# AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ST. ANDREWS AT ROCKPORT

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### AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS.

### CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR

#### ST. ANDREWS AT ROCKPORT

WHEREAS, Hudgins Communities, Inc., a Georgia corporation, recorded a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for St.Andrews at Rockport, on March 28, 1995, in Deed Book 2056, Page 248, et seq., Henry County, Georgia Records (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, the Original Declaration has been previously amended by amendments recorded in the Henry County, Georgia records as follows:

Recording Date	Deed Book/Page
March 6, 1996	2303/309 et seq.
July 23, 1996	2357/315 et seq.
October 4, 1996	2410/265 et seq.
May 8, 1997	2564/56 et seq.
March 13, 1998	2827/260 et seq.
December 15, 1999	3543/62 <u>et seq.</u> ; and

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THIS AMENDMENT SUBMITS THE PROPERTY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GEORGIA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACT, O.C.G.A. SECTION 44-3-220, <u>ET SEQ</u>.

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### AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS.

### CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR

#### ST. ANDREWS AT ROCKPORT

#### 1. NAME.

The name of the property is St. Andrews at Rockport (hereinafter sometimes called "St. Andrews at Rockport"), which is a residential property owners' development which hereby submits to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-220, et seq. (Michie 1982), as may be amended. By virtue of the recording of this Declaration, the Property shall be owned, held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, occupied and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to the provisions of the Act and this Declaration, and every grantee of any interest in said Property, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of such interest, whether or not such deed or other conveyance of such interest shall be signed by such person and whether or not such person shall otherwise consent in writing, shall own and take subject to the provisions of the Act and this Declaration and shall be deemed to have consented to same. This Declaration shall apply to, govern, control and regulate the sale, resale or other disposition, acquisition, ownership, use and enjoyment of the Property and the improvements located thereon, and all of its provisions shall be and are covenants to run with the Property and shall be binding on the present owners of said Property and all of their successors and assigns and all subsequent owners of the Property and improvements located thereon, together with their grantees, successors, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees and assigns.

### 2. **DEFINITIONS**.

Generally, terms used in this Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Articles of Incorporation shall have their normal, generally accepted meanings or the meanings given in the Act or the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. Unless the context otherwise requires, certain terms used in this Declaration, the Bylaws, and the Articles of Incorporation shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Act means the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-220, et seq. (Michie 1982), as may be amended.
- (b) <u>Architectural Control Committee</u> or <u>ACC</u> means the committee established to exercise the architectural review powers set forth in Paragraph 10 hereof.
- (c) <u>Area of Common Responsibility</u> means the Common Property, together with any areas which become the Association's responsibility under this Declaration or by contract or agreement with any other Person.
- (d) <u>Articles</u> or <u>Articles of Incorporation</u> mean the Articles of Incorporation of St. Andrews at Rockport Homeowners Association, Inc., filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia.
- (e) <u>Association</u> means St. Andrews at Rockport Homeowners Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation, its successors or assigns.
- (f) Association Legal Instruments means this Declaration and all exhibits hereto, including the Association's Bylaws, and the plats, all as may be supplemented or amended.
- (g) <u>Board</u> or <u>Board of Directors</u> means the elected body responsible for management and operation of the Association.
- (h) Bylaws mean the Bylaws of St. Andrews at Rockport Homeowners Association, Inc., as such may be amended from time to time.

WHEREAS, plats prepared by Broward, Davis and Associates were filed in Plat Book 24, Pages 68-69, Plat Book 25, Page 148, Plat Book 25, Page 149, Plat Book 25, Page 150, Plat Book 25, Page 194, Plat Book 26, Page 65, Plat Book 27, Page 59-61 and Plat Book 29, Page 237, Henry County, Georgia Records; and

WHEREAS, Article IX of the Original Declaration provides for amendment of the Original Declaration by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes represented in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Owners; provided, however, any amendment which materially and adversely affects the security title and interest of any mortgagee must be approved by such mortgagee; and

WHEREAS, at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the votes represented in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Owners desire to amend the Original Declaration and have approved this amendment; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment does not materially and adversely affect the security title and interest of any mortgagee; and

WHEREAS, the agreement of the required percentage of Owners is evidenced by the sworn statement of the President and Secretary of the Association, which statement is attached to and incorporated herein by reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Original Declaration and all exhibits thereto are hereby stricken in their entirety and the following is simultaneously substituted therefor:

THIS AMENDMENT SUBMITS THE PROPERTY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GEORGIA

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACT, O.C.G.A. SECTION 44-3-220, ET SEQ.

- (i) <u>Common Property</u> means 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) <u>Common Expenses</u> mean the expenses anticipated or actually incurred by the Association in maintaining, repairing, replacing, and operating the Common Property and otherwise for the benefit of all Lots.
- (k) <u>Community-Wide Standard</u> means the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Property. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board and the ACC.
- (1) Effective Date means the date that this Declaration is recorded in the Henry County, Georgia land records,
- (m) Eligible Mortgage Holder means a holder of a first mortgage secured by a Lot who has requested notice of certain items under Paragraph 16(c) hereof.
- (n) <u>Lot</u> means a portion of the Property intended for ownership and use as a single-family dwelling site as permitted in this Declaration and as shown on the plats for the Property, or amendments or supplements thereto, recorded in the Henry County, Georgia land records.
- (o) <u>Majority</u> means those eligible votes, Owners, or other group as the context may indicate totaling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total eligible number.
- (p) <u>Mortgage</u> means any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, or other transfer or conveyance for the purpose of securing the performance of an obligation, including, but not limited to, a transfer or conveyance of fee title for such purpose.
  - (q) Mortgagee or Mortgage Holder means the holder of any Mortgage.
- (r) Occupant means any Person occupying all or any portion of a dwelling or other property located within the Property for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant or the Owner of such property.
- (s) Officer means an individual who is elected by the Board to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or such other subordinate officers as the Board may determine necessary.
  - (t) Owner means the record title holder of a Lot, but shall not include a Mortgage Holder.
  - (u) Person means any individual, corporation, firm, association, partnership, trust, or other legal entity.
- (v) <u>Property</u> means that real estate which is submitted to the Act and the provisions of this Declaration, as described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Property is a residential property owners development which hereby submits to the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-220, et seq. (Michie 1982), as may be amended.

### 3. LOCATION, PROPERTY DESCRIPTION, AND PLATS.

The Property subject to this Declaration and the Act is located in Land Lots 2 and 3, of the 7th District of Henry County, Georgia, being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached to this Declaration, which exhibit is specifically incorporated herein by this reference. Plats of survey relating to the Property have been filed in Plat Book 24, Pages 68-69, Plat Book 25, Page 148, Plat Book 25, Page 149, Plat Book 25, Page 150, Plat Book 25, Page 194, Plat Book 26, Page 65, Plat Book 27, Page 59-61 and Plat Book 29, Page 237, of the Henry County, Georgia

records. The plats of survey are incorporated herein by reference as fully as if the same were set forth in their entirety herein.

#### ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS.

- (a) <u>Membership</u>. Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. This 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 or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot owned. 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 or more than one (1) office held for each Lot owned. In the event that fee title to a Lot is transferred or otherwise conveyed, the membership in the Association which is appurtenant thereto shall automatically pass to such transferee.
- (b) <u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to one (1) equal 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 determine among themselves and advise the Secretary prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it.

#### ALLOCATION OF LIABILITY FOR COMMON EXPENSES.

- (a) Except as provided below, or elsewhere in the Act or the Association Legal Instruments, the amount of all Common Expenses shall be assessed against all the Lots equally.
- (b) Notwithstanding the above, the Board of Directors shall have the power to levy specific special assessments pursuant to this Paragraph and to Section 44-3-225(a) of the Act as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board to do so shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to do so in the future.
- (i) Except for expenses incurred for maintenance, repair and replacement of items which are the Association's maintenance responsibility hereunder, any Common Expenses benefiting less than all of the Lots or significantly disproportionately benefiting all Lots may be specially assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received.
- (ii) Any Common Expenses occasioned by the conduct of less than all of those entitled to occupy all of the Lots or by the licensees or invitees of any such Lot or Lots may be specially assessed against such Lot(s), including attorney's fees incurred by the Association in enforcing the Declaration, Bylaws or Association rules.

For purposes of this subparagraph, nonuse shall constitute a benefit to less than all Lots or a significant disproportionate benefit among all Lots only when such nonuse results in an identifiable, calculable reduction in cost to the Association.

### 6. ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS.

The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have the right and authority, in addition to and not in limitation of all other rights it may have,:

(a) to make, to enforce and to amend, from time to time, reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Property, including the Lots and the Common Property;

- (b) to enforce use restrictions, other Declaration and Bylaws provisions, and rules and regulations by imposing reasonable monetary fines, exercising self-help powers, suspending use and voting privileges, and suspending services paid for as a Common Expense, as provided herein and in Section 44-3-223 of the Act. These powers, however, shall not limit any other legal means of enforcing such documents or provisions by either the Association or, in an appropriate case, by an aggrieved Owner;
- (c) to grant permits, licenses, utility easements, and other easements, permits or licenses necessary for the proper maintenance or operation of the Property under, through or over the Common Property, as may be reasonably necessary to or desirable for the ongoing development and operation of the Property;
- (d) to control, manage, operate, maintain, replace and, in the Board's discretion, alter or improve all portions of the Property for which the Association is assigned maintenance responsibility under this Declaration;
- (e) to deal with the Common Property in the event of damage or destruction as a result of casualty loss, condemnation or eminent domain, in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration;
- (f) to represent the Owners in dealing with governmental entities on matters related to the Common Property;
- (g) to permanently or temporarily close access to any portion of the Common Property with, except in emergency situations, thirty (30) days prior notice to all Owners. However, except for seasonal closing of the pool, the Owners may re-open the closed Common Property by a majority vote of the total Association vote, cast at a duly called special or annual meeting;
- (h) to enter into Lots for maintenance, emergency, security, or safety purposes, or otherwise to discharge or exercise its powers or responsibilities hereunder, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, managers, and all police officers, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall be only during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Lot. For purposes hereof, any water or other utility leak, fire, strong foul odor, obvious insect infestation or sounds indicating that a person or animal might be injured or sick and require immediate medical attention shall be considered emergencies justifying immediate entry into a dwelling. No Person exercising the rights granted in this subparagraph shall be liable for trespass, damages, or in any other manner by virtue of exercising such rights, and failure to exercise any such rights or to exercise such rights in a timely manner shall not create liability to any such Person, it being agreed that no such duty exists; and

(i) to acquire, lease, hold, and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property and real property;

### ASSESSMENTS.

- (a) <u>Purpose of Assessment</u>. The Association shall have the power to levy assessments as provided herein and in the Act. The assessments for Common Expenses provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of Lots, as may be authorized by the Board.
- (b) <u>Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation For Assessments</u>. Each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association: (i) annual assessments or charges; (ii) special assessments, to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; and (iii) specific special assessments levied by the Board hereunder against any particular Lot, including, but not limited to, reasonable fines imposed hereunder and assessments levied under Paragraph 5(b) hereunder.

All such assessments, together with charges, interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and if the Board so elects, rents, in the maximum amount permitted under the Act, shall be a charge on the Lot and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. Such amounts shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time when the assessment fell due. Each Owner and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for all assessments and charges due and payable at the time of any conveyance; provided, however, that if the grantor or grantee requests a statement from the Association as provided herein, such grantee and his or her successors, successors-in-title and assigns shall not be liable for the Lot conveyed which is subject to a lien for any unpaid assessments against such grantor in excess of any amount set forth in the statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the holder of a first mortgage or secondary purchase money mortgage of record (provided that neither the grantee nor any successor grantee on the secondary purchase money mortgage is the seller of the Lot), or any other person acquires title to any Lot as a result of foreclosure of any such mortgage, such holder or other Person and his or her successors, successors-in-title and assigns shall not be liable for, nor shall the Lot be subject to any lien for any assessments or charges under this Declaration chargeable to the Lot on account of any period prior to such acquisition of title; provided, however, that such unpaid share of an assessment(s) shall be deemed to be a Common Expense collectible from all of the Owners, including such holder or other Persons and his or its successors, successors-in-title and assigns. Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board. No Owner may exempt himself or herself from liability, or otherwise withhold payment of assessments, for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, nonuse of the Common Property, the Association's failure to provide services or perform its obligations required hereunder, or inconvenience or discomfort arising from the Association's performance of its duties.

The lien provided for herein shall have priority as provided in the Act. The Association, in the Board's discretion, may, but shall not be obligated to, record a notice of such lien in the Henry County, Georgia records evidencing the lien created under the Act and this Declaration.

- (c) <u>Delinquent Assessments</u>. All assessments and related charges not paid on or before the due date shall be delinquent, and the Owner shall be in default.
- (i) If the annual assessment or any part thereof is not paid in full within ten (10) days of the due date, or such later date as may be provided by the Board, a late charge equal to the greater of ten (\$10.00) dollars or ten (10%) percent of the amount not paid, or such higher amounts as may be authorized by the Act, may be imposed without further notice or warning to the delinquent Owner, and interest at the rate of ten (10%) percent per anum or such higher rate as permitted by the Act shall accrue from the due date.

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- (ii) If part payment of assessments and related charges is made, the amount received may be applied by the Board, in respective order, to costs and attorney's fees, late charges, interest, delinquent assessments, and current assessments. Late charges may be assessed on delinquencies which are created by the application of current payments to outstanding delinquent assessments or charges.
- (iii) If assessments, fines or other charges, or any part thereof, due from an Owner remain delinquent and unpaid for more than fifteen (15) days from the date due, a notice of delinquency may be given to that Owner stating that if the assessment or charge remains delinquent for more than ten (10) days from the date of the notice of delinquency, the Board may accelerate and declare immediately due all of that Owner's unpaid installments of the annual assessment. If the Owner fails to pay all amounts currently due within ten (10) days of the date of the notice of delinquency, the Board may then accelerate and declare immediately due all installments of the annual assessment and of any special assessment, without any further notice being given to the delinquent Owner. Upon acceleration, that Owner shall thereby lose the privilege of paying the annual assessment in monthly installments for that fiscal year, unless reinstated in the Board's discretion.
- (iv) If assessments, fines or other charges, or any part thereof, remain unpaid more than thirty (30) days after the assessment payments first become delinquent, the Association, acting through the Board, may institute suit to collect all amounts due pursuant to the provisions of the Declaration, the Bylaws, the Act and Georgia law, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and suspend the Owner's and Occupant's right to use the Common Property (provided, however, the Board may not deny ingress or egress to or from the Lot).
- (d) Computation of Operating Budget and Assessment. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Property during the coming year, and the Board shall establish the annual assessment or installments for the coming year. The Board shall cause the budget and notice of the assessment(s) to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date for such assessment, or the first installment thereof. The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a duly called Association annual meeting by a vote of a majority of the total Association membership; provided, however, if a quorum is not obtained at the annual meeting, the budget shall become effective even though a vote to disapprove the budget could not be called at this meeting.

If the membership disapproves the proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for the succeeding year, then, until a budget is determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the current year shall continue for the succeeding year. However, the Board may propose a new or adjusted budget at any time during the year by causing the proposed budget and assessment to be delivered to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed effective date thereof. Unless a special meeting is requested by the members, as provided in the Bylaws for special meetings, the new or adjusted budget and assessment shall take effect without a meeting of the members.

The budget shall not operate as a limitation on expenditures by the Board, but, rather, the budget is merely an estimate of Common Expenses on which the Board may base the annual assessments.

(e) Special Assessments. In addition to the annual assessment provided for in subparagraph (b) above and assessments authorized under Paragraphs 5(b) and 9(b) hereof, the Board may at any time levy a special assessment against all Owners, with notice thereof sent to all Owners. However, any special assessment which would cause the total of special assessments levied against any Lot in one calendar year to exceed three hundred (\$300.00) dollars first must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of those Owners either voting by ballot or written consent under Article II, Section 8 of the Bylaws, or present or represented by proxy at a duly called special or annual meeting of the members, notice of which shall specify that purpose. 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 assessment year in which the special assessments is imposed.

- (f) Capital Budget and Contribution. The Board may prepare an annual or multi-year capital budget which 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 contribution, if any, in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected capital needs of the Association, as shown on the capital budget, with respect both to amount and timing by equal annual assessments over the period of the budget. The capital contribution required, if any, shall be fixed by the Board and included within the budget and assessment as provided in subparagraph (d) above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon each and every transfer or conveyance of a Lot to any person other than the spouse of the Owner or to a person who previously owned a Lot within the Property within ninety (90) days prior to such transfer or conveyance or to a trust if the Owner or his spouse are the beneficiaries thereof, the transferee or grantee becoming the Owner of the Lot at each such transfer or conveyance shall be obligated to pay to the Association, in addition to all other assessments levied under this Declaration, simultaneously upon such transfer or conveyance, a non-refundable assessment in an amount equal to the then current year's annual assessment ("Capital Contribution Fee"). The Capital Contribution Fee shall be deposited in a capital reserve account which shall be for the purpose of funding capital costs required to repair or replace improvements which are part of the Common Property. The Capital Contribution Fee shall, from the time it becomes due and payable, be a charge against and continuing lien upon the Lot in favor of the Association and for the benefit of all Owners.
- (g) Statement of Account. Any Owner, Mortgagee, or a Person having executed a contract for the purchase of a Lot, or a lender considering a loan to be secured by a Lot, shall be entitled, upon written request, to a statement from the Association setting forth the amount of assessments due and unpaid, including any late charges, interest, fines, or other charges against such Lot. The Association shall respond in writing within five (5) business days of receipt of the request for a statement; provided, however, the Association may require the payment of a fee, not exceeding ten (\$10.00) dollars or such higher amount as may be authorized under the Act, as a prerequisite to the issuance of such a statement. Such written statement shall be binding on the Association as to the amount of assessments due on the Lot as of the date specified therein. The Association may require an additional fee not to exceed twenty five (\$25.00) dollars if the Association provides a copy of the Declaration and Bylaws to any such Person in connection with a closing or otherwise upon request.
- (h) <u>Surplus Funds and Common Profits</u>. Common profits from whatever source shall be applied to the payment of Common Expenses. Any surplus funds remaining after the application of such common profits to the payment of Common Expenses shall, at the Board's option, either be distributed equally to the Owners or credited to the next assessment chargeable to the Owners, or added to the Association's reserve account.

### 8. <u>INSURANCE.</u>

- (a) <u>Hazard Insurance on Common Property and Lots</u>. The Association's Board or its duly authorized agent shall have the authority to and shall obtain insurance for all insurable improvements on the Common Property. This insurance shall include fire and extended coverage, including coverage for vandalism and malicious mischief and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. Alternatively, the Board may purchase "all-risk" coverage in like amounts.
- (b) Association Liability and Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance. The Board shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents in their capacities as such, and, if reasonably available, directors' and officers' liability insurance. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars.
- (c) <u>Premiums and Deductible on Association Policies</u>. Premiums for all insurance obtained by the Association shall be a Common Expense of the Association. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost.

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- (d) <u>Policy Terms</u>. All such insurance coverage obtained by the Board shall be written in the name of the Association, as trustee, for the respective benefited parties, as further identified in subparagraph (ii) below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:
  - (i) All policies shall be written with a company licensed to do business in Georgia.
  - (ii) All policies on the Common Property shall be for the benefit of the Association and its

#### members.

- (iii) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Board; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
- (iv) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Board hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, occupants, or their Mortgagees, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary.
- (v) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement and an agreed amount endorsement if these are reasonably available and all insurance policies shall be reviewed annually by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the county where the Property is located.
- (vi) The Board shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
- (1) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Board, the Association's manager, the Owners and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
  - (2) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;
- (3) a provision that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, suspended or subjected to nonrenewal on account of any one or more individual Owners;
- (4) a provision that no policy may be canceled, invalidated, suspended, or subjected to nonrenewal on account of any defect or the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect or to cease the conduct and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which a cure may be effected by the Association, its manager, any Owner or Mortgagee;
- (5) that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and
- (6) that no policy may be canceled or substantially modified or subjected to nonrenewal without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association.
- (e) Additional Association Insurance. In addition to the other insurance required by this Paragraph, the Board shall obtain worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable laws, and a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees, and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds or dishonesty insurance. The amount of fidelity coverage or dishonesty insurance shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment, but if reasonably available, shall not be less than three (3) months assessments plus a reasonable amount to cover all or a reasonable portion of reserve funds in

the custody of the Association at any time during the term of the bond; provided, however, fidelity coverage herein required may be reduced based on financial controls which take one or more of the following forms: (a) the Association or management company, if any, maintains a separate bank account for the working account and the reserve account, each with appropriate access controls and the bank in which funds are deposited sends copies of the monthly bank statements directly to the Association; (b) the management company, if any, maintains separate records and bank accounts for each association that uses its services and the management company does not have the authority to draw checks on, or to transfer funds from, the Association's reserve account; or (c) two Board members must sign any checks written on the reserve account. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and may not be canceled, substantially modified, or subjected to nonrenewal without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association. The Association shall also obtain construction code endorsements, steam boiler coverage, and flood insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of The Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

(f) Individual Lot Owner Insurance. Each Owner shall carry blanket all-risk casualty insurance, if reasonably available, or if not reasonably available, fire and extended coverage, on his or her Lot and structures constructed thereon meeting the same requirements as set forth in subparagraphs (a) and (c) of this Paragraph for insurance on the Common Property. Each Owner further covenants and agrees that, in the event of damage and destruction of structures on his 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 Paragraph 9 of this Declaration, unless a determination not to rebuild is made in accordance with Paragraph 9 hereof. The Owner shall pay any costs of repair or reconstruction which are not covered by insurance proceeds. If the structure is totally destroyed and a determination is made not to rebuild or to reconstruct, the Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction, and thereafter the Owner shall continue to maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

(g) Insurance Deductibles. In the event of an insured loss under the Association's casualty policy, any required deductible shall be considered a maintenance expense to be paid by the Person or Persons who would be responsible for such loss in the absence of insurance. If the loss affects more than one Lot or a Lot and the Common Property, the cost of the deductible may be apportioned and assessed equitably by the Board among the parties suffering loss in accordance with the total cost of repair, or otherwise as the Board reasonably determines equitable, unless the insurance policy provides that the deductible will apply to each Lot separately. If any Owner fails to pay the deductible when required hereunder, then the Association can pay the deductible and assess the cost to the Owner or Owners pursuant to Paragraphs 5(b) and 7 hereof. In the event of an insured loss under the Association or the Person or Persons who would be responsible for such loss in the absence of insurance in the same proportion for which they otherwise would be responsible bears to the total damage incurred.] If any Owner fails to pay the deductible when required hereunder, then the Association can pay the deductible and assess the cost to the Owner or Owners pursuant to Paragraphs 5(b) and 7 hereof.

### REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION.

In the event of damage to or destruction of all or any part of the Property insured by the Association as a result of fire or other casualty, unless eighty (80%) percent of the Lot Owners, including the Owner(s) of any damaged Lot(s), vote not to proceed with the reconstruction and repair of the structure, the Board or its duly authorized agent shall arrange for and supervise the prompt repair and restoration of the structure. In the event of substantial damage or destruction, each institutional holder of a first Mortgage shall be entitled to written notice of the damage, and nothing in these documents shall be construed to afford a priority to any Lot Owner with respect to the distribution of proceeds to any such Lot.

(a) <u>Cost Estimates</u>. Immediately after a fire or other casualty causing damage to the Property, the Board shall obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repairing and restoring the structures (including any

damaged Lot) to substantially the condition which existed before such casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. Such costs may also include professional fees and premiums for such bonds as the Board determines to be necessary.

- (b) Source and Allocation of Proceeds. If the proceeds of insurance are not sufficient to defray the estimated costs of reconstruction and repair, as determined by the Board, or if at any time during the reconstruction and repair or upon completion of reconstruction and repair the funds for the payment of the costs thereof are insufficient, a special assessment shall be made against all of the Lot Owners without the necessity of a vote of the members or compliance with Paragraph 7(e) above. If, after repair and reconstruction is completed, there is a surplus of funds, such funds shall be common funds of the Association to be used as directed by the Board.
- (c) <u>Plans and Specifications</u>. Any such reconstruction or repair shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications under which the Property was originally constructed, except where changes are necessary to comply with current applicable building codes or where improvements not in accordance with the original plans and specifications are approved by the Board. To the extent insurance proceeds are available, the Association may reconstruct or repair owner improvements damaged as a result of fire or other casualty.
- (d) <u>Encroachments</u>. Encroachments upon or in favor of Lots which may be created as a result of such reconstruction or repair shall not constitute a claim or basis for any proceeding or action by the Lot Owner upon whose property such encroachment exists, provided that such reconstruction was substantially in accordance with the architectural plans under which the Property was originally constructed. Such encroachments shall be allowed to continue in existence for so long as the reconstructed building shall stand.
- (e) Construction Fund. The net proceeds of the insurance collected on account of a casualty and the funds collected by the Association from assessments against Lot Owners on account of such casualty shall constitute a construction fund which shall be disbursed in payment of the cost of reconstruction and repair in the manner set forth in this Paragraph, to be disbursed by the Association in appropriate progress payments to such contractor(s), supplier(s), Owners and/or personnel performing the work or supplying materials or services for the repair and reconstruction of the buildings as are designated by the Board.
- (f) Damage to or Destruction of Dwellings on Lots. In the event of damage to or destruction of structures on a 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 Paragraph 10 of this Declaration, unless a determination not to rebuild is made by the Lot Owner in cases of substantial damage or destruction. If the structure is substantially destroyed and a determination is made not to rebuild or to reconstruct, the Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and return it to substantially the natural state in which it existed prior to the beginning of construction, and, thereafter, the Owner shall continue to maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

### 10. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROLS.

(a) Architectural Standards. Except as provided herein, no Owner, Occupant, or any other person may make any encroachment onto the Common Property, or make any exterior change, alteration, or construction (including painting and landscaping), nor erect, place or post any object, sign, clothesline, playground equipment, light (except for reasonable seasonal decorative lights displayed between Thanksgiving and January 15), storm door or window, artificial vegetation, exterior sculpture, fountains, flags, or other thing on the exterior of the buildings, in any windows (including the interior of windows which are visible from the exterior), or on any Common Property, without first obtaining the written approval of the Architectural Control Committee ("ACC"). The standard for approval of such improvements shall include, but not be limited to, aesthetic consideration, materials to be used, harmony with the external design of the existing buildings, Lots and structures, and the location in relation to surrounding structures and topography.

Applications for approval of any such architectural modification shall be in writing and shall provide such information as the ACC may reasonably require. The ACC shall be the sole arbiter of such application and may withhold approval for any reason, including purely aesthetic considerations, and the Association, acting through the Board, shall be entitled to stop any construction which is not in conformance with approved plans. The Board or the ACC may publish written architectural standards for exterior and Common Property alterations or additions, and any request in substantial compliance therewith shall be approved; provided, however, each such requested change shall be in harmony with the external design of the existing buildings and Lots and the location in relation to surrounding structures and topography of the vicinity.

The ACC or the Board, subject to this subparagraph (a), may allow such encroachments on the Common Property as it deems acceptable.

If the ACC fails to approve or to disapprove such application within forty-five (45) days after the application and such information as the ACC may reasonably require shall have been submitted, its approval will not be required and this subparagraph will be deemed complied with, unless such structure or improvement otherwise is in violation of the Declaration, the Bylaws, the design standards, the Association's rules and regulations, or applicable zoning ordinances.

- (b) Architectural Control Committee. The Architectural Control Committee shall constitute a standing committee of the Association. The ACC shall consist of the Board unless the Board delegates to other Persons the authority to serve on the ACC. At all times, however, the chairperson of the ACC shall be a Board member. The ACC shall have the authority to select and employ professional consultants to assist it in discharging its duties, the cost of such consultants to be paid by the Owner of any Lot for which plans and specifications have been submitted for approval. The Owner of any such Lot shall be responsible for paying the full costs of each review, whether or not submitted plans and specifications are approved by the ACC, and the ACC may require payment of all such costs prior to approval of plans and specifications. The ACC also may charge reasonable fees to cover the cost of review or inspections performed hereunder, and any such fees shall be published in the design standards.
- (c) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Review and approval of any application pursuant to this Paragraph may be made on any basis, including solely the basis of aesthetic considerations, and neither the Board nor the ACC shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the design, quality, structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes, zoning regulations and other governmental requirements. Neither the Association, the Board, 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, nor may any action be brought against the Association, the Board, the ACC, or any member thereof, for any such injury, damage or loss.
- (d) No Waiver of Future Approvals. Each Owner acknowledges that the members of the Board and the ACC will change from time to time and that interpretation, application and enforcement of the architectural standards may vary accordingly. The approval of either the Board or the ACC of any proposals, plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval of the Board or the ACC, shall not constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- (e) <u>Enforcement.</u> Any construction, alteration or other work done in violation of this Paragraph, the Declaration, the Bylaws, the design standards or any applicable zoning regulations shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written request from the Board, a violating Owner shall, at his or her own cost and expense, remove such nonconforming construction, alteration or other work and restore the property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to such construction, alteration or work. Should the Owner fail to do so, the Board or its designees shall have the right, in addition to all other available remedies, to enter the property, remove the violation

and restore the property, or obtain a court order compelling the violating Owner to do so. All costs thereof, including reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against such Lot.

In addition to the above, the Board 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 Paragraph and its decisions or those of the ACC. All costs of any such action, including reasonable attorney's fees, may be assessed against such Lot. Furthermore, the Board shall have the authority to record in the Henry County land records notices of violation of the provisions of this Paragraph.

If any Owner or Occupant makes any exterior change, alteration, or construction (including landscaping) upon the Common Property in violation of this Paragraph, he or she does so at his or her sole risk and expense. The Board may require that the change, alteration or construction remains 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.

(f) <u>Commencement and Completion of Construction</u>. All improvements approved by the ACC hereunder must be commenced within one year from the date of approval. If not commenced within such time, then such approval shall be deemed revoked by the ACC, unless the ACC gives a written extension for commencing the work. Additionally, except with written ACC approval otherwise, and except for delays caused by strikes, fires, national emergencies, critical materials shortages or other intervening forces beyond the control of the Owner, all work approved by the ACC hereunder shall be completed within six (6) months of commencement.

### 11. <u>USE RESTRICTIONS.</u>

Each Owner of a Lot shall be responsible for ensuring that the Owner's family, guests, tenants and Occupants comply with all provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and the rules and regulations of the Association. Furthermore, each Owner and Occupant shall always endeavor to observe and promote the cooperative purposes for which the Association was established. In addition to any rights the Association may have against the Owner's family, guests, tenants or Occupants, the Association may take action under this Declaration against the Owner as if the Owner committed the violation in conjunction with the Owner's family, guests, tenants or Occupants.

Use restrictions regarding use of Lots and the Common Property are as follows and also as may be adopted by the Board in accordance with the terms hereof and as specified in the Bylaws.

#### (a) Use of Lots.

(i) 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 Property, including business uses ancillary to a primary residential use, except that the Owner or Occupant residing in a dwelling on a Lot may conduct such ancillary business activities within that dwelling so long as (a) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from the exterior of the dwelling; (b) the business activity does not involve visitation of the Lot by employees, clients, customers, suppliers or other business invitees; provided, however, this provision shall not preclude delivery of materials or items by United States Postal delivery or by other customary parcel delivery services (U.P.S., Federal Express, etc.); (c) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Property; (d) the business activity does not increase traffic in the Property; (e) the 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; and (f) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Property and does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Property, as may be determined in the Board's sole discretion.

The terms "business" and "trade," as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings, and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time; (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required therefor. Notwithstanding the above, the use of a Lot by an on-site management company operating on behalf of the Association shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this subparagraph.

(ii) Number of Occupants. The maximum number of occupants in a dwelling on a Lot shall be limited to two (2) people per bedroom in the dwelling. "Occupancy," for purposes hereof, shall be defined as staying overnight in a dwelling for a total of more than thirty (30) days, either consecutive or nonconsecutive, in any calendar year. This occupancy restriction shall not apply to require the removal of any person lawfully occupying a dwelling on the Effective Date hereof. 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 dwelling on the Lot. The designated person(s) to occupy the dwelling may not be changed more frequently than once every six (6) months

- (b) <u>Subdivision of Lots and Outbuildings</u>. No Lot may be subdivided into a smaller Lot and no structure of a temporary character, trailer, tent, shack, carport, garage, barn or other outbuilding shall be erected or used by any Owner or Occupant on any portion of the Property, at any time, either temporarily or permanently.
- (c) <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 prior written Board consent, except as specifically provided herein.

With prior written Board approval, and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Board, an Owner or Owners may reserve portions of the Common Property for use for a period of time as set by the Board. Any such Owner or Owners who reserve a portion of the Common Property hereunder shall assume, on behalf of himself/herself/themselves and his/her/their guests, Occupants and family, all risks associated with the use of the Common Property and all liability for any damage or injury to any person or thing as a result of such use. The Association shall not be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such use unless such damage or injury is caused solely by the willful acts or gross negligence of the Association, its agents or employees.

(d) <u>Prohibition of Damage</u>, <u>Nuisance and Noise</u>. Without prior written Board consent, nothing shall be done or kept on the Property or any part thereof which would increase the rate of insurance on the Property or any Lot or part thereof, which would be in violation of any statute, rule, ordinance, regulation, permit or other validly imposed requirements of any governmental body, or which would increase the Common Expenses.

Noxious, destructive or offensive activity shall not be carried on upon the Property. Each Owner shall refrain from any act or use of his or her Lot which could reasonably cause embarrassment, discomfort, nuisance or annoyance to other Owners or Occupants. No Owner or Occupant of a Lot may use or allow the use of the Lot or any portion of the Property in any way or for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably annoy or disturb other Owners or Occupants of a portion of the Property, or in such a way as to constitute, in the Board's sole opinion, a nuisance. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed to affect the rights of an aggrieved Owner to proceed individually for relief from interference with his or her property or personal rights. No Owner or Occupant of a Lot may use or allow the use of the Lot or the Common Property in any manner which creates disturbing noises between certain hours as may be established by the Board of Directors by rule or regulation, that will, in the Board's sole discretion, unreasonably interfere with the rights, comfort or convenience of the other Owners or Occupants.

No Owner shall do any work which, in the Board's reasonable opinion, would jeopardize the soundness or safety of the Property or any structure created thereon, would reduce the value thereof, or would impair any easement or hereditaments thereto, without prior written consent of all Association members and their Mortgagees. No damage to or waste of the Common Property, or any part thereof, or of the exterior of any building constructed upon any Lot shall be permitted by any Owner or member of his or her family or any invitee of any Owner. Each Owner shall indemnify and hold the Association and the other Owners harmless against all loss to the Association or other Owners resulting from any such damage or waste caused by such Owner, members of his or her family, guests, invitees, or Occupants of his or her Lot.

- (e) <u>Firearms and Fireworks</u>. The display or discharge of firearms or fireworks on the Common Property is prohibited; provided, however, that that the display of lawful firearms on the Common Property is permitted by law enforcement officers and also is permitted for the limited purpose of transporting the firearms across the Common Property to or from the Owner's Lot. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, paintball 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.
- (f) <u>Pets</u>. No Owner or Occupant may keep any pets other than a reasonable number of generally recognized household pets on any portion of the Property, as determined in the Board's discretion.].

No Owner or Occupant may keep, breed or maintain any pet for any commercial purpose. Pets may not be left unattended outdoors. All pets must be kept on a leash and be under the physical control of a responsible person at all times while outdoors in unfeaced areas. No structure for the care, housing, or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained on any part of the Property without prior written Board approval as provided in Paragraph 10 hereof, and any such structure must be located within a fenced portion of the owner's Lot. Feces left by pets upon the Common Property, on any Lot or in any dwelling, including the pet owner's Lot or dwelling, must be removed promptly by the owner of the pet or the person responsible for the pet.

No potbellied pigs may be brought onto or kept at the Property at any time. Any pet which endangers the health of any Owner or Occupant of any Lot or which creates a nuisance or unreasonable disturbance, as may be determined in the Board's sole discretion, must be permanently removed from the Property upon seven (7) days' written notice by the Board. If the Owner or Occupant fails to comply with such notice, the Board may obtain a court order requiring the Owner or Occupant to do so.

Any Owner or Occupant who keeps or maintains any pet on any portion of the Properties shall be deemed to have indemnified and agreed to 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 Properties.

(g) <u>Parking.</u> No Owner or Occupant may keep or bring onto the Property more than a reasonable number of vehicles per Lot at any time, as determined by the Board; provided, however, the Board may adopt reasonable rules limiting the number of vehicles which may be parked at the Property. Vehicles only may be parked in garages, designated parking spaces or other areas authorized in writing by the Board.

Disabled and stored vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the Property, except in garages. For purposes of this subparagraph, 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 Property, other than in a garage, for fourteen (14) consecutive days or longer without prior written Board permission.

Boats, trailers, trucks with a load capacity of one (1) ton or more, full-size vans (excluding mini-vans or utility vehicles used as passenger vehicles), recreational vehicles (RV's and motor homes), vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes and containing visible evidence of commercial use (such as tool boxes or tool racks), and

vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors are also prohibited from being parked on the Property, except in garages or other areas designated or allowed by the Board as parking areas for particular types of vehicles. Notwithstanding the above, trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily on the Common Property during normal business hours for the purpose of serving any Lot or the Common Property; provided, that, without the written consent of the Board, no such vehicle shall be authorized to remain on the Common Property overnight or for any purpose except serving a Lot or the Common Property.

If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Property in violation of this subparagraph 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. 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 Property stating the name and telephone number of the person or entity which will do the towing and/or booting hereunder. 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 dwelling, 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 immediately. If a vehicle is towed or booted in accordance with this subparagraph, 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.

(h) Abandoned Personal Property. Personal property, other than an automobile as provided for in subparagraph (g) of this Paragraph, is 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 without prior written Board permission. If the Board determines that a violation exists, then, not less than two (2) days after written notice is placed on the personal property and/or on the front door of the property owner's dwelling, if known, the Board may remove and either discard or store the personal property in a location which the Board may determine. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity which will remove the property and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation.

The Board, in its discretion, may determine that an emergency situation exists and may exercise its removal rights hereunder without prior notice to the property owner; provided, however, in such case, the Board shall give the property owner, if known, notice of the removal of the property and the location of the property within three (3) days after the property is removed.

Neither the Association nor any officer or agent thereof shall be liable to any person for any claim of damage resulting from the removal activity in accordance herewith. The Board may elect to impose fines or use other available remedies, rather than exercise its authority to remove property hereunder.

(i) Signs. Except as may be required by legal proceedings, no signs, advertising posters or billboards of any kind shall be erected, placed, or permitted to remain on the Property without the prior written consent of the Board or its designee, except that two (2) professional security signs not to exceed six (6") inches by six (6") inches each in size may be displayed from within a dwelling on a Lot and one (1) professionally lettered "For Rent" or "For Sale" sign not to exceed two (2') feet by two (2') feet in size may be displayed from within a dwelling on a Lot being offered for sale or for lease. 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 open houses, births, birthdays or other events for limited periods of time.

- (j) Rubbish, Trash, and Garbage. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed from the Lot and shall not be allowed to accumulate therein. No garbage or trash shall be placed on the Common Property, temporarily or otherwise, except as provided herein. Rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be disposed of in appropriate sealed bags and placed in proper receptacles for collection. The Board may establish regulations regarding placement of trash cans for pick-up. If rubbish, garbage, or any other form of waste is being disposed of by being collected on a regular and recurring basis, sanitary containers may be placed in the open on any day that a pick-up is to be made, in order to provide access to persons making such a pick-up. At all other times such containers shall be installed underground or screened or enclosed in the manner set forth in the design standards. Guidelines relating to the type of containers permitted, the manner of storage and the place of pick-up may also be included in the design standards.
- (k) <u>Impairment of Dwellings and Easements</u>. An Owner shall do no act nor any work that will impair the structural soundness or integrity of another dwelling or impair any easement or hereditaments, nor do any act nor allow any condition to exist which will adversely affect the other Lots or their Owners or Occupants.
- (1) <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including, but not limited to 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 on any part of the Property. Clothing, bedding, rugs, mops, appliances, indoor furniture, and other household items shall not be placed or stored outside the dwelling. Only appropriate outdoor items, such as neatly stacked firewood, patio furniture, grills, and bicycles may be kept on the patio or deck serving the Lot.
- (m) Window Treatments. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Board, all windows which are part of a Lot shall have window treatments manufactured for such purchase; provided, any window treatments in use in a dwelling on the Effective Date of this Declaration shall not be subject to this subparagraph but shall be required to comply with the provisions of the Original Declaration, the Original By-Laws, and rules of the Association in effect prior to the Effective Date. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Board, all windows on a dwelling which are intended to be operable shall have window treatments.
- (n) <u>Garages</u>. Garages may be attached or detached, but must be large enough to accommodate at least two (2) automobiles and garage interiors must be sheetrocked and painted. Garage doors shall remain closed at all times, except for necessary use, ingress, and egress.
- (o) Antennas and Satellite Dishes. No transmission antenna, of any kind, may be erected anywhere on the Property without written approval of the Board of Directors or the Architectural Control Committee. No direct broadcast satellite (DBS) antenna or multi-channel multi-point distribution service (MMDS) larger than one meter in diameter shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Property, including a Lot. DBS and MMDS antennas one 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 authorized by the FCC, both as may be amended from time to time. Such items shall be installed in the least conspicuous location available on the Lot which permits reception of an acceptable signal. Except as provided by this Section, no 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 outdoors on any portion of the Property, whether attached to a home or structure or otherwise; provided, however, that the Association shall have the right to erect, construct and maintain such devices.
- (p) <u>Changing Elevations</u>. No Owner shall excavate or extract earth from any Lot for any business or commercial purpose or otherwise. No elevation changes shall be permitted which materially affect surface grade or surrounding Lots, unless approved in writing by the Architectural Control Committee.
  - (q) Clotheslines. No outside clotheslines may be placed on any Lot.

- (r) <u>Recreational Equipment</u>. Recreational and playground equipment placed or installed on any Lot shall be located only behind the residence if such residence fronts on a street in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors.
- (s) <u>Preconstruction Homes</u>. No mobile, modular, prefab home or homes constructed in whole or in part off of any Lot will be allowed on any Lot.

### 12. <u>LEASING.</u>

In order to protect the equity of the individual Lot Owners at St. Andrews at Rockport, to carry out the purpose for which the Property was formed by preserving the character of the Property as a homogenous residential community of predominantly owner-occupied homes and by preventing the Property from assuming the character of a renter-occupied apartment complex, and to comply with the eligibility requirements for financing in the secondary mortgage market insofar as such criteria provide that the project be substantially owner-occupied, leasing of Lots shall be governed by the restrictions imposed by this Paragraph. Except as provided herein, the leasing of Lots shall be prohibited.

#### (a) Definitions.

- (i) "Leasing," for purposes of this Declaration, is defined as regular, exclusive occupancy of a Lot by any person or persons other than the Owner; provided, however, for purposes of this Declaration, leasing shall not include exclusive occupancy by the child or parent of an Owner. For purposes hereof, occupancy by a roommate of an Owner who occupies the Lot as such Owner's primary residence shall not constitute leasing hereunder.
- (ii) Open Leasing Status shall authorize a Lot to be leased at any time. Each Lot at St. Andrews at Rockport which is being leased on the date that this Declaration is recorded in the Henry County, Georgia records shall have Open Leasing Status until the Lot is sold at which time the Lot shall automatically be converted to Restricted Leasing Status, the Lot shall be in Open Leasing Status until such time as title is conveyed to any person or entity other than the person or entity holding record title on the date that this Declaration is recorded in the Henry County, Georgia records, after which conveyance the Lot shall automatically be converted to Restricted Leasing Status. Open Leasing Status may also be conferred upon a Lot as provided in subparagraph (b) below.
- (iii) <u>Restricted Leasing Status</u> shall subject a Lot to the restrictions on leasing contained in subparagraph (b) below. All Lots which are not being leased on the date that this Declaration is recorded in the Henry County, Georgia records shall be in Restricted Leasing Status unless converted to Open Leasing Status as provided in subparagraph (b) below.
- (b) General. No Owner of a Lot in Restricted Leasing Status may lease his or her Lot if eight percent (8%) or more of the Lots in the Property are in Open Leasing Status, except as provided in subparagraph (c) below for cases of undue hardship. Any Owner of a Lot in Restricted Leasing Status may apply in writing to the Board of Directors for conversion to Open Leasing Status in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors. Upon receipt of such written application, the Lot shall be placed at the end of a waiting list for conversion to Open Leasing Status. At such times as less than ten percent (10%) of the Lots are in Open Leasing Status, the Board shall notify the Owner of the Lot at the top of the waiting list of its conversion to Open Leasing Status, and such Owner shall have ninety (90) days within which to lease the Lot or it shall automatically revert to Restricted Leasing Status. Any Lot in Open Leasing Status shall automatically be converted to Restricted Leasing Status if the Lot is not subject to an approved lease for ninety (90) or more consecutive days.

(c) <u>Undue Hardship</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (b) above, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to allow reasonable leasing of a Lot upon application in accordance with this Paragraph to avoid undue hardship, including, but not limited to, (1) where a Lot Owner must relocate his or her residence outside the Atlanta metropolitan area for employment purposes and cannot, within six (6) months from the date that the Lot was placed on the market, sell the Lot for a price no greater than the current appraised market value, after having made reasonable efforts to do so; (2) where the Owner dies and the Lot is being administered by his or her estate; and (3) where the Owner takes a leave of absence or temporarily relocates and intends to return to reside in the Lot, in which case the Lot Owner must reapply every year for renewal of the hardship exception. Those Owners who have complied with this subparagraph (c), have demonstrated that the inability to lease their Lot would result in undue hardship, and have obtained the requisite written approval of the Board may lease their Lots for such duration as the Board reasonably determines is necessary to prevent undue hardship.

Any Owner who believes that he or she must lease his or her Lot to avoid undue hardship shall submit a written application to the Board setting forth the circumstances necessitating the leasing and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Leasing in the case of undue hardship shall be permitted only upon the Board's written approval of the Owner's application. When an application is approved, the Owner shall provide the Board with the name and phone number of the lessee and the Owner's address other than at the Property and other such information as the Board may reasonably require within ten (10) days after a lease has been signed by both parties.

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 subparagraph. Any transaction which does not comply with this Paragraph shall be voidable at the option of the Board of Directors.

- (d) <u>Leasing Provisions</u>. Such leasing as is permitted by this Paragraph shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (i) General. All leases shall be in writing in a form approved by the Board prior to the effective date of the lease. All leases must be for an initial term of at least twelve (12) months, except with written Board approval. There shall be no subleasing or assignment of leases unless approved in writing by the Board. Lots may be leased only in their entirety; no fraction or portion may be leased. No transient tenants shall be accommodated on a Lot. All leases shall be subject to the Declaration, the Bylaws and the Association's rules and regulations. The Owner must provide the lessee copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations, and the lease form shall provide that the Owner has done so.
- (ii) Notice. Within ten (10) days after entering into the lease of a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Board of Directors with the name and phone number of the lease and the names of all other people occupying the Lot, the Owner's address other than at the Property, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Notwithstanding anything in the Declaration to the contrary, failure to provide the above information to the Board within ten (10) days after entering into the lease of a Lot may result in a fine against the Owner for each day that the information is not provided to the Board. Nothing herein shall be construed as giving any party the right to approve or disapprove a proposed lessee.
- (iii) <u>Liability for Assessments. Use of Common Property, and Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.</u> Any lease of a Lot shall be deemed to contain the following provisions, whether or not expressly stated therein, and each Owner covenants and agrees that any lease of 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, and the lessee, by occupancy of the Lot, agrees to the applicability of this covenant and incorporation of the following language into the lease:

(1) Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations. Lessee agrees to abide and comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Owner agrees to cause all Occupants of his or her Lot to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and is responsible for all violations and losses caused by such Occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such Occupants of the Lot are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. 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, such fine may be assessed against the lessee and/or the Owner; provided, however, if a fine is not paid by the lessee within the time period set by the Board of Directors, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association of the lessee's failure to do so. Any lessee charged with a violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto is entitled to the same procedure to which an Owner is entitled prior to the imposition of a fine or other sanction.

Any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto is deemed to be a violation of 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 St. Andrews at Rockport Homeowners Association, Inc., acting through the Board, the power and authority to evict the lessee on behalf of and for the benefit of the Owner, in accordance with the terms hereof, or to require the Owner to do so. In the event the Association proceeds to evict the lessee, any costs, including attorney's fees and court costs, associated with the eviction shall be specially assessed against the Lot and the Owner thereof, such being deemed hereby as an expense which benefits the leased Lot and the Owner thereof.

- (2) <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 and other amenities.
- (3) <u>Liability for Assessments</u>. Lessee agrees to be personally obligated for the payment of all annual and special assessments and all other charges against the Owner which become due during the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by the lessee or which become due as a consequence of lessee's activities, including, but not limited to, activities which violate provisions of the Declaration, the Bylaws, or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. 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.

When a Lot 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 Lot Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the lessee during the period of delinquency, and, upon request by the Board of Directors, lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid annual and special assessments and other charges, as lawfully determined and made payable during the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by lessee; provided, 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 with the Board's request to pay assessments or other charges, lessee shall pay to the Association all late charges, fines, interest, and costs of collection, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, to the same extent lessee would be required to make such payments to the Association if lessee were the Owner of the premises during the term of the agreement and any other period of occupancy by lessee.

(e) Applicability of this Paragraph 12. Leases existing on the date which this Declaration is recorded in the Henry County, Georgia records shall not be subject to the terms of this Paragraph; such leases may continue in accordance with the terms of the Original Declaration as it existed prior to the recording date of this Declaration. However, any assignment, extension, renewal, or modification of any lease agreement, including, but not limited to, changes in the terms or duration of occupancy, shall be considered a termination of the old lease and commencement of a new lease which must comply with this Paragraph. Any Owner of a Lot which is leased on the effective date of

this Declaration shall place on file with the Board of Directors a copy of the lease agreement in effect within thirty (30) days of the date on which this Declaration is recorded in the Henry County, Georgia records.

This Paragraph 12 shall not apply to any leasing transaction entered into by 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.

### 13. SALE OF LOTS.

A Lot Owner intending to make a transfer or sale of a Lot or any interest in a Lot shall give the Board written notice of such intention within seven (7) days after execution of the transfer or sales documents. The Owner shall furnish the Board, as part of the notice, the name and address of the intended grantee and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. This Paragraph shall not be construed to create a right of first refusal in the Association or in any third party.

Within seven (7) days after receiving title to a Lot, the purchaser of the Lot shall give the Board written notice of his or her ownership of the Lot. Upon failure of a Owner to give the required notice within the seven-day time period provided herein, the Board may levy fines against the Lot and Owner thereof, and assess the Owner for all costs incurred by the Association in determining his or her identity.

#### 14. MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY.

- (a) <u>Association's Responsibility</u>. The Association shall maintain, keep in good repair, and, in the Board's discretion improve or alter the Area of Common Property, which shall include the following:
- (i) Common Property. The Association shall maintain, keep in good repair and, in the Board's discretion, improve or alter the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, maintenance, repair, and replacement, subject to any insurance then in effect, of all landscaping grass areas, paving and other improvements situated on the Common Property. The Association shall also maintain and keep in good repair all water and sewer pipes or facilities which serve more than one (1) Lot, whether located within or without the Lot's boundaries to the extent that such pipes and facilities are not maintained by public, private, or municipal utility companies.

Upon Board resolution 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. Additionally, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association where the Board has determined that such maintenance would benefit all Owners.

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

(b) Owner's Responsibility. All maintenance, repair, replacement and improvement of the Lot shall be the responsibility of the Owner thereof. In addition, the Owner shall maintain all pipes, lines, ducts, conduits, or other apparatus which serve only the Lot, whether located within or without a Lot's boundaries (including all gas, electricity, water, sewer and air conditioning pipes, lines, ducts, conduits and other apparatus serving only the Lot). Such maintenance shall be performed consistent with this Declaration and the Community-Wide Standard established pursuant hereto. Any maintenance which involves an exterior alteration shall require prior approval of the Board or its designee pursuant to Paragraph 10 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 performed at the sole expense 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 shall also be obligated:

- (i) To perform his or her responsibility in such manner so as not to unreasonably disturb other persons in other Lots.
- (ii) To promptly report to the Association or its agent any defect or need for repairs, for which the Association is responsible.
- (iii) Not to impair any easement without first obtaining written consent of the Association and of the Lot Owner or Owners and their Mortgagees for whose benefit such easement exists.
- (iv) To pay for the cost of repairing, replacing or cleaning up any item which is the responsibility of the Lot 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 Lot Owner, his or her family, tenants or guests, with the cost thereof to be assessed by the Board of Directors as such charge(s) becomes due. Any such charge(s) shall be deemed and collected as an assessment pursuant to Paragraph 7 of this Declaration.

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 Common Property or from any pipe, drain, conduit, appliance or equipment which the Association is responsible to maintain hereunder, unless such injury or damage results directly and solely from the negligence or gross negligence of the Association. 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 Paragraph 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 which is the responsibility of the Association. In performing its responsibilities hereunder, the Association shall have the authority to delegate to such persons, firms or corporations of its choice, such duties as are approved by the Board.

(c) <u>Failure to Maintain</u>. If the Board determines that 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, then, the Association shall give the Owner written notice of the Owner's failure or refusal and of the Association's right 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.

Unless the Board 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 within ten (10) days. If the Board determines that: (i) an emergency exists or (ii) that an Owner has not complied with the demand given by the Association as herein provided; then the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair, or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense, and such costs shall be an assessment and lien against the Owner and the Lot. If, during the course of performing its maintenance responsibilities hereunder, the Association discovers that maintenance, repair or replacement is required of an item which is the Owner's responsibility, and such maintenance, repair or replacement must be performed for the Association to properly complete its maintenance project, then the Association may perform such work on behalf of the Owner and at the Owner's expense, without prior notice to the Owner, such being deemed an emergency situation hereunder.

If the Board determines that the need for maintenance or repair is in the Area of Common Responsibility and is caused through the willful or negligent act of any Owner or Occupant or their family, guests, lessees, or invitees, then the Association may assess the cost of any such maintenance, repair, or replacement against the Owner's or Occupant's Lot, which shall become a lien against the Lot and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments.

(d) <u>Maintenance Standards and Interpretation</u>. The maintenance standards and the enforcement thereof and the interpretation of maintenance obligations under this Declaration may vary from one term of the Board to another term of the Board. These variances shall not constitute a waiver by the Board of the right to adopt and enforce maintenance standards under this Paragraph. No decision or interpretation by the Board shall constitute a binding precedent with respect to subsequent decisions or interpretations of the Board.

#### 15. PARTY FENCES.

- (a) General Rules of Law to Apply. Each fence built which shall serve and separate any two (2) adjoining Lots or dwellings shall constitute a party fence and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Paragraph, the general rules of law regarding party fences and liability for property damage due to negligent or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.
- (b) <u>Sharing of Repair and Maintenance</u>. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party fence shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the fence in equal proportions.
- (c) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. If a party 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 benefited by the fence may restore it, and the other Owner or Owners thereafter who are benefited by the fence shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in equal proportions, without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution from the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.
- (d) Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Paragraph shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors-in-title.
- (e) <u>Arbitration</u>. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party fence, or under the provisions of this Paragraph, each party shall appoint one (1) arbitrator. Should any party refuse to appoint an arbitrator within ten (10) days after written request therefor by the Board, the Board shall appoint an arbitrator for the refusing party. The arbitrators thus appointed shall appoint one (1) additional arbitrator and the decision by a majority of all three (3) arbitrators shall be binding upon the parties. Compliance with this subparagraph shall be a condition precedent to any right of legal action that either party may have against the other in a dispute arising under the provisions of this Paragraph.

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### 16. MORTGAGEE'S RIGHTS.

- (a) Unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Lot Owners give their consent, the Association shall not:
  - (i) by act or omission seek to abandon or terminate the Property or the Association;
- (ii) change the pro rata interest or obligations of any individual Lot for the purpose of levying assessments or charges or allocating distributions of hazard insurance proceeds or condemnation awards;
  - (iii) partition or subdivide any Lot;
- (iv) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer the Common Property (the granting of utility easements or rights-of-way for public purposes and the granting other easements for the benefit of the Association shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this clause); or
- (v) use hazard insurance proceeds for losses to any portion of the Property (whether to Lots or to Common Property) for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of such portion of the Property.
- (vi) use hazard insurance proceeds for losses to the Common Property for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of the Common Property.

The provisions of this subparagraph shall not be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must be obtained from Mortgagees or Lot Owners where a larger percentage vote is otherwise required by the Association Legal Instruments for any of the actions contained in this Paragraph.

- (b) Where the Mortgagee holding a first Mortgage of record or other purchaser of a Lot obtains title pursuant to judicial or nonjudicial 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.
- (c) Upon written request to the Association, identifying the name and address of the holder and the Lot number or address, any Eligible Mortgage Holder will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (i) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Common Property;
- (ii) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to a first Mortgage held by such Eligible Mortgage Holder which remains unsatisfied for a period of sixty (60) days, and any default in the performance by an individual Lot Owner of any other obligation under the Association Legal Instruments which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (iii) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association; or
- (iv) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Mortgage Holders, as specified herein.

- (d) 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.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the provisions of Paragraphs 12 and 13 governing sales and leases shall not apply to impair the right of any first Mortgagee to: (i) foreclose or take title to a Lot pursuant to remedies contained in its Mortgage; (ii) take a deed or assignment in lieu of foreclosure; or (iii) sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of a Lot acquired by the Mortgagee.

#### 17. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) <u>Security</u>. The Association may, but shall not be required to, from time to time, provide measures or take actions which directly or indirectly improve safety on the Property; however, each Owner, for himself or herself and his or her tenants, guests, licensees, and invitees, acknowledges and agrees that the Association is not a provider of security and shall have no duty to provide security on the Property. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to protect his or her person and property and all responsibility to provide security shall lie solely with each Lot Owner.

The Association shall not be held liable for any loss or damage by reason of failure to provide adequate security or ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken.

- (b) <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Any Lot 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 officer or director, or the property manager 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's 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 not less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the notice of hearing from the person requesting the hearing.
- (c) No Discrimination. No action shall be taken by the Association or the Board of Directors which would unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap.
- (d) <u>Indemnification</u>. 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.
- (e) <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, 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.

#### 18. EMINENT DOMAIN.

Whenever all or any part of the Common Property shall be taken or conveyed in lieu of or under threat of condemnation by any authority having power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner shall be entitled to notice thereof. If the taking involves a portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the Owners shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Common Property to the extent lands are available therefor. The provisions of Paragraph 9, above, applicable to Common Property improvements damage, shall govern replacement or restoration and the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced.

### 19. EASEMENTS.

- (a) <u>Easements for Use and Enjoyment</u>. Every Owner of a Lot shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, 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 charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any portion of the Common Property, to limit the number of guests of Lot Owners and tenants who may use the Common Property, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by an Owner, his or her family, tenants, guests, and invitees;
- (ii) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of an Owner and the right of an Owner to use the recreational facilities in the Property for any period during which any assessment against his or her Lot which is provided for herein remains unpaid and for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations;
- (iii) the right of the Association to borrow money as may be set forth in the Bylaws; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for any Lot or Lot Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Property (Any provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association to the contrary notwithstanding, the exercise of any rights therein by the holder thereof in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of any Lot or Lot Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Property.);
- (iv) the right of the Association to grant permits, licenses or easements across the Common Property, as authorized in this Declaration or the Bylaws; and
- (v) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Property subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members of the Association.

Any Lot 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, his or her tenants and guests, and shall be deemed to have made a delegation of all such rights to the Occupants of his or her Lot, if leased.

- (b) Easements for Utilities. There is hereby reserved to the Association blanket easements upon, across, above and under all property within the Property for access, ingress, egress, installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving the Property or any portion thereof, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone and electricity, as well as storm drainage and any other service such as, but not limited to, a master television antenna system, cable television system, or security system which the Association may have installed to serve the Property. It shall be expressly permissible for the Association or its designee, as the case may be, to install, repair, replace, and maintain or to authorize the installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining of such wires, conduits, cables and other equipment related to the providing of any such utility or service. Should any party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, the Board shall have the right to grant such easement.
- (c) <u>Easement for Entry</u>. The Association shall have an easement to enter onto any Lot for emergency, security, safety, and for other purposes reasonably necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of the Property, which right may be exercised by the Association's Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, managers, and all police officers, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall be only during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner or Occupant. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter a Lot to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire or other hazard in the event that an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board.

#### 20. AMENDMENTS.

Except where a higher vote is required for action under any other provisions of this Declaration, in which case such higher vote shall be necessary to amend such provision, this Declaration may be amended by the affirmative vote, written consent, or any combination of affirmative vote and written consent of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots. Notice of a meeting, if any, at which a proposed amendment will be considered shall state the fact of consideration and the subject matter of the proposed amendment. No amendment shall be effective until certified by the President and Secretary of the Association and filed in the Henry County, Georgia land records.

In addition to the above, material amendments to this Declaration must be approved by Eligible Mortgage Holders who represent at least fifty-one (51%) percent of the votes of Lots that are subject to Mortgages held by Eligible Mortgage Holders. Notwithstanding the above, the approval of any proposed amendment by an Eligible Mortgage Holder shall be deemed implied and consented to if the Eligible Mortgage Holder fails to submit a response to any written proposal for an amendment within thirty (30) days after the Eligible Mortgage Holder receives notice of the proposed amendment sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors, without the necessity of a vote from the owners, may amend this Declaration to (i) comply with the Act, any applicable state, city or federal law, including but not limited to, compliance with applicable guidelines of the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and the Veterans Administration ("VA"); (ii) 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; and (iii) 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 Owner's Lot unless any such Lot Owner shall consent thereto in writing..

If legal action is not instituted to challenge the validity of this Declaration or any amendment hereto within one (1) year of the recording thereof in the Henry County, Georgia land records, then such amendment or document shall be presumed to be validly adopted.

#### 21. SEVERABILITY.

Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order or otherwise shall in no way affect the application of such provision to other circumstances or affect any other provision(s), which shall remain in full force and effect.

### 22. <u>DURATION.</u>

The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property perpetually to the extent provided in the Act.

#### 23. PREPARER.

This Declaration was prepared by Stephen A. Winter, Esq., Weinstock & Scavo, P.C., 3405 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30305

- 24. <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.
- 25. <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 Property or the privilege of possession and enjoyment of any part of the Property.
- 26. <u>CONFLICTS</u>. All governmental building codes, health regulations, zoning restrictions and the like applicable to the Property shall be observed. In the event of any conflict between any provision of any such governmental code, regulation or restriction and any provision of this Declaration, the more restrictive provision shall apply.
- 27. ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY. As the owner thereof, or if not the owner, with the consent of the owners thereof, and upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots, the Association may annex real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the county in which the property to be annexed is located a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplementary Declaration shall be signed by the President of the Association, whose signature shall be attested by the Secretary of the Association, and any such annexation shall be effective only upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration, unless a later effective date is provided therein.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

INE WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association has caused this Declaration to be duly executed and sealed the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Jendry E. Dudley Unofficial Wings Lindsey & Okale

Notary Public Soundy DeV+ies

My Commission Expires:

[Notary Seal]

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By: Gamela C

Name: Parela Bris

Attest: Jamela 6: Ray

Title: Secretary
[Corporate Seal]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned officers of St. Andrews at Rockport Homeowners Association, Inc., hereby certify that the above amendment to the Original Declaration and the following amendment to the Original By-Laws were duly adopted by the required majority of the Association and its membership.

This 23 day of December, 20 05

ST. ANDREWS AT ROCKPORT HOMEOWNERS

ASSOCIATION, INC.

By:

Attest:

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 23 day of December, 20 05

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[NOTARY SEAL]

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**LEGAL** 

### PHASE I

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 2 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Henry County, Georgia, being Lots 1-25, Lots 28-68 and Lots 92-97, as shown on plat of survey made of St. Andrews @ Rockport, Phase I, prepared by William E. Burton, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2567, dated January 31, 1995, recorded in Plat Book 24, Pages 68-69, Henry County Records. The description of said property as shown on said plats is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof.

### PHASE 2

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 2 and 3 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Henry County, Georgia, being Lots 69-91 and Lots 98-102, as shown on plat of survey made of St. Andrews @ Rockport, Phase 2, prepared by William E. Burton, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2567, dated May 29, 1996, recorded in Plat Book 25, Page 194, Henry County Records. The description of said property as shown on said plat is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof.

### PHASE 3

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 2 and 3 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Henry County, Georgia, being Lots 104-129, as shown on plat of survey made of St. Andrews @ Rockport, Phase 3, prepared by William E. Burton, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2567, dated November 22, 1996, recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 65, Henry County Records. The description of said property as shown on said plat is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof.

### PHASE IV

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 2 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Henry County, Georgia, being Lots 401-479, as shown on plat of survey made of St. Andrews @ Rockport, Phase IV, prepared by William E. Burton, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2567, dated December 12, 1997, revised January 27, 1998, recorded in Plat Book 27, Pages 59-61, Henry County Records. The description of said property as shown on said plat is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof.

### PHASE 5

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 2 and 3 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Henry County, Georgia, as shown on plat of survey made of St. Andrews @ Rockport, Phase 5, prepared by William E. Burton, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2567, dated August 16, 1999, recorded in Plat Book 29, Page 237, Henry County Records. The description of said property as contained on said plat of survey is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof.

#### LOT 26

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 2 of the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Henry County, Georgia, being Lot 26, as shown on plat prepared for Hudgins Construction Company, Inc., by William E. Burton, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2567, dated April 9, 1996, recorded in Plat Book 25, Page 120, Henry County Records. The description of said property as contained on said plat is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof.

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