u>Supplementary Declaration</u>" shall mean an amendment or supplement to this Declaration that imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein, or both.
- (z) "Survey" shall mean the plat or plats for Creekside Place at The Golf Club of Georgia, as amended, recorded in the Official Records. The Survey is incorporated herein by reference as fully as if the same were set forth in its entirety herein.

(aa) "<u>Total Association Vote</u>" shall mean all of the votes attributable to members of the Association (including votes of Declarant), and the consent of Declarant so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community.

#### Article II

### Property Subject to this Declaration, Conveyance and Partition of Common Property

- Section 1. <u>Property Hereby Subjected to this Declaration</u>. The real property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u> attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof is, by the recording of this Declaration, subject to the covenants and restrictions hereinafter set forth and any and all easements, restrictions and/or requirements as set forth on the plat of the Community and, by virtue of the recording of this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to this Declaration.
- Section 2. <u>Conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to Association</u>. Declarant may transfer or convey to the Association any personal property and any improved or unimproved real property, leasehold, easement, or other property interest that is or may be subjected to the terms of this Declaration. Such conveyance shall be accepted by the Association, and the property shall be Common Property to be maintained by the Association for the benefit of all or a part of its members. Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Article II.
- Section 3. <u>Partition of Common Property</u>. The Common Property shall remain undivided, and no Owner or any other Person, but excluding Declarant, shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part of the Common Property without the written consent of all Owners and all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the Community.

# Article III Association Membership and Voting Rights

- Section 1. Membership. Every Person who is the record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot that is subject to this Declaration shall automatically become a member of the Association upon taking title to a Lot and shall remain a member for the entire period of ownership. The foregoing is not intended to include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one (1) or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot. In the event of multiple Owners of a Lot, votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided in this Declaration and in the Bylaws. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote and to hold office, may be exercised by a member or the member's spouse, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast for each Lot owned.
- Section 2. <u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) Person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners themselves determine and advise the Secretary prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended in the event more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it.

#### Article IV Assessments

Section 1. <u>Purpose of Assessment</u>. The assessments provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the common benefit and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of Lots, including the maintenance of real and personal property, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, covenants and agrees to pay to the Association (a) annual assessments or charges, (b) special assessments, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided, and (c) specific assessments against any particular Lot which are established pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, reasonable fines as may be imposed in accordance with the terms of this Declaration. All such assessments, together with late charges, interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law per annum on the principal amount due, and costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with late charges, interest, costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment fell due. Each Owner shall be personally liable for his or her portion of each assessment coming due while he or she is the Owner of a Lot, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of its grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings or deed in lieu of foreclosure.

The Association shall, within five (5) business days after receiving a written request therefor and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of issuance.

Annual assessments shall be levied at a uniform rate per Lot and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, which may include, without limitation, acceleration, upon ten (10) days written notice, of the annual assessment for delinquents. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the assessment shall be paid in annual installments.

Section 3. <u>Computation of Annual Assessment</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year, which may include, if necessary, a capital contribution or reserve in accordance with a capital budget separately prepared.

The common assessment to be levied against each Lot for the coming year shall be set at a level which is reasonably expected to produce total revenue to the Association equal to the total budgeted operating costs of the Association. The Board shall cause the proposed budget and assessments to be levied against each Lot for the following year to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the current fiscal year. The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a majority of the Total Association Vote. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the membership disapproves the

proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason so to determine the budget for the succeeding year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined, as provided herein, the budget in effect for the then current year shall continue for the succeeding year.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to: (i) not spend the full amount budgeted for any particular line item in the budget; (ii) spend more than what has been budgeted; and (iii) shift revenues within the budget from one line to another.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein, during the period Declarant has the right to appoint and remove officers and directors of the Association pursuant to Article III, Part A, Section 2 of the Bylaws, Declarant or Declarant-appointed Board of Directors shall be authorized to unilaterally pass a new budget to reflect costs resulting from the addition of a phase or phases to the Community or to reflect costs that were not contemplated at the time the initial, estimated operating budget for the Association was developed.

- Section 4. <u>Special Assessments</u>. In addition to the other assessments authorized herein, the Association may levy special assessments to cover unbudgeted expenses or expenses in excess of those budgeted if approved by a majority of the Total Association Vote, provided however, no such approval by the Total Association Vote shall be required for special assessments levied in accordance with Article XV, Section 5 hereof. Special assessments shall be paid as determined by the Board, and the Board may permit special assessments to be paid in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the special assessment is imposed.
- Section 5. <u>Specific Assessments</u>. The Board shall have the power to specifically assess pursuant to this Section as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board of Directors and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. Fines levied pursuant to Article V of the Bylaws and the costs of maintenance performed by the Association for which the Owner is responsible for under Article V of this Declaration shall be specific assessments. The Board may also specifically assess Owners for the following Association expenses:
- a. expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots in the Community may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received;
- b. expenses of the Association which benefit all Lots, but which do not provide an equal benefit to all Lots, may be assessed equitably among all Lots according to the benefit received; and
- c. expenses incurred by the Association under Article V, Section 1 for which the Association has the right to specially assess as provided therein.

#### Section 6. Date of Commencement of Assessments.

a. Assessments shall commence as to a Lot on the first day of the month following the conveyance of the Lot to a Person other than Declarant or an Approved Builder. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary stated herein, Declarant and Approved Builders shall not be responsible for the payment of any type of assessment, except that assessments shall commence on Lots

containing occupied residences (but excluding those Lots containing model homes or a sales center) that are owned by Declarant or an Approved Builder on the first day of the month following the residential occupancy of the residence located on the Lot. Assessments shall be due and payable in a manner and on a schedule as the Board of Directors may provide. The first annual common assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months then remaining in that fiscal year. Subsequent assessments shall be due and payable on the first business day of the Association's fiscal year, unless provided otherwise by the Board of Directors.

b. Any residence constructed on a Lot that has been approved by Declarant for use as a model home for marketing and sales purposes shall not be deemed to be occupied for residential purposes and shall not be subject to assessments under this Declaration whether owned by Declarant or any other Person, so long as such residence constructed on a Lot is approved for use as a model home and is not occupied for residential purposes.

Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessments or installments thereof that are not paid when due shall be delinquent. Any assessment or installment thereof delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in an amount as the Board may from time to time determine which shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the assessment payment. The Association shall cause a notice of delinquency to be given to any member who has not paid within ten (10) days following the due date. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days, a lien, as herein provided, shall attach and, in addition, the lien shall include interest not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law per annum on the principal amount due from the date first due and payable, all late charges, all costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and any other amounts provided or permitted by law. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may, as the Board shall determine, institute suit to collect such amounts and/or to foreclose its lien. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or as a party to any other type of a conveyance, vests in the Association or its agents the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally for the collection of such charges as a debt or to foreclose the aforesaid lien in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of real property. The lien provided for in this Article shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all other Owners. The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale or to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the same. In addition to the other remedies provided herein, the Association shall have the right to suspend the voting rights of an Owner for any period during which any assessment against such Owner's Lot which is hereby provided for remains unpaid.

In the event that any assessment or other charge is delinquent for sixty (60) days and the amount owed is in excess of the dollar amount equal to three (3) times the monthly assessment owed by a Lot Owner, then, in addition to all other rights provided herein, upon no less than ten (10) days written notice, the Association shall have the right to suspend any utility or services to the Lot paid for as a Common Expense by the Association. Any costs incurred by the Association in discontinuing and/or reconnecting any utility or service, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be an assessment against the Lot. The utility or service shall not be required to be restored until all sums owed the Association are paid in full, at which time the Association shall make arrangements for restoration of the utility or service. An Owner whose utility or service has been suspended hereunder shall not be entitled to use any such utility or service from any source, and any such unauthorized use shall be considered a theft of services under O.C.G.A. Section 16-8-5.

No Owner may waive or otherwise exempt him or herself from liability for the assessments provided for herein, including, by way of illustration, but not limitation, abandonment of the Lot.

The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant in the part of each Owner, and no diminution or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association under this Declaration or the Bylaws, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

All payments shall be applied first to costs and attorneys' fees, then to late charges, then to interest and then to delinquent assessments.

Section 8. <u>Lien for Assessments.</u> All sums assessed against any Lot pursuant to this Declaration, together with late charges, interest, and costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, as provided herein, shall be secured by a lien on such Lot in favor of the Association and the Association shall be entitled to file such a lien in the Official Records. Such lien shall be superior to all other liens and encumbrances on such Lot, except for (a) liens for <u>ad valorem</u> taxes and (b) liens for all sums unpaid on a first Mortgage or on any Mortgage to Declarant duly recorded in the Official Records, and all amounts advanced pursuant to such Mortgage and secured thereby in accordance with the terms of such instrument.

All other Persons acquiring liens or encumbrances on any Lot after this Declaration shall have been recorded in such records shall be deemed to consent that such liens or encumbrances shall be inferior to future liens for assessments, as provided herein, whether or not prior consent is specifically set forth in the instruments creating such liens or encumbrances.

Budget Deficits During Declarant Control. For so long as Declarant owns Section 9. any property in the Community primarily for development and/or sale, Declarant may elect, but shall not be obligated, to reduce the assessment for any fiscal year by paying a subsidy on such terms and under such circumstances as Declarant in its sole discretion may decide. However, any Declarant subsidy shall be conspicuously disclosed as a line item in the income portion of the Common Expense budget. If Declarant elects to pay a subsidy, the amount of the subsidy shown on the budget shall be an estimate only, and Declarant shall be obligated to fund such subsidy only to the extent of any operating deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association and the sum of annual, common assessments, special assessments, and specific assessments collected by the Association in any assessment year. The payment of a subsidy in one (1) year shall under no circumstances obligate Declarant to continue payment of a subsidy in future years; provided, however, Declarant shall be responsible for assessments to the extent required by Section 6 of this Article. Declarant, in its sole discretion, may choose to characterize all such subsidized amounts expended to offset any actual operating deficit of the Association as loans to the Association, which, at Declarant's request shall be evidenced by a promissory note(s) from the Association to Declarant. Such promissory note(s), if any, shall be due and payable upon demand, with interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum after demand, unless otherwise negotiated and agreed to by the Association and Declarant.

Declarant's option to subsidize the assessment may be in the form of cash, or by "in kind" contributions of services or materials, or a combination of these. The amount by which monetary assessments shall be decreased as a result of any in kind contribution shall be the fair market value of the contribution. If Declarant, or its affiliate, as the case may be, and the Association agree as to the value of any contribution, the value shall be as agreed. If the Association and Declarant, or its affiliate, as the case may be, cannot agree as to the value of any contribution, Declarant, or its affiliate, as the case may be, shall supply the Association with

a detailed explanation of the services performed and materials furnished, and the Association shall acquire bids for performing like services and furnishing like materials from three (3) independent contractors, approved by Declarant, or its affiliate, as the case may be, who are in the business of providing such services and materials. If the Association and Declarant, or its affiliate, as the case may be, are still unable to agree on the value of the contribution, the value shall be deemed to be the average of the bids received from the independent contractors.

Section 10. <u>Capital Reserve Budget and Contribution</u>. The Board of Directors shall annually prepare a capital reserve budget that shall take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall set the required capital reserve contribution, if any, in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association, as shown on the capital reserve budget, with respect both to amount and timing by equal annual assessments over the period of the budget. The annual capital reserve contribution required, if any, shall be fixed by the Board and included within the budget and assessment as provided in Section 4 of this Article. A copy of the capital reserve budget shall be distributed to each member in the same manner as the operating budget.

### Article V Maintenance

- Section 1. <u>Association's Responsibility</u>. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Area of Common Responsibility, which shall include the maintenance, repair, and replacement, of the following, subject to any insurance then in effect:
- a. the Common Property, including, but not limited to, all Common Property landscaping and grassy areas not included in a Lot, any landscaping lying on the Master Association's common area as may be required under the Master Declaration, all roads, the entrance gates, walks and other concrete and paved areas not included in a Lot to the extent such areas are not maintained by the Master Association.
- b. all water and sewer pipes or facilities which serve more than one (1) Lot to the extent that such pipes and facilities are not maintained by the Owner as set forth below or by public, private, or municipal utility companies;
- c. all entry features and limited access entry gates for the Community including any irrigation system and the expenses for water and electricity, if any, provided to all such entry features;

- d. all cul-de-sac islands, if any, located in the Community;
- e. all drainage and detention areas which were originally maintained by Declarant, to the extent such areas are not maintained by the Master Association or are not accepted and maintained on an ongoing basis by a local governmental entity;
- f. all street lights within the Community to the extent any such lights are not maintained on an ongoing basis by the Master Association or by a local governmental entity;
- g. all street signs within the Community to the extent any such signs are not maintained on an ongoing basis by a local governmental entity;
- h. all property outside of Lots located within the Community that was originally maintained by Declarant; and
  - i. the lawns and landscaping on Lots except for irrigation.

In addition, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, whether within or without the Community, where the Board has determined that such maintenance would benefit all Owners.

In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement, which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, or the family, guests, lessees, or invitees of any Owner, and is not covered and paid for by insurance, in whole or in part, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs thereof shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner is subject and shall become a lien against the Lot of such Owner.

The foregoing maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Upon resolution of the Board of Directors and approval of a majority of the members present or represented by proxy at a duly constituted meeting of the members, the Association may assume responsibility for providing exterior maintenance upon Lot improvements.

The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to person or property caused by the elements or by the Owner of any Lot, or any other Person, or resulting from any utility, rain, snow or ice which may leak or flow from any portion of the Area of Common Responsibility or from any pipe, drain, conduit, appliance or equipment which the Association is responsible to maintain hereunder. The Association shall not be liable to the Owner of any Lot or such Owner's Occupant, guest, or family, for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property which may be stored in or upon any of the Common Property. The Association shall not be liable to any Owner, or any Owner's Occupant, guest or family for any damage or injury caused in whole or in part by the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities under this Article V, Section 1 where such damage or injury is not a foreseeable, natural result of the Association's failure to discharge its responsibilities. No diminution or abatement of assessments shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association under this Declaration, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association,

or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

The Association shall repair incidental damage to any Lot resulting from performance of work that is the responsibility of the Association. Repairs to improvements on a Lot shall be completed only to the extent of being "paint-ready." Such repair and subsequent cleaning shall be performed based on a reasonableness standard and at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. In performing its responsibilities hereunder, the Association shall have the authority to delegate to such Persons of its choice, such duties as are approved by the Board of Directors.

In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement, which is the responsibility of the Association, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, his or her family, guests, lessees, or invitees, and is not completely covered or paid for by insurance, then the Association may perform the maintenance, repair or replacement at the expense of the Owner, and all costs shall be specifically assessed against the Owner and shall be added to and become a part of the assessment obligation of the Owner and shall become a lien against the Lot.

Section 2. Owner's Responsibility. Except as provided in Article V, Section 1 above, all maintenance of the Lot and all structures, parking areas, irrigation of landscaping only and other improvements situated thereon shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof. In addition, each Owner shall maintain all pipes, lines, ducts, conduits, or other apparatus which serve only the Lot located within the Lot's boundaries or, if located outside the Lot's boundaries, the portion of the pipe from the cutoff valve serving the Lot (including all gas, electricity, water, sewer and air conditioning pipes, lines, ducts, conduits and other apparatus and the cut off valves for same serving only the Lot). All maintenance shall be performed consistent with this Declaration and the Community-Wide Standard established pursuant hereto. Any maintenance that involves a material exterior change, including, without limitation, landscaping and planting or repainting of the exterior of improvements in a different color, shall require prior approval of the Board or its designee pursuant to Article IX of this Declaration.

Subject to the maintenance responsibilities herein provided, any maintenance or repair performed on or to the Common Property by an Owner or Occupant which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder (including, but not limited to landscaping of Common Property) shall be at the sole expense and risk of such Owner or Occupant, and the Owner or Occupant shall not be entitled to reimbursement from the Association even if the Association accepts the maintenance or repair.

Each Owner also shall be obligated to:

- a. perform his or her responsibility in such manner so as not to unreasonably disturb other Persons in other Lots:
- b. promptly report to the Association or its agent any defect or need for repairs, for which the Association is responsible;
- c. not impair any easement without first obtaining written consent of the Association and of the Owner or Owners and their Mortgagees and of any governmental agency for whose benefit such easement exists;

- d. pay for the cost of repairing, replacing or cleaning up any item which is the responsibility of the Owner but which responsibility such Owner fails or refuses to discharge (which the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to do), or to pay for the cost of repairing, replacing or cleaning up any item which, although the responsibility of the Association, is necessitated by reason of the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his or her family, tenants or guests, with the cost thereof to be added to and become part of the Owner's next chargeable assessment; and
- e. aid and assist the Association and its agents and employees as requested by the Association or its agents and employees, including, without limitation, removing, covering, shielding, or otherwise protecting any and all personal property in the areas to be maintained or repaired by the Association and its agents and employees in order for the Association and its agents and employees to conduct its maintenance and repair obligations. The Association and its agents and employees shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss to such personal property that is not removed, covered, shielded or otherwise protected by the Owner or Occupant of the Lot on which such personal property is located as requested by the Association or its agents and employees.
- Section 3. Failure to Maintain. If the Board of Directors determines that: (a) any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly his or her obligation with regard to the maintenance, repair or replacement of items of which he or she is responsible hereunder; or (b) that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement which is in the Area of Common Responsibility is caused through the willful or negligent act of any Owner, his or her family, quests. lessees, or invitees, and is not covered or paid by insurance, in whole or in part, then, except in an emergency situation, the Association shall give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement at the Owner's cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repair, or replacement deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. In the case of (a) above where the Owner has not discharged his or her responsibility, unless the Board of Directors determines that an emergency exists, the Owner shall have ten (10) days within which to complete maintenance or repair, or if the maintenance or repair is not capable of completion within such time period, to commence replacement or repair and diligently pursue completion thereof within ten (10) days. If the Board determines that an emergency exists or that an Owner has not complied with the demand given by the Association as herein provided, or that the need for maintenance or repair is in the Area of Common Responsibility as in the case of (b) above, then the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense, and such costs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner is subject, shall become and be a lien against the Lot, and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments.

#### Section 4. <u>Measures Related to Insurance Coverage.</u>

a. The Board of Directors, upon resolution, shall have the authority to require all or any Owner(s) to do any act or perform any work involving portions of the Community which are the maintenance responsibility of the Owner, which will, in the Board's sole discretion, decrease the possibility of fire or other damage to the Community, reduce the insurance premium paid by the Association for any insurance coverage or otherwise assist the Board in procuring or maintaining such insurance coverage. This authority shall include, but need not be limited to: (i) requiring all Owners to turn off cutoff valves, which may now or hereafter be installed, during winter months for outside water spigots; requiring Owners to insulate pipes sufficiently or take other preventive measures to prevent freezing of water pipes; (ii) requiring Owners to install smoke detectors;

- (iii) requiring Owners to make improvements to the Owner's Lot; and (iv) such other measures as the Board may reasonably require so long as the cost of such work does not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per Lot in any twelve (12) month period.
- b. In addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights the Association may have, if any Owner does not comply with any reasonable requirement made by the Board of Directors pursuant to Article V, Section 4(a) above, the Association, upon fifteen (15) days written notice (during which period the Owner may perform the required act or work without further liability), may perform such required act or work at the Owner's sole cost and expense. Such cost shall be specifically assessed against the Owner and shall be added to and become a part of the assessment obligation of such Owner and shall become a lien against the Lot and shall be collected in the manner provided for collection of assessments. The Association shall have all rights necessary to implement the requirements mandated by the Board pursuant to this Article V, Section 4(b), including, but not limited to, a right of entry during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Lot, except that access may be had at any time without notice in an emergency situation.
- Section 5. <u>Maintenance Standards and Interpretation</u>. The maintenance standards and the enforcement thereof and the interpretation of maintenance obligations under this Declaration may vary as the composition of the Board of Directors changes. These variances shall not constitute a waiver by the Board of the right to adopt and enforce maintenance standards under this Article V. No decision or interpretation by the Board shall constitute a binding precedent with respect to subsequent decisions or interpretations of the Board.
- Section 6. Mold and/or Mildew. Mold and/or mildew can grow in any portion of the Community that is exposed to elevated levels of moisture. The Association and each Owner agree to: (i) regularly inspect the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain, and which are visible and accessible without having to first remove building components or conduct invasive testing, for the existence of mold, mildew, and/or water intrusion (except when the water intrusion is part of the normal functioning of improvements and appliances such as showers, sinks, dishwashers, and other similar appliances and improvements) and/or water damage; (ii) upon discovery, immediately repair in a good and workmanlike condition the source of any water intrusion in the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain; (iii) remediate or replace, in accordance with current industry accepted methods, any building material located in the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain that has absorbed water or moisture as a result of water intrusion; and (iv) promptly and regularly remediate in accordance with current industry-accepted methods all mold and/or mildew discovered in the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain. In addition, except for routine housekeeping items and other de minimis matters, the Association agrees to notify the Owners, and each Owner agrees to notify the Association of the discovery of mold, mildew, and/or water intrusion and/or damage in the parts of the Community that they respectively maintain. Each Owner further agrees not to block or cover any of the heating, ventilation or air-conditioning ducts located in the Owner's Lot.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Declarant shall have no obligation to perform any invasive testing or inspections, maintenance or repairs in accordance with this Section, and shall not be held liable for any loss or damage caused by the failure of the Association or an Owner to perform their obligations herein.

#### Article VI Party Walls and Fences

- Section 1. <u>General Rules of Law to Apply</u>. Each wall or fence built as a part of the original construction on the Lots, which shall serve, and or separate any two (2) adjoining Lots shall constitute a party wall or party fence, as applicable. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article VI, Section 1, the general rules of law regarding the party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto. No Owner shall make any modification to party wall construction that may compromise acoustic privacy and fire rating.
- Section 2. <u>Sharing of Repair and Maintenance</u>. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall or fence shall be shared equally by the Owners who make use of the wall or fence.
- Section 3. <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. If a party wall or fence 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 party wall or fence may restore it. If other Owners thereafter use the wall or fence, 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.
- Section 4. Right to Contribution Runs with Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article VI shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors-in-title.

# Article VII <u>Use Restrictions and Rules</u>

Section 1. General. This Article, beginning at Section 2, sets out certain use restrictions that must be complied with by all Owners and Occupants of Lots. These use restrictions may only be amended in the manner provided in Article XV, Section 4 hereof regarding amendment of this Declaration. In addition, the Board may, from time to time, without consent of the members, promulgate, modify, or delete other use restrictions and rules and regulations applicable to the Community. Such use restrictions and rules 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 Total Association Vote. Notwithstanding the above, so long as Declarant owns any Lots no rules and regulations, which affect Declarant, may be adopted, modified, or deleted without the written consent of Declarant.

Use restrictions set forth herein are in addition to and not in lieu of any use restrictions contained in the Master Declaration. In the event of conflict between these use restrictions and the Master Declaration, the Master Declaration shall control.

Section 2. Residential Use. Each Lot shall be used for residential purposes only, and no trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Lot or any part of the Community, including business uses ancillary to a primary residential use, except that the Owner or Occupant residing in the residence on a Lot may conduct such ancillary business activities within the residence so long as the: (a) existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or

detectable by sight, sound, or smell from the exterior of the residence; (b) business activity does not involve visitation of the residence by employees, clients, customers, suppliers, or other business invitees in greater volume than would normally be expected for guest visitation to a residence without business activity, or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Community (other than a reasonable number of deliveries by couriers, express mail carriers, parcel delivery services and other such similar delivery services); (c) business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Community; (d) business activity does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the ability of the Association to obtain insurance coverage; (e) business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Community and does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Community, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors; or (f) the business activity does not result in a materially greater use of Common Property facilities or Association services.

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) the activity is engaged in full or part-time; (ii) the activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required for the activity. Notwithstanding the above, the leasing of a Lot shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this Section.

Section 3. Number of Occupants. The maximum number of occupants in a residence on a Lot shall be limited to two (2) people per bedroom in the residence. "Occupancy," for purposes hereof, shall be defined as staying overnight in a residence for a total of more than thirty (30) days, either consecutive or nonconsecutive, in any calendar year. Upon written application, the Board shall grant variances to this restriction to comply with provisions of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 or any amendments thereto.

If an Owner of a Lot is a corporation, partnership, trust or other legal entity not being a natural person, the entity shall designate in writing to the Board the name(s) of the Person(s) who will occupy the residence on the Lot. The designated person(s) to occupy the residence may not be changed more frequently than once every six (6) months.

Section 4. Signs. Except as may be provided for herein or as may be required by legal proceedings, and except for signs which may be erected by Declarant related to the development and sale of Lots, no signs, advertising posters, flyers, political placards or billboards of any kind shall be erected or placed by an Owner, Occupant or other Person, or permitted to remain on the Community without the prior written consent of the Board or its designee, except that one (1) professional security sign not to exceed ten inches (10") by ten inches (10") in size may be displayed from within a residence on a Lot and one (1) professionally lettered "For Sale" sign may be displayed on the Unit. All "For Sale" signs shall be in accordance with the Master Association's duly adopted design guidelines and regulations regarding signs. Only one (1) professionally lettered "For Sale" sign shall be permitted per Unit unless otherwise approved in writing by the Master Association. No "For Rent" or "For Lease" signs shall be permitted. The Board shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs on behalf of the Association. The Board also shall have the authority to adopt regulations permitting temporary signs on Lots announcing births, birthdays or other events for limited periods of time. This Section 4 shall not apply to the Declarant.

Section 5. <u>Use of Common Property</u>. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Property, nor shall anything be kept, parked or stored on any part of the Common Property without the prior written consent of the Association, except as specifically provided herein.

Section 6. <u>Vehicles and Parking</u>. The Board may adopt reasonable rules limiting the number and location of vehicles that may be parked at the Community. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Owner or Occupant of a Lot shall be permitted to park the maximum number of cars or similarly sized motor vehicles that can be parked in a garage according to its design capacity. Parking may also be permitted on other areas authorized in writing by the Board.

Disabled and stored vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the Community, except in garages. For purposes of this Article VII, Section 5, a vehicle shall be considered "disabled" if it does not have a current license tag or is obviously inoperable. A vehicle shall be considered "stored" if it remains on the Community for five (5) consecutive days or longer without being driven and without prior written Board permission.

Boats, trailers, buses, panel trucks, trucks with a load capacity of one (1) ton or more, vans (excluding vans used by handicapped persons, mini-vans or utility vehicles used as passenger vehicles and receiving a "car" or "passenger vehicle" classification by the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles), recreational vehicles (RV's and motor homes), vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes, and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors, other than Sheriff's, Marshall's or police officer's vehicles marked as such, are also prohibited from being parked on a Lot or on the Community, except in garages. Notwithstanding the foregoing, trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily on the Community during normal business hours for the purpose of serving any Lot or the Common Property; provided, however, no such vehicle shall remain on the Lot or the Common Property overnight for any purpose unless prior written consent of the Board is first obtained. Golf carts are permitted on Lots and in the Community subject to the rules and regulations regarding use and parking adopted by the Board of Directors.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Community in violation of this Article VII, Section 6 or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, the Board may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed or booted. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of a Person to contact regarding the alleged violation. A notice also shall be conspicuously placed at the Community stating the name and telephone number of the Person or entity that will do the towing or booting. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within six (6) months of such notice, the vehicle may be towed or booted in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the vehicle owner or user.

If a vehicle is parked in a fire lane, is blocking another vehicle or access to another Owner's or Occupant's Lot or residence, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked on any grassy area, or otherwise creates a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the vehicle may be towed or booted immediately. If a vehicle is towed or booted in accordance with this Article VII, Section 5, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any Person for any claim of damage as a result of the towing or booting activity. The Association's right to tow or boot is in addition to, and not in limitation of all other rights of the Association, including the right to assess fines. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to tow or boot.

Section 7. Garages. It is prohibited for an Owner or Occupant of a Lot that includes a garage to convert such garage to any other use without the approval of the ACC in accordance with Article IX hereof. No Owner or Occupant of a Lot that includes a garage shall park his or her car or other motor vehicle on any portion of the Community, other than in the garage, unless the maximum number of cars or similarly sized motor vehicles which can be parked in the garage according to its design capacity are already parked in said garage. Garage doors shall remain closed at all times, except for necessary use, ingress, and egress.

Section 8. Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and of any rules and regulations, use restrictions or design guidelines promulgated pursuant thereto which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all Occupants even though Occupants are not specifically mentioned. The Owner shall be responsible for ensuring that an Occupant and the guests, invitees and licensees of an Owner or Occupant strictly comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board or the Master Association. 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.

Section 9. <u>Animals and Pets.</u> No Owner or Occupant may keep any animal on any portion of the Community except as expressly permitted in this subparagraph. No Owner or Occupant may keep pets other than a reasonable number of generally recognized household pets on any portion of the Community, as determined in the Board's sole discretion. The keeping of pets on the Community shall be subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

No Owner or Occupant may keep, breed or maintain any pet for any commercial purpose, and no structure for the care, housing, or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained on any part of a Lot, without prior written ACC approval. Pets must be kept on a leash and be under the physical control of a responsible Person at all times while on the Common Property. Feces left upon the Common Property by pets must be immediately removed by the owner of the pet or the Person responsible for the pet.

No potbellied pigs, snakes, American Pit Bull Terriers, Rotweillers, or Doberman Pinschers, may be brought onto or kept on the Community at any time. In addition, other animals determined in the Board's sole discretion to be dangerous shall not be brought onto or kept on the Community at any time. The Board may require that any pet that, in the Board's opinion, endangers the health of any Owner or Occupant or creates a nuisance or unreasonable disturbance, be permanently removed from the Community upon seven (7) days written notice. If the Owner or Occupant fails to do so, the Board may remove the pet. The Board may remove any pet, which, in the Board's sole discretion, presents an immediate danger to the health, safety or property of any community member, without prior notice to the pet's owner.

Any Owner or Occupant who keeps or maintains any pet upon the Community shall be deemed to have agreed to indemnify and hold the Association, its directors, officers, and agents free and harmless from any loss, claim or liability of any kind or character whatever arising by reason of keeping or maintaining such pet within the Community. Animal control authorities shall be permitted to enter the Community to patrol and remove pets. Pets shall be registered, licensed and inoculated as required by law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Lots 2, 25, and 26 shall not be subject to this Article VII, Section 9, but shall only be subject to any applicable zoning restrictions.

Section 10. Nuisance. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and Occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition on such Owner's Lot. No property within the Community shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Lot 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, guiet, safety, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on within the Community, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any Person using any property within the Community. 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 Community. 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 exclusively for security purposes, shall be located, installed or maintained upon the exterior of any Lot unless required by law. However, any siren or device for security purposes shall contain a device, which causes it to automatically shut off within fifteen (15) minutes. All Owners and Occupants acknowledge and understand that Declarant will be renovating and developing certain portions of the Community and no such construction associated therewith shall be deemed a nuisance or discomfort pursuant to the terms hereof.

Section 11. <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken in any part of the Community. Clothing, clotheslines, bedding, rugs, mops, appliances, indoor furniture, and other household items shall not be placed or stored outside the residence. Only appropriate outdoor items, such as neatly stacked firewood, patio furniture and grills, may be kept on the patio or deck serving the Lot.

- Section 12. <u>Garage Sales</u>. No garage sales, yard sales, flea markets, or similar activities may be conducted on a Lot unless approved in writing by the Board of Directors.
- Section 13. <u>Antennas and Satellite Dishes</u>. Except as provided below, no satellite dish, antenna or other device for the transmission or reception of television signals, radio signals or any form of electromagnetic wave or radiation shall be erected, used or maintained on any portion of the Community; provided, however, that the Association shall have the right to erect, construct and maintain such devices. The following shall apply to all Owners:
- a. no transmission antenna, of any kind, may be erected anywhere on the Community without written approval of the Board of Directors or the ACC and the Master Association, if required by the Master Declaration;
- b. no direct broadcast satellite (DBS) antenna or multi-channel multi-point distribution service (MMDS) antenna larger than one (1) meter in diameter shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon the Community; and
- c. DBS and MMDS satellite dishes or antennas one (1) meter or less in diameter and television broadcast service antennas may only be installed in accordance with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules and the rules and regulations of the Association, both as may be amended from time to time.

In the event of a transfer of a Lot which includes the satellite dish or antenna, the grantee shall assume all responsibility for the satellite dish or antenna and shall comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws and the rules and regulations regarding satellite dishes and antennas, including, but not limited to, those requirements relating to maintenance and removal of satellite dish or antenna.

Section 14. <u>Tree Removal</u>. No trees or shrubs on any portion of the Community shall be removed without the express written consent of the ACC.

Section 15. <u>Drainage</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. If drainage grating and/or headwall are located on a Lot, the Owner of such Lot shall be responsible for ensuring that such drainage grating and/or headwall is clear of obstruction and debris to allow for proper drainage flow. Furthermore, no Owner or Occupant may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains. Declarant hereby reserves for the benefit of Declarant and the Association and their respective successors and assigns a perpetual easement across the Community property for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow. Rights exercised pursuant to such reserved easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of affected property, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense.

Section 16. <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. All property located at street intersections shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, or shrub planting shall be placed or permitted to remain where it would create a traffic or sight problem.

Section 17. <u>Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Etc.</u> All garbage cans, woodpiles, filters and related equipment, air conditioning compressors and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property. All structures and/or improvements used to conceal or screen the foregoing items shall be subject to the prior written approval of the ACC. Furthermore, all rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves on behalf of itself and Approved Builders, the right to dump and bury rocks and trees on property within the Community as needed for efficient construction. Trash, garbage, debris, or other waste matter of any kind may not be burned within the Community except by Declarant and Approved Builders during construction.

Section 18. <u>Trash Disposal</u>. No garbage or trash shall be placed on the Common Property or exterior portion of a Lot, temporarily or otherwise, except as provided herein. Rubbish, trash and garbage shall be disposed of in appropriate sealed bags and placed in proper trash receptacles for collection, which shall be kept in the garage or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring Lots, Common Property and all streets that border the Lot. No such receptacle or rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be placed upon the curb adjacent to the driveway serving a Lot more than twelve (12) hours before such items are scheduled to be collected or removed from the Community. All receptacles shall be removed within twelve (12) hours of the time upon which rubbish, trash, and garbage was scheduled to be collected or removal from the Community.

Section 19. <u>Subdivision of Lot</u>. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of the ACC and Declarant so long as Declarant

owns any property in the Community for the purpose of development and/or sale. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Lot or Lots owned by Declarant. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations.

- Section 20. <u>Firearms and Fireworks</u>. The display or discharge of firearms or fireworks in the Community is prohibited; provided, however, the display of lawful firearms is permitted by law enforcement officers and also is permitted for the limited purpose of transporting the firearms across the Community to or from the Owner's residence on a Lot. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size. The term "fireworks" shall include those items as listed in O.C.G.A. Section 25-10-1.
- Section 21. <u>Fences</u>. No fence or fencing type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot, without the prior written consent of the ACC. The ACC may issue guidelines detailing acceptable fence styles or specifications and locations. All applications for fencing shall be submitted in accordance with Article VIII of this Declaration. The ACC may require that all or a part of the fencing be painted in order to preserve architectural harmony within the Community.
- Section 22. <u>Utility Lines</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ACC and any responsible governing or franchising authority, no overhead utility or cable television lines other than utility lines needed to supply power to homes, shall be permitted within the Community, except for temporary lines as required during construction and lines installed by or at the request of Declarant.
- Section 23. <u>Air-Conditioning Units</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ACC, no window air conditioning units may be installed. Unless otherwise placed on a Lot by the Declarant, condensing units for air conditioners shall only be located in the rear or along the side of a residence constructed upon a Lot and shall be screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring Lots, Common Property and all streets that border the Lot.
- Section 24. <u>Lighting</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ACC, exterior lighting shall not be permitted except for (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; and (b) illumination for all exterior lighting shall be generated from clear light bulbs or such other light bulbs specified by the Association.
- Section 25. <u>Artificial Vegetation, Exterior Sculpture, and Similar Items.</u> No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any property. Exterior sculpture, fountains, and similar items must be approved by the ACC. No awnings, shades or window boxes shall be attached to or otherwise placed on the exterior of any structure on a Lot without the prior written consent of the ACC.
- Section 26. <u>Flags</u>. No flags other than one (1) flag of the United States shall be displayed on a Lot unless approved by the ACC. All such flags shall be in good condition. No flag of the United States shall be displayed in a manner inconsistent with any provision of the Freed to Display the American Flag Act of 2005, or any applicable law.
- Section 27. <u>Energy Conservation Equipment</u>. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless they are an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as determined in the sole discretion of the ACC.

- Section 28. <u>Swimming Pools</u>. No swimming pool shall be constructed, erected or installed upon any Lot without the prior written consent of the ACC and in no event shall any above-ground swimming pool be permitted.
- Section 29. <u>Basketball Goals</u>. No basketballs goals or backboards shall be erected without the prior written consent of the ACC and all backboards shall be clear acrylic or smoke-colored.
- Section 30. <u>Gardens, Play Equipment and Hammocks</u>. No vegetable garden, hammock, play equipment, or pool may be erected on any Lot without the prior written consent of the ACC and no such structure may be visible from any street.
- Section 31. <u>Mailboxes</u>. The Declarant will initially provide a mailbox for each Lot. All mailboxes shall meet all requirements of the Design Guidelines and the U.S. Postal Service.
- Section 32. <u>Exteriors</u>. Any change to the exterior color of any improvement located on a Lot, including, without limitation, the residence or any fence located on a Lot, must be approved by the ACC.
- Section 33. <u>Clotheslines</u>. No exterior clotheslines of any type shall be permitted upon any Lot.
- Section 34. <u>Exterior Security Devices</u>. No visible exterior security devices, including, without limitation, window bars, shall be permitted on any residence or Lot without the approval of the ACC. Signs placed on the Lot or the exterior of the residence stating that such residence is protected by a security system shall not be deemed to constitute an exterior security device.
- Section 35. <u>Fuel or Water Tanks</u>. No fuel tanks or water tanks shall be stored or maintained upon any Lot unless used by Declarant, temporarily, in the ordinary course of developing the Community.
- Section 36. <u>Window Treatments.</u> No bed sheets, paper, foil or other reflective materials shall be used on any windows for sunscreens, blinds, shades or for any other purpose. All windows of a residence on a Lot must have permanent window treatments, and such window treatments must be of a type manufactured for the purpose of being used as window treatments. The side of all window treatments that can be seen at any time from the outside of any structure located on a Lot must be white or off-white.
- Section 37. <u>Outbuildings and Similar Structures.</u> No structure of a temporary character, such as tents, shacks, carports, barns, tool sheds, dog houses, cages or coops or other outbuilding, shall be erected by any Owner or Occupant on any portion of the Community, at any time, other than by Declarant or an Approved Builder during construction of a residence.
- Section 38. <u>Entry Features</u>. Owners shall not alter, remove or add improvements to any entry features constructed by Declarant on any Lot, or any part of any easement area associated therewith without the prior written consent of the ACC.
- Section 39. <u>Grilling</u>. The use of outdoor grills on any portion of the Community shall be governed by applicable state laws and local ordinances having jurisdiction over the Community.

Section 40. Erosion Control and Contamination. No activity which may create erosion or siltation problems in the Community shall be undertaken on any Lot without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors or its designee of plans and specifications for the prevention and control of such erosion or siltation. Such plans and specifications shall be designed by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Georgia and all costs and expenses related thereto shall be borne exclusively by the Owner of such Lot. The Board of Directors or its designee may, as a condition of approval of such plans and specifications, require the use of certain means of preventing and controlling such erosion or siltation. Such means may include, by way of example and not of limitation, physical devices for controlling the run-off and drainage of water, special precautions in grading, clean-up activities and requiring landscaping as provided for herein. No activity which results in contamination of or any damage to any stream, water course or any other Lot shall be conducted on any Lot, and each Owner shall be liable for all resulting damages from such activity and for restoration of a property damaged from contamination resulting from or attributable to such activity. In addition, prior to commencing any improvements on a Lot, the Owner of such Lot and any builders, subcontractors, or other agents of such Owner, shall fulfill their obligations to comply with the requirements of the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction thereof.

Section 41. Retaining Walls. No retaining wall of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot, unless the type and location thereof shall have received the prior written consent of the ACC. Any retaining wall visible from the street shall be made of brick or stone, and shall be consistent with the architectural style of the structures and improvements located upon such Lot. Walls made of plain concrete or concrete block shall be prohibited.

Section 42. <u>Abandoned Personal Property</u>. Personal property, except for personal property owned by the Association, is strictly prohibited from being stored, kept, or allowed to remain for a period of more than twenty-four (24) hours upon any portion of the Common Property or on the rights-of-way located within the Community. If the Board or its designee, in its sole discretion, determines that property is kept, stored, or allowed to remain on the Common Property or on the rights-of-way located on the Community in violation of this Article VII, Section 44, then the Board may remove and either discard or store the personal property in a location that the Board may determine. If personal property is removed in accordance with this Article VII, Section 44, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any Person for any claim of damage resulting from the removal activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to remove abandoned or improperly stored personal property, as set forth herein.

### Article VIII Leasing

Section 1. <u>Purpose</u>. Except as provided herein, the leasing of a residence located on a Lot shall be prohibited. "Leasing," for the purposes of this Declaration, is defined as exclusive occupancy of a residence located on a Lot by any Person other than the Owner; provided, however, for the purposes of this Declaration, leasing shall not include the occupancy of a residence located on a Lot by the child or parent of an Owner. For purposes hereof, occupancy by a roommate of an Owner who occupies the residence as such Owner's primary residence shall not constitute "leasing" hereunder. The Board shall have the power to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations and to fine, in accordance with the Declaration and Bylaws, in order to enforce the provisions of this Article VIII.

Section 2. <u>Leasing Provisions</u>. Leasing of Lots shall be governed by the following provisions:

Lots may be leased only in their entirety; no fraction or portion of a Lot may be leased without prior written Board approval. All leases shall be in writing and in a form approved by the Board prior to the effective date of the lease. The Board may maintain and, upon request, provide a form that is deemed acceptable. There shall be no subleasing of Lots or assignment of leases without prior written Board approval. Within seven (7) days after executing a lease agreement for the lease of a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Board with a copy of the lease and the name of the lessee and all other people occupying the Lot. The Owner must provide the lessee copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed as giving the Association the right to approve or disapprove a proposed lessee; the Board's approval or disapproval shall be limited to the form of the proposed lease.

All leases must be for an initial term of six (6) months, except with written Board approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld in cases of undue hardship.

- (i) Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations, Use of Common Property, and Liability for Assessments. Each Owner and each lessee, by occupancy of a Lot, covenants and agrees that any lease for a Lot shall contain the following language and agrees that if such language is not expressly contained therein, then such language shall be incorporated into the lease by existence of this covenant on the Lot:
  - (A) <u>Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.</u>
    The lessee shall comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and shall control the conduct of all other Occupants and guests of the leased Lot in order to ensure such compliance. The Owner shall cause all Occupants of his or her Lot to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, and shall be responsible for all violations by such Occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such Occupants of the Lot are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any such violation. If the lessee, or a Person living with the lessee, violates the Declaration, Bylaws, or a rule or regulation for which a fine is imposed, notice of the violation shall be given to the Owner and the lessee, and such fine may be assessed against the lessee in accordance with the Bylaws. If the fine is not paid by the lessee within the time period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association of the lessee's failure to pay the fine. Unpaid fines shall constitute a lien against the Lot.

Any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the lessee, any Occupant, or any guest of lessee, is deemed to be a default under the terms of the lease and authorizes the Owner to terminate the lease without liability and to evict the lessee in accordance with Georgia law. The Owner hereby delegates and assigns to the Association, acting through the Board, the power and authority of enforcement against the lessee for breaches resulting from the violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, including the power and authority to evict the lessee as attorney-in-fact on behalf and for the benefit of the Owner, in accordance with the terms hereof. If the Association proceeds to evict the lessee, any costs, including attorney's fees and court costs, associated with the eviction shall be an assessment and lien against the Lot.

- (B) <u>Use of Common Property</u>. The Owner transfers and assigns to the lessee, for the term of the lease, any and all rights and privileges that the Owner has to use the Common Property, including, but not limited to, the use of any and all recreational facilities.
- (C) <u>Liability for Assessments</u>. When an Owner who is leasing his or her Lot fails to pay any annual or special assessment or any other charge for a period of more than thirty (30) days after it is due and payable, then the delinquent Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the lessee during the period of delinquency, and, upon request by the Board, lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid annual, special and specific assessments and other charges payable during and prior to the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by lessee. However, lessee need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for, monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Board's request. All such payments made by lessee shall reduce, by the same amount, lessee's obligation to make monthly rental payments to lessor. If lessee fails to comply herewith, lessee shall pay to the Association all amounts authorized under the Declaration as if lessee were an Owner. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.
- Section 3. Applicability of Article VIII. Notwithstanding the above, this Article VIII shall apply to any leasing transaction entered into by Declarant (regardless of whether said lease is entered into prior to or after the expiration of Declarant's right to appoint and remove officers and directors of the Association pursuant to Article III, Part A, Section 2 of the Bylaws), the Association, or the holder of any first Mortgage on a Lot who becomes the Owner of a Lot through foreclosure or any other means pursuant to the satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by such Mortgage, provided, however, such Persons shall not be required to comply with the provision regarding a minimum lease term and shall not be required to obtain the approval of the Association prior to entering into any lease agreement.

## Article IX Architectural Standards

Section 1. Architectural Control Committee. Subject to the Master Declaration, except as otherwise provided herein, no exterior construction, addition, erection, or alteration shall be made upon any part of the Community unless and until the Architectural Control Committee has approved the following: (a) the builder; (b) the architect; and (c) plans and specifications showing at least the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location of the proposed construction, addition, erection, or alteration. For purposes of this section, a change in the paint color of a home or other exterior redecorating shall be considered an exterior alteration. However, no approval shall be required for any construction, alteration or addition made by Declarant. Until one hundred percent (100%) of the Community has been developed and conveyed to purchasers other than Declarant and Approved Builders in the normal course of development and sale, Declarant shall have the right to appoint all members of the Architectural Control Committee. There shall be no surrender of this right prior to that time except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by Declarant. After Declarant's right to appoint has expired, the Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the Architectural Control Committee, or may adopt a resolution making the Board of Directors the Architectural Control Committee. The Board may employ for the ACC architects, engineers, or other Persons necessary to enable the ACC to perform its review. The Architectural Control Committee may, from time to time, delegate any of its rights or responsibilities hereunder to one (1) or more duly licensed architects or other qualified Persons, who shall have full authority to act on behalf of the ACC for all matters delegated. The Architectural Control Committee may, in its discretion, from time to time establish, abolish or amend standards to govern the development of Lots and the design and construction of improvements. The text of such standards and amendments shall be available to each Owner. Such standards shall be binding upon all Owners. A review fee in a reasonable amount may be charged.

The primary purpose of these architectural controls is to protect and preserve property values in the Community by maintaining architectural and aesthetic harmony and compatibility among the Lots and the structures on the Lots in the Community. The architectural controls and standards may be designed and applied to reflect that Lots within the Community are of varying sizes, topographies and locations, and that improvements and modifications suitable for one Lot may be inappropriate for another Lot. Therefore, the Architectural Control Committee is authorized to apply or adopt different standards for different Lots to reflect the varying sizes and layouts of Lots within the Community. Specifically, the ACC may, for example, allow an improvement, modification or change which cannot be seen from any street or other Lot within the Community at any time during the year, including winter, but prohibit the same change if it can be seen from any street or other Lot within the Community.

Section 2. Approval of Builders and Architects. Any builder or architect must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee as to financial stability, history of compliance, if applicable, with the Declaration in performing other work in the Community, experience, ability to build or design houses or other structures of the class and type approved by the Architectural Control Committee for such Lot, and such other factors as may be determined by the Architectural Control Committee to be reflective of quality or ability. Financial data, as deemed necessary by the Architectural Control Committee, must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee. Each builder and architect performing any work within the Community shall be responsible for its actions and the actions of its agents, subcontractors and employees within the Community. Each such builder or architect shall ensure full compliance by its agents, subcontractors and employees, with the Declaration and Bylaws and all rules, regulations, or guidelines of the Association. Neither Declarant, the Association, the Architectural Control Committee, or any member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damage, or loss arising out of the performance or nonperformance of any approved architect or builder.

Section 3. <u>Guidelines and Procedures</u>. Declarant may prepare the initial design and development guidelines and application and review procedures (the "Design Guidelines") that shall be applicable to all construction activities within the Community. The Design Guidelines may contain general provisions applicable to all of the Community, as well as specific provisions which vary from one portion of the Community to another depending upon the location, unique characteristics, and intended use.

The Architectural Control Committee shall have sole and full authority to adopt and amend the Design Guidelines from time to time, without the consent of the Owners. The Architectural Control Committee shall make the Design Guidelines, if any, available to Owners and Approved Builders, and all such Persons shall conduct their activities in strict accordance with such Design Guidelines. In the discretion of Declarant, such Design Guidelines may be recorded in the Official Records, in which event the recorded version, as it may unilaterally be amended from time to time by the Architectural Control Committee by recordation of amendments thereto, shall control in the event of any dispute as to which version of the Design Guidelines was in effect at any particular time.

Any amendments to the Design Guidelines adopted from time to time by the Architectural Control Committee in accordance with this Section shall apply to construction and modifications approved after the date of such amendment only, and shall not apply to plans or specifications previously approved or require modifications to or removal of structures previously approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

In the event that the Architectural Control Committee fails to approve or to disapprove any application within thirty (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 Architectural Control Committee pursuant to Section 6 of this Article.

The Architectural Control Committee shall be the only judge of the plans with regard to the requirements of this Article and may withhold approval for any reason, including purely aesthetic considerations. The Architectural Control Committee shall be entitled to stop any construction in violation of these restrictions. Any member of the Board or its representatives shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any property to inspect for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not these restrictive covenants have been or are being complied with. Such Person or Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry. If an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Board may record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation naming the violating Owner in addition to any other available remedies.

Section 4. <u>Disclaimer</u>. The Architectural Control Committee and the Board of Directors do not warrant or represent, that their decisions under this Article constitute, and their decisions shall not be interpreted as constituting, an approval as to compliance with any building code, regulation or ordinance, or any other code, regulation, ordinance or law, nor that their decisions under this Article reflect upon the structural integrity of any proposed alteration or improvement. Neither the Association, the Board, Declarant, the ACC, or member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages or loss arising out of the manner, design or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Lot.

Section 5. <u>No Waiver</u>. The approval of the Architectural Control Committee of any proposals, plans and specifications, or drawings, shall not constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or other matters later submitted for approval or consent.

#### Section 6. Variances.

a. 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. Variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall: (i) be effective unless in writing; (ii) be contrary to the restrictions set forth in the body of this Declaration; or (iii) prevent 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.

b. The architectural standards and their enforcement may vary from time to time. These variances shall not constitute a waiver by the ACC or the Board of the right to adopt and enforce architectural standards under this Article. No decision by the ACC or Board shall constitute a binding precedent with respect to subsequent decisions of the ACC or Board. However, nothing in this Article shall permit the ACC or the Board to enforce retroactively its architectural standards against a Lot Owner whose architectural change has been approved under the architectural standards of a previous ACC or Board.

Section 7. <u>Enforcement.</u> Any construction, alteration, or other work done in violation of this Article shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written request from the Board or the Architectural Control Committee, Owners shall, at their own cost and expense, remove such construction, alteration, or other work and shall restore the Lot to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the construction, alteration, or other work. Should an Owner fail to remove and restore as required hereunder, the Board or its designees shall have the right to enter the Lot, remove the violation and restore the Lot to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the construction, alteration or other work. All costs thereof, including reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against the benefited Lot and collected as an assessment pursuant to this Declaration.

Any Approved Builder, contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee, or other invitee of an Owner who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of this Article and the Design Guidelines may be excluded by the Board from the Community, subject to the notice and hearing procedures contained in the Bylaws. In such event, the Declarant, the Community Association, the ARC, the Board of Directors, or the Officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them shall not be held liable to any Person for exercising the rights granted by this Section.

In addition to the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have the authority and standing, on behalf of the Association, to impose reasonable fines and to pursue all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce the provisions of this Article and its decisions. Furthermore, the Board shall have the authority to record in the Official Records notices of violation of the provisions of this Article.

If any Owner, Occupant or Approved Builder makes any exterior change, alteration, or construction (including landscaping) upon the Common Property in violation of this Article, he or she does so at his or her sole risk and expense. The Board may require that the change, alteration or construction be removed or that it remain on the Common Property without reimbursement to the Owner or Occupant for any expense he or she may have incurred in making the change, alteration or construction.

Section 8. <u>Commencement of Construction</u>. No changes, modifications, and improvements approved by the Architectural Control Committee hereunder shall be commenced until the Owner conspicuously posts an approval permit and such permit shall remain conspicuously posted until all construction activities are completed. All changes, modifications and improvements approved by the Architectural Control Committee hereunder must be commenced within six (6) months from the date of approval. If not commenced within six (6) months from the date of such approval, then such approval shall be deemed revoked by the Architectural Control Committee, unless the Architectural Control Committee gives a written extension for commencing the work. Except for the new construction of a residence and related improvements on a Lot which shall be completed in its entirety using best reasonable efforts within a time period established by the Architectural Control Committee, all work approved by the Architectural Control Committee hereunder shall be completed in its entirety within ninety (90) days from the date of

commencement, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Architectural Control Committee. All approved changes, modifications, and improvements must be completed in their entirety. An Owner may not construct only a portion or part of an approved change, modification, or improvement.

Section 9. Approval Under the Master Declaration. The provisions for architectural control contained in this Declaration shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any architectural control provisions that may be contained now or hereafter in the Master Declaration, or promulgated by the Master Association in accordance therewith. Whenever approval of the ACC is required under this Declaration, the granting of such approval shall not dispense with the need to also comply with any approval procedures that may be set out in the Master Declaration or promulgated by the Master Association. All proposed construction, modifications, alterations and improvements shall be approved in accordance with this Declaration before being submitted for approval pursuant to the Master Declaration or rules promulgated by the Master Association.

# Article X Insurance and Casualty Losses

Section 1. <u>Association Insurance</u>. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent, shall have the authority to and shall obtain blanket "all risk" property insurance, if reasonably available, for all insurable improvements on the Common Property and on other portions of the Common Property to the extent that the Association has assumed responsibility for maintenance, repair and/or replacement thereof in the event of a casualty. If blanket "all risk" coverage is not generally available at reasonable cost, then at a minimum an insurance policy providing fire and extended coverage, including coverage for vandalism and malicious mischief, shall be obtained. The face amount of such insurance shall be sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any insured peril.

The Board also shall obtain a public liability policy covering the Area of Common Responsibility, insuring the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association, any of its members, its employees, agents, or contractors while acting on behalf of the Association. If generally available at reasonable cost, the public liability policy shall have at least a One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) combined single limit as respects bodily injury and property damage and at least a Three Million Dollar (\$3,000,000) limit per occurrence and in the aggregate.

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 insurance at least equals the coverage required hereunder. In the event of an insured loss, the deductible shall be treated as a Common 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 Bylaws, that the loss is the result of the negligence or willful conduct of one or more Owners or Occupants, then the Board may specifically assess the full amount of such deductible against such Owner(s) and their Lots pursuant to Article IV, Section 5.

All insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be governed by the following provisions:

a. all policies shall be written with a company authorized to do business in the State of Georgia;

- b. all insurance shall be written in the name of the Association as trustee for the benefited parties. Policies on the Common Property shall be for the benefit of the Association and its members;
- c. exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Association's Board of Directors; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto:
- d. in no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, Occupants, or their Mortgagees;
- e. all property insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement, if reasonably available. If the policy contains a co insurance clause, it shall also have an agreed amount endorsement. 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 in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the Fulton County, Georgia area; and
- f. the Board of Directors shall be required to use reasonable efforts to secure insurance policies that will provide the following:
  - (i) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association's Board of Directors, officers, employees, and its manager, the Owners and their tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
  - (ii) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;
  - (iii) a statement that no policy may be cancelled, invalidated, suspended, or subjected to nonrenewal on account of any one or more individual Owners;
  - (iv) a statement that no policy may be cancelled, invalidated, suspended, or subjected to nonrenewal on account of any curable defect or violation without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect or violation and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which it may be cured by the Association, its manager, any Owner, or Mortgagee;
  - (v) a statement that any "other insurance" clause in any policy excludes individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
  - (vi) a statement that the Association will be given at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice of any cancellation, substantial modification, or non renewal.

In addition to other insurance required by this Section, the Association shall obtain, as a Common Expense, worker's compensation insurance if and to the extent required by law, directors' and officers' liability coverage, if reasonably available, and flood insurance, if advisable.

The Association also shall obtain, as a Common Expense, a fidelity bond or bonds, if generally available at reasonable cost, covering all persons responsible for handling Association

funds. The amount of fidelity coverage shall be determined in the Board of Directors' best business judgment but, if reasonably available, may not be less than one-sixth (1/6) of the annual assessments on all Lots plus reserves on hand. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and shall require at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification or nonrenewal.

Section 2. <u>Owners Insurance</u>. By virtue of taking title to a Lot subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each Owner shall carry blanket "all risk" property insurance on its Lot and structures constructed thereon providing full replacement cost coverage (less a reasonable deductible).

Each Owner further covenants and agrees that in the event of damage to or destruction of structures situated on the Owner's Lot, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Article IX of this Declaration. Alternatively, the Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and ruins and thereafter shall maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Owner shall pay any costs of repair or reconstruction that are not covered by insurance proceeds.

#### Section 3. Damage and Destruction.

- a. Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other peril to all or any part of the properties covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and shall obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition in which it existed prior to the fire or other peril, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes.
- b. Any damage to or destruction of the Common Property shall be repaired or reconstructed unless at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote decide within sixty (60) days after the loss not to repair or reconstruct.

If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within said period, then the period shall be extended until such funds or information shall be made available. However, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) additional days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction to the Common Property shall be repaired or reconstructed.

- c. If it is determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction to the Common Property shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, the affected portion of the properties shall be cleared of all debris and ruins. Thereafter, the properties shall be maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.
- Section 4. <u>Disbursement of Proceeds</u>. Any insurance proceeds remaining after defraying such costs of repair or reconstruction, or if no repair or reconstruction is made, any

proceeds remaining after making such settlement as is necessary and appropriate with the affected Owner or Owners and their Mortgagee(s) as their interests may appear, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of any Mortgagee of a Lot and may be enforced by such Mortgagee.

Section 5. Repair and Reconstruction. If the insurance proceeds are insufficient to defray the costs of repairing or reconstructing the damage to the Common Property, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the members, levy a special assessment against the Owners. Additional assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction.

### Article XI Mortgagee Provisions

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first Mortgages on Lots in the Community. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the Bylaws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

- Section 1. <u>Notices of Action</u>. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage, who provides a written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the Lot number, therefore becoming an "eligible holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of any:
- a. condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Community or which affects any Lot on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder:
- b. delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, notwithstanding this provision, any holder of a first Mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by the Owner of the encumbered Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or Bylaws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- c. lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or
- d. proposed action that would require the consent of a specified percentage of Mortgage holders.
- Section 2. No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the Bylaws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first Mortgagee of any Lot in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of any Common Property.
- Section 3. <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Lot Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.

- Section 4. <u>Applicability of Article XI</u>. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, Bylaws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Article.
- Section 5. <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond</u>. Any Mortgagee who receives a written 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 thirty (30) days of the date of the Association's request.
- Section 6. <u>Liability for Common Expenses</u>. Where the Mortgagee holding a first Mortgage of record or other purchaser of a Lot obtains title pursuant to judicial or non-judicial foreclosure of the Mortgage, it shall not be liable for the share of the Common Expenses or assessments by the Association chargeable to such Lot which became due prior to such acquisition of title. Such unpaid share of Common Expenses or assessments shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from Owners of all the Lots, including such acquirer, its successors and assigns. Additionally, such acquirer shall be responsible for all charges accruing subsequent to the passage of title, including, but not limited to, all charges for the month in which title is passed.
- Section 7. <u>Financial Statement</u>. Any holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled, upon written request, to receive within a reasonable time after request, a copy of the financial statement of the Association for the immediately preceding fiscal year, free of charge to the Mortgagee so requesting.
- Section 8. <u>Sales and Leases</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the provisions of this Declaration shall not apply to impair the right of any first Mortgagee to: (a) foreclose or take title to a Lot pursuant to remedies contained in its Mortgage; (b) take a deed or assignment in lieu of foreclosure; or (c) sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of a Lot acquired by the Mortgagee.

#### Article XII Easements

Section 1. <u>Easements for Encroachment and Overhang</u>. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements for encroachment and overhang as between adjacent Lots due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered (in accordance with the terms of this Declaration). The easement shall be five (5) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary adjacent Lots, as the case may be, along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point. However, an easement for encroachment shall not exist if the willful conduct by an Owner, tenants, or the Association caused the encroachment.

#### Section 2. <u>Easements for Use and Enjoyment</u>.

- a. Except as otherwise provided herein, every Owner of a Lot shall have a right and easement of entry and exit, use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property, which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to his or her Lot, subject to the following provisions:
- (i) The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of an Owner and the right of an Owner to use the recreational facilities available for use by the Community, if any, for any period during which any assessment against his or her Lot that is hereby provided for remains

unpaid; and, for a reasonable period of time for a violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations;

- (ii) The right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Area of Common Responsibility, or for constructing, repairing, or improving any facilities located or to be located on the Area of Common Responsibility, and to give as security for the payment of any such loan a Mortgage conveying all or any portion of the Area of Common Responsibility. However, the Mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant, any Lot or Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, given by Declarant or any Owner encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community (Any provision in this Declaration or in any Mortgage given by the Association to the contrary notwithstanding, the exercise of any rights in the Mortgage by the holder of the Mortgage in the event of a default shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges reserved or established in this Declaration for the benefit of Declarant, any Lot or Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, given by Declarant or any Owner encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community.);
- (iii) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Area of Common Responsibility subject to any conditions agreed on by the members of the Association. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been approved by Declarant (so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale within the Community) and the Owners representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote (other than Declarant so long as the consent of Declarant is required);
- (iv) The right of the Association, acting through its Board of Directors, and without a vote of the Members, to dedicate or grant licenses, permits, easements and rights-of-way over, under and through the Area of Common Responsibility;
- (v) All other rights of the Association, Declarant, Owners and Occupants set forth in this Declaration or in any deed conveying Area of Common Responsibility to the Association; and
- (vi) All encumbrances and other matters shown by the public records affecting title to the Area of Common Responsibility.
- b. Any Owner may delegate his or her right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property and facilities located thereon to the members of his or her family and his or her tenants and guests. An Owner shall be deemed to have made a delegation of all these rights to the Occupants of such Owner's Lot, if leased.
- Section 3. <u>Easements for Utilities</u>. There is reserved to Declarant and the Association blanket easements upon, across, above and under all property within the Community for access, ingress, egress, installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining (a) all utilities serving the Community, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone and electricity, (b) water runoff and storm drainage systems, and (c) any other services such as, but not limited to, a master television antenna system, or cable television system which may be installed to serve the Community (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Utilities"). It shall be expressly permissible for Declarant, the Association, or the designee of either, to do or to authorize the installation, repair, replacement and/or maintenance of the wires, conduits, cables and other

equipment related to providing any such utility or service. Should a party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, Declarant or Board, as applicable, shall have the right to grant such easement.

Section 4. <u>Easement for Entry.</u> In addition to the right of the Board to exercise self-help as provided in Article XV, Section 2, the Board shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon any property within the Community for emergency, security, and safety reasons. This right may also be exercised by the agents of the Association, and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner, and the entering party shall be responsible for any damage caused. The Board shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter to cure any condition, which may increase the possibility of slope erosion, or other hazard if an Owner or Occupant does not cure the condition after request by the Board.

Section 5. <u>Easement for Association Maintenance</u>. Declarant expressly reserves a perpetual easement for the benefit of the Association across such portions of the Community, determined in the sole discretion of the Association, as are necessary to allow for the maintenance required under Article V, including, without limitation, an easement over Lots on which landscape easements, sign easements or utilities easements are located as shown on the Survey for maintenance of the easement areas. Such maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Owners' property, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect the property, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense.

Section 6. <u>Easements for Maintenance and Repair</u>. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements between adjacent Lots for the purpose of maintaining or repairing the improvements, including, without limitation, landscaping located on each Lot which easement shall extend to a distance of not more than five feet (5') as measured from any point on the common boundary between the Lots and along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point. The easement shall be used only for such period of time as is reasonably necessary in order to complete the needed maintenance or repair. The Owner exercising this easement right shall be liable for the prompt repair of any damage to the Lot over which this easement is exercised which is caused by the maintenance or repair work. The damaged portions of such Lot shall be restored to substantially the same condition as existed prior to damage.

Section 7. <u>Easement for Street Lights and Street Signs</u>. There is hereby reserved to Declarant, the Association, and the designee of either, an easement over and upon all of the Community for ingress to, egress from, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of street light and street signs for the Community. The easement and right herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around all street lights and street signs.

Section 8. <u>Easement for Entry Features</u>. There is hereby reserved to Declarant and the Association an easement for ingress, egress, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of entry features, fences, walls, and similar streetscapes for the Community, over and upon each Lot which is bounded by the right-of-way providing primary access to the Community and every other Lot located at the corner of a street intersection. Such easement shall specifically include, without limitation, the right to construct and maintain entry features on a portion of Lots 1 and 16 as shown on the Survey. The Owners of Lots 1 and 16 are prohibited from placing any improvements within such area or otherwise interfering with the rights granted herein to Declarant and the Association. The easement and right herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around such entry features and the right to grade the land under and around such entry features.

Section 9. <u>Easement for Drainage</u>. There is hereby reserved to Declarant and granted to the Association a blanket easement across the Community for creating and maintaining satisfactory storm water drainage in the Community; provided, however, such easement area shall not include any portion of the Community within the boundaries of any improvements within the Community owned by a party other than the Association. This easement shall include the right to construct and maintain catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, drainage swales, storm sewers, storm drains, sloping banks, cut or fill. It is anticipated that increased storm water run off across downstream property will result from the construction of impervious surface within or adjacent to the Community. Neither the Declarant, any Approved Builder, the Community Association or any Owner constructing according to plans and specifications approved under Article IX hereof shall have any liability to any Owner due to the increased flow or increased velocity of surface water resulting from approved construction within the Community.

Section 10. <u>Public in General</u>. The easements and rights created in this Article do not, are not intended to, and shall not be construed to create any easements or rights in or for the benefit of the general public; provided, however, nothing set forth herein shall in any way limit or restrict any existing easements or rights already granted to the public as such easements or rights are previously recorded in the Official Records. The Board of Directors hereby reserves the right to close temporarily, to the extent reasonably practicable, upon seven (7) days prior written notice (which may be given by posting in conspicuous locations upon the relevant portion of the Community), all or any portion of the Community that, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, may be legally necessary to prevent a dedication thereof, or any accrual of any rights therein, in the general public or in any Person other than the Persons for which such easements are expressly created in this Declaration.

Section 11. <u>Construction and Sale Period Easement</u>. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation of the Association, use restrictions, rules and regulations, design guidelines, and any amendments thereto, so long as Declarant owns any property in the Community for development and/or sale, Declarant reserves an easement across all property in the Community for Declarant to maintain and carry on, upon such portion of the Community as Declarant may reasonably deem necessary, such facilities and activities as in the sole opinion of Declarant may be required, convenient, or incidental to Declarant's development, construction, and sales activities related to the Community (a) the right of access, ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and construction activities over, under, on or in the Community, including, without limitation, any Lot; (b) the right to tie into any portion of the Community with driveways, parking areas and walkways; (c) the right to tie into and/or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain and repair any device which provides utility or similar services, including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, natural gas, water, sewer and drainage lines and facilities

constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community; (d) the right to grant easements over, under, in or on the Community, including, without limitation, the Lots, for the benefit of neighboring properties for the purpose of tying into and/or otherwise connecting and using sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community; (e) the right to carry on sales and promotional activities in the Community; (f) the right to erect and maintain signs; (g) the right to construct and operate business offices, construction trailers, model residences, and sales offices; and (h) the right to use the parking facilities within the Community. Declarant may use residences, offices, or other buildings owned or leased by Declarant as model residences and sales offices. Rights exercised pursuant to such reserved easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of affected property, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense. This Section shall not be amended without Declarant's express written consent until Declarant's rights hereunder have terminated as hereinabove provided.

Section 12. <u>General</u>. Each Lot shall be subject to those easements, if any, shown or set forth on the recorded Survey for the Community, as amended from time to time as well as the easements now or hereafter established by Declarant in this Declaration or by any other documents filed for record in the Official Records.

Section 13. <u>Approved Builders</u>. Approved Builders shall have the same easement rights as Declarant necessary for the construction and sales activities of Lots including, without limitation, those easement rights granted to Declarant in this Article XII.

# Article XIII Withdrawal of Property and Additional Covenants

Section 1. <u>Withdrawal of Property.</u> Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration so long as it owns any property in the Community for the purpose of removing any portion of the Community then owned by Declarant or the Association from the coverage of this Declaration, to the extent originally included in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for the Community, provided such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for the Community.

Section 2. Additional Covenants and Easements. Declarant may unilaterally subject any portion of the Community submitted to this Declaration initially or by Supplemental Declaration 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 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 written consent of the owner(s) of such property, if other than Declarant.

Section 3. <u>Acquisition of Additional Common Property</u>. Declarant may convey to the Association additional real estate, improved or unimproved, which upon conveyance or dedication to the Association shall be accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense for the benefit of all its Members.

### Article XIV Declarant's Rights

Any or all of the special rights and obligations of Declarant set forth in this Declaration or the Bylaws may be transferred to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained in this Declaration or in the Bylaws, as applicable. Furthermore, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by Declarant and duly recorded in the Official Records.

## Article XV General Provisions

Enforcement. Each Owner and Occupant shall comply strictly with the Section 1. Bylaws, the rules and regulations, the use restrictions, as they may be lawfully amended or modified from time to time, and with the covenants, conditions, and restrictions set forth in this Declaration and in the deed to such Owner's Lot, if any. The Board of Directors may impose fines or other sanctions, which shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments. Failure to comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws or the rules and regulations shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief, or both, maintainable by the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association, or, in a proper case, by an aggrieved Owner. In any such action for damages or injunctive relief by the Association, the Association shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred and court costs incurred by the Association in bringing such action. Failure by the Association or any Owner to enforce any of the foregoing shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The Board shall have the right to record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions, or design guidelines and to assess the cost of recording and removing such notice against the Owner who is responsible (or whose Occupants are responsible) for violating the foregoing. In addition to the other remedies provided herein, the Association shall have the right to suspend the voting rights of a Lot Owner for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Declaration.

Section 2. <u>Self-Help.</u> In addition to any other remedies provided for herein, the Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter upon any Lot or any other portion of the Community to abate or remove, using such force as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, the Bylaws, the rules and regulations, or the use restrictions. Unless an emergency situation exists, the Board shall give the violating Owner ten (10) days written notice of its intent to exercise self-help. Notwithstanding the foregoing, vehicles may be towed after reasonable notice. All costs of self-help, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be assessed against the violating Owner and shall be collected as provided for herein for the collection of assessments.

Section 3. <u>Duration</u>. The covenants, restrictions and easements of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Community, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association or any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent permitted by law. However, so long as Georgia law limits the period during which covenants restricting lands to certain uses may run, any provision of this Declaration affected by the law shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by the law, after which time the provisions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of twenty (20) years, unless fifty-one percent (51%) of the persons owning Lots execute a document to terminate the covenants containing a legal description of the entire area affected by the covenant,

a list of all owners affected by the covenant and a description of the covenant to be terminated or such other requirement as provided in O.C.G.A. § 44-5-60. A written instrument reflecting any termination must be recorded no sooner than, but within two years immediately preceding the beginning of a twenty (20) year renewal period. Every purchaser or grantee of any interest (including, without limitation, a security interest) in any interest (including, without limitation, a security interest) in any real property subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance, agrees that provisions of this Declaration may be extended and renewed as provided in this Paragraph.

Section 4. Amendment. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant (a) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith, (b) if such amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to this Declaration, (c) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration, or (d) if such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Lot unless any such Owner shall consent thereto in writing. Further, so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially and adversely affect the substantive rights of any Owner hereunder, nor shall it adversely affect title to any Lot without the consent of the affected Owner.

In addition to the above, this Declaration may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots and the consent of Declarant (so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community). Amendments to this Declaration shall become effective upon recordation, unless a later effective date is specified therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no provision of this Declaration which benefits, reserves or grants special rights to Declarant shall be amended, modified, altered or deleted without Declarant's prior written approval so long as Declarant owns any property for development and/or sale in the Community.

Any lawsuit challenging any aspect of an amendment to this Declaration must be filed in the Official Records within one (1) year of the date of recordation of such amendment in the Official Records. No action to challenge such amendment may be brought after such time.

Section 5. Security. THE ASSOCIATION MAY, BUT SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO, MAINTAIN OR SUPPORT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY DESIGNED TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY SAFER THAN THEY OTHERWISE MIGHT BE. NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT, NOR ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT SHALL IN ANY WAY BE CONSIDERED INSURERS OR GUARANTORS OF SECURITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. NEITHER THE ASSOCIATION, DECLARANT, NOR ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT SHALL BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY OR INEFFECTIVENESS OF SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN. ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF ANY LOT, AND ALL TENANTS, GUESTS, AND INVITEES OF ANY OWNER, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ASSOCIATION, AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DECLARANT, ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT, AND ACC DO NOT

REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT ANY FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM, BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM, OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEM DESIGNATED BY OR INSTALLED ACCORDING TO GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY DECLARANT OR THE ACC, IF ANY, MAY NOT BE COMPROMISED OR CIRCUMVENTED; NOR THAT ANY FIRE PROTECTION OR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEMS, IF ANY, WILL PREVENT LOSS BY FIRE, SMOKE, BURGLARY, THEFT, HOLD-UP, ASSAULT OR OTHERWISE; NOR THAT FIRE PROTECTION OR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEMS, IF ANY, WILL IN ALL CASES PROVIDE THE DETECTION OR PROTECTION FOR WHICH THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED OR INTENDED. ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF ANY LOT. AND ALL TENANTS, GUESTS, AND INVITEES OF ANY OWNER, ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE ASSOCIATION, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, DECLARANT, OR ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT ARE NOT INSURERS. ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF ANY LOT AND ALL TENANTS, GUESTS, AND INVITEES OF ANY OWNER ASSUME ALL RISKS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS, TO LOTS, AND TO THE CONTENTS OF LOTS AND FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ASSOCIATION, ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, DECLARANT, OR ANY SUCCESSOR DECLARANT HAVE MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, NOR HAS ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT, OR ANY TENANT, GUEST, OR INVITEE OF ANY OWNER RELIED UPON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE, RELATIVE TO ANY FIRE AND/OR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS OR OTHER SECURITY SYSTEMS, IF ANY, RECOMMENDED OR INSTALLED OR ANY SECURITY MEASURES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE PROPERTIES.

- Section 6. <u>Gender and Grammar</u>. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the use of the masculine pronoun shall include the neuter and feminine.
- Section 7. <u>Severability.</u> Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of this Declaration to any Person or to any property shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of any provision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are declared to be severable.
- Section 8. <u>Captions</u>. 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.
- Section 9. <u>Perpetuities</u>. If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.
- Section 10. <u>Indemnification</u>. To the fullest extent allowed by applicable Georgia law, the Association shall indemnify every officer and director against any and all expenses, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by any officer or director 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 such officer or director may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director. The officers and directors 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 by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer or director, or former officer or director, may be entitled. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such coverage is reasonably available.

Section 11. <u>Notice of Sale or Lease</u>. In the event an Owner leases or sells such Owner's Lot, the Owner shall give to the Association, in writing, prior to the effective date of such sale, the name of the purchaser or lessee of the Lot and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Upon acquisition of a Lot, each new Owner shall give the Association, in writing, the name and mailing address of the Owner and such other information as the Board may reasonably request.

Section 12. <u>Implied Rights.</u> The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, any use restriction or rule, and every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it therein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.

Section 13. <u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Board of Directors or its designee shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and any rule, regulation or use restriction promulgated pursuant thereto if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community.

Section 14. <u>Agreements</u>. All agreements and determinations, including settlement agreements regarding litigation involving the Association, lawfully authorized by the Board of Directors shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns, and others having an interest in the Community or the privilege of possession and enjoyment of any part of the Community.

Section 15. <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Any Owner or Occupant must give written notice to the Board requesting a hearing with the Board and attend such hearing to discuss amicable resolution of any dispute before that Owner or Occupant files any lawsuit against the Association, the Board, any director, or any agent of the Association. The Owner or Occupant shall, in such notice and at the hearing, make a good faith effort to explain the grievance to the Board and resolve the dispute in an amicable fashion, and shall give the Board a reasonable opportunity to address the Owner or Occupant's grievance before filing suit. Upon receiving a request for a hearing, the Board shall give notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the Person requesting the hearing. The Board shall schedule this hearing for a date no less than seven (7) or more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the notice of the hearing by the Person requesting the hearing.

Section 16. <u>Disclosures</u>. Each Owner and Occupant acknowledge the following:

- a. The Community is located adjacent to thoroughfares that may be affected by traffic and noise from time to time and may be improved and/or widened in the future.
- b. The natural light available to and views from an Owner's Lot may change over time due to, among other circumstances, additional development and the removal or addition of landscaping.
- c. No representations are made regarding the zoning of adjacent property, or that the category to which adjacent property is zoned may not change in the future.
- d. Declarant makes no representations regarding the schools that currently or may in the future serve the Community.
- e. Since in every community, there are conditions which different people may find objectionable, it is acknowledged that there may be conditions outside of the Community that an Owner or Occupant may find objectionable and that it shall be the sole responsibility of the Owners and Occupants to become acquainted with community conditions which could affect the Lot.
- f. Declarant, Approved Builders, and their respective agents may be engaging in construction activities related to the construction of the Community. Such construction activities may, from time to time, produce certain conditions in the Community, including, without limitation: (i) noise or sound that is objectionable because of its volume, duration, frequency or shrillness; (ii) smoke; (iii) noxious, toxic, or corrosive fumes or gases; (iv) obnoxious odors; (v) dust, dirt or flying ash; (vi) unusual fire or explosion hazards; (vii) temporary interruption of utilities and services; and/or (viii) other conditions that may threaten the security or safety of Persons in the Community. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Owners and Occupants agree that such conditions in the Community resulting from construction activities shall not be deemed a nuisance and shall not cause Declarant and/or Approved Builders or their respective agents to be deemed in violation of any provision of the Declaration.
- g. The views from an Owner's Lot may change over time due to, among other circumstances, additional development and the removal or addition of landscaping;
- h. Since in every neighborhood, there are conditions which different people may find objectionable, it is acknowledged that there may be conditions outside of the Community that an Owner or Occupant may find objectionable and that it shall be the sole responsibility of the Owners and Occupants to become acquainted with neighborhood conditions which could affect the Lot;
- i. All Owners and Occupants acknowledge and understand that the Declarant will be engaging in other construction activities related to the construction of the Community. Such construction activities may, from time to time, produce certain conditions in the Community, including, without limitation: (i) noise or sound that is objectionable because of its volume, duration, frequency or shrillness; (ii) smoke; (iii) noxious, toxic, or corrosive fumes or gases; (iv) obnoxious odors; (v) dust, dirt or flying ash; (vi) unusual fire or explosion hazards; and/or (vii) temporary interruption of utilities and services; and/or (viii) other conditions that may threaten the security or safety of Persons in the Community. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Owners and Occupants agree that such conditions in the Community resulting from construction activities shall not be deemed a nuisance and shall not cause Declarant and its agents to be deemed in violation of any provision of the Declaration;

- j. The Community is located within the planned community known as Windward and is subject to the Master Declaration. No representations or warranties are made with respect to the Master Declaration. The "Declarant," as that term is defined in the Master Declaration, has no affiliate relationship with the Declarant and Declarant makes no representations or warranties regarding the actions taken by any other Person, including any owner's association, in accordance with the Master Declaration or allegedly taken in accordance with the Master Declaration.
- k. Access to the Community is provided via a private road known as Golf Club Drive pursuant to the Access Easement.
- I. Pursuant to the Access Easement, the Association is obligated to contribute \$3,502.60 annually for the maintenance of Golf Club Drive, which amount shall be increased or decreased annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as described in the Access Easement. Each Lot Owner shall pay his/her share of such maintenance costs as part of their general assessment for the Lot.
- m. Pursuant to the Landscape and Maintenance Easement and Undisturbed Buffer Agreement recorded in Deed Book 16994, Page 002, <u>et seq.</u>, Fulton County, Georgia public records, the Association has the right to install, maintain, repair and replace landscaping and an irrigation system serving such landscaping in the Landscape Easement Area along the north side of Golf Club Drive as shown on the Survey.
- n. The Community is subject to a reservation of mining and mineral rights in favor of the United States of America pursuant to the limited warranty deed recorded in Deed Book 11731, Page 165 et seq., Fulton County, Georgia public records.
  - o. The Community is subject to the following restrictions:
- Section 17. <u>Master Declaration</u>. Every Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, acknowledges that in addition to being subject to and bound by the Community Documents he or she is subject to the Master Declaration.
- Section 18. <u>Supremacy of Master Declaration</u>. In addition to all of the rights and obligations that have been conferred or imposed upon the Association and Owners pursuant to this Declaration, the Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation, the Association and Owners shall be entitled to exercise any of the rights conferred upon it and shall be subject to all of the obligations imposed upon it pursuant to the Master declaration and the Bylaws of the Master Association. The Association and all committees thereof shall also be subject to all superior rights and powers that have been conferred upon the Master Association, pursuant to the Master Declaration and its Bylaws. The Association shall take no action in derogation of the rights of or contrary to the interests of the Master Association. In accordance with the Master Declaration, the Association is subordinate to the Master Association.

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	DECLARANT:
	CROSSFIRE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company
	By: (SEA Linda E. Martin, Manager
Signed, sealed, and delivered this day of, 200 in the presence of:	By: (SEA
in the presence of.	Dan W. Martin, Manager
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