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DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, EASEMENTS, AND RESTRICTIONS

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, EASEMENTS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR MONON CROSSING (THE "DECLARATION") IS MADE AS OF MARCH 8, 2021 BY LENNAR HOMES OF INDIANA, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION ("DECLARANT").

RECITALS:

- A. Declarant is the owner of a certain parcel of real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, which is more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Property"); and
- B. Declarant desires to create on the Property a residential community (the "Community") which shall have permanent open spaces and other common facilities for the benefit of the residents of the Community; and
- C. Declarant desires to provide for the preservation of the values of the Community and such other areas as may be subjected to this Declaration, and to provide for the maintenance of the open spaces and other facilities, and, to this end, declare and publish its intent to subject the Property to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, charges and liens hereinafter set forth, it being intended that they shall run with title to the Property and shall be binding on all persons or entities having or acquiring any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof; and
- D. Declarant has deemed it desirable for the efficient preservation of the values of the Community to create an association to be known as Monon Crossing Homeowners' Association, Inc., an Indiana not-for-profit corporation, to which shall be delegated and assigned the powers of owning, maintaining and administering the Blocks (as defined below), the Common Areas (as defined below) and facilities located within the Property, administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions made in and pursuant to this Declaration with respect to the Property, collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges hereafter created with respect to the Property, and promoting the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the owners of the Property and all parts thereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant, for and in consideration of the premises and the covenants contained herein, grants, establishes and conveys to each owner of each Lot (as herein defined), mutual, non-exclusive rights, privileges and easements of enjoyment on equal terms and in common with all other owners of Lots in and to the use of the Blocks, any Common Areas, and facilities; and further, Declarant declares that the Property shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, hypothecated, encumbered, leased, rented, used, improved, and occupied subject to the provisions, agreements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, assessments, charges and liens hereinafter set forth, all of which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and shall run with, the Property

and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, their respective successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of Declarant and the successors in title to the Property or any part or parts thereof.

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

- <u>Section 1.1.</u> "Association" shall mean and refer to Monon Crossing Homeowners' Association, Inc., an Indiana not-for-profit corporation, and its successors and assigns.
- <u>Section 1.2.</u> "Articles" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- <u>Section 1.3.</u> "Authority Transfer Date" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in <u>Section 3.1</u> of this Declaration.
- <u>Section 1.4.</u> "Board of Directors" shall mean the elected body having its normal meaning under Indiana corporate law.
- Section 1.5. "Budget Meeting" shall mean the first annual or any special meeting of the Association after the Authority Transfer Date at which the Owners shall be asked to approve the Association's budget for a particular fiscal year.
- <u>Section 1.6.</u> "Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the Bylaws of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.
 - Section 1.7. "City" shall mean the City of Carmel, Indiana.
- Section 1.8. "Common Area" or "Common Areas" shall mean and refer to all real property (including the improvements thereto) designated as Common Area by Plat, owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Members. All of the Property which is not included in any particular Lot, as shown on current or future approved plats of the Property and/or as described herein, shall be considered to be a part of the Common Area and may be designated as C.A. on approved plats.
- Section 1.9. "Common Expenses" shall mean and refer to (i) expenses of administration of the Association, (ii) expenses for the upkeep, maintenance, repair and replacement of Common Areas, (iii) expenses for the Exterior Maintenance and reasonable reserves for the Dwelling Units, as provided in this Declaration, (iv) all sums lawfully assessed against the Owners by the Association, and (v) all other sums, costs and expenses declared by this Declaration to be Common Expenses.
 - Section 1.10. "County" shall mean the County of Hamilton, Indiana.
- <u>Section 1.11.</u> "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Lennar Homes of Indiana, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any successors or assigns to whom the foregoing assigns any or all

of its rights as Declarant pursuant to this Declaration by assignment recorded in the Recorder's Office.

<u>Section 1.12.</u> "Declaration" shall mean this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Easements, and Restrictions for Monon Crossing, which is to be recorded in the Recorder's Office.

Section 1.13. "Development Period" shall mean the period of time commencing with Declarant's acquisition of the Property and ending when Declarant, or an affiliate or subsidiary of Declarant, has completed the development of all of the Lots, the Blocks, and the Common Area, and no longer owns, any Lot or any Block or Common Area in the Subdivision.

Section 1.14. "Dwelling Unit" shall mean any improvement to the Property intended for any type of independent ownership for use and occupancy as a residence by a single household and shall, unless otherwise specified, include within its meaning (by way of illustration but not limitation) a townhouse.

<u>Section 1.15.</u> "Exterior Maintenance" shall mean the painting of the exterior faces of the walls of the Dwelling Units, including associated trim.

Section 1.16. "Federal Agencies" shall mean (by way of illustration but not limitation) the Federal Housing Authority, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Veterans Administration or any other governmental agency.

Section 1.17. "HOA Act" shall mean Article 32-25.5 of the Indiana Code.

<u>Section 1.18.</u> "Local Governing Authority" shall mean the City and/or the County, individually or collectively.

Section 1.19. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any discrete plot of land created by and shown on a lawfully recorded subdivision plat of the Property upon which a Dwelling Unit could be constructed in accordance with applicable zoning ordinances; provided, however, that where a Dwelling Unit (i) is separated from an adjacent Dwelling Unit by a Party Wall, or (ii) shares a Party Wall with an adjacent Dwelling Unit, the center line of such Party Wall and its vertical extensions shall constitute the common boundary line (lot line) between adjacent Lots, and the closure of the boundary lines of such adjacent Lots shall be accomplished by extending perpendicular lines from the horizontal extremities of such Party Wall to the closest boundary line or lines for such Lots as shown on any Plat or any part thereof, provided, however, further that where any exterior wall of a Dwelling Unit is not a Party Wall, but extends outside the boundary lines (lot lines) of any Lot (as shown on any such Plat or part thereof) upon which such Dwelling Unit is primarily located, the boundary lines of such Lot shall be deemed to include all of the ground area occupied by such Dwelling Unit. It is the intent hereof that, in any and all events in which a boundary line as shown on

any Plat or part thereof does not coincide with the actual location of the respective wall of the Dwelling Unit because of inexactness of construction, settling after construction, or for any other reason, this Declaration and any Plat or any part thereof shall be interpreted and construed so that all ground area underlying beneath a Dwelling Unit shall be and constitute part of the Lot upon which such Dwelling Unit is primarily located to the end that all of such ground area shall be subject to fee simple ownership by the Owner of such Dwelling Unit; to the extent necessary to accomplish and implement such intention, interpretation and construction, the boundary lines of the Lots shall be determined in accordance with the foregoing definitional provisions and boundary lines as so determined shall supersede the boundary lines for Lots shown on any Plat or part thereof.

- Section 1.20. "Maintenance Costs" shall mean all of the costs necessary to keep the facilities benefiting the Subdivision to which the term applies operational and in good condition, including but not limited to the cost of all upkeep, maintenance, repair, replacement, of all or any part of any such facility, payment of all insurance with respect thereto, all taxes imposed on the facility and on the underlying land, leasehold, easement or right-of-way, and any other expense related to continuous maintenance, operation or improvement of the facility.
- <u>Section 1.21.</u> "Mechanicals Maintenance" shall mean the maintenance, repair, and replacement of all utility lines and mechanical equipment serving a Dwelling Unit, including but not limited to ducts, pipes, wires, meters, and conduits relating to such equipment.
- <u>Section 1.22.</u> "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds a membership in the Association, as more particularly set forth in Article II below.
- Section 1.23. "Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to any person or entity holding a first mortgage on any Lot or the Common Area who has notified the Association of this fact in writing.
- Section 1.24. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one (1) or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot, including a contract seller but excluding those holding such interest in a Lot solely by virtue of a contract to purchase a Lot or as security for the performance of an obligation (such as Mortgagees having those rights as provided elsewhere in this Declaration). If more than one (1) person or entity is the record owner of a Lot, the term Owner as used herein shall mean and refer to such owners collectively, so that there shall be only one (1) Owner of each Lot.
- <u>Section 1.25.</u> "Party Wall" shall mean each wall that is built as a part of the original construction of a Dwelling Unit and placed on the dividing line between Lots.
- Section 1.26. "Permitted Signs" shall mean (i) customary real estate sale or lease signs not to exceed six (6) square feet in area, non-illuminated, and professionally constructed by a licensed and registered real estate broker/company; and (ii) temporary construction and home signage.

- <u>Section 1.27.</u> "Person" shall mean an individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust, or other legal entity, or any combination thereof.
- <u>Section 1.28.</u> "Plat" shall mean all surveys of the Property creating the Lots, the Blocks, Common Areas, and easements shown thereon as the same are recorded in the Recorder's Office.
- Section 1.29. "Pond" shall mean or refer to the water retention pond(s), whether or not such are also a Common Area, together with the shoreline area thereof, as shown on the Plat.
 - Section 1.30. "Block" or "Blocks" shall mean those Blocks as depicted on the Plat.
- Section 1.31. "Property" shall mean that certain real property located in Hamilton County, Indiana, which is more specifically described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, as the same has been subdivided and platted, and any additions thereto which, from time to time, may be subjected to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, charges and liens of this Declaration.
- Section 1.32. "Recorder's Office" shall mean the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
- <u>Section 1.33.</u> "Regular Assessments" shall mean and refer to assessments levied against all Lots to fund Common Expenses.
- <u>Section 1.34.</u> "Restrictions" shall mean and refer to the agreements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, easements, assessments, charges, liens, and other provisions set forth in this Declaration with respect to the Property, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- Section 1.35. "Shared Party Wall Maintenance" shall mean any (i) Mechanicals Maintenance to the extent that the line or component in need of maintenance, repair, or replacement is located in within a Party Wall; and (ii) the maintenance, repair, and replacement of a Party Wall.
- <u>Section 1.36.</u> "Special Assessments" shall mean and refer to assessments levied in accordance with <u>Section 5.7</u> of this Declaration.
- Section 1.37. "Structure" shall mean any temporary or permanent improvement or building or portion thereof, including, without limitation, walls, decks, patios, stairs, windows, window boxes, doors, fences, play equipment, trampolines, greenhouses, skylights, address markers, mail boxes, name plates, flag poles, lawn ornaments, trees, hedges, shrubbery, solar panels, satellite dishes, antennae, shutters, awnings, fences, pools, hot tubs, pavement, walkways, driveways, garages and/or garage doors, or appurtenances to any of the aforementioned.

Section 1.38. "Subdivision" shall mean Monon Crossing, a subdivision consisting of approximately sixty (60) Lots, located on the Property, as shown on the Record Plat or Plats, as the case may be.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to this Declaration shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association. Ownership of such Lot shall be the sole qualification for membership. No Owner shall have more than one (1) membership in the Association for each Lot it owns.

ARTICLE III. VOTING RIGHTS

Section 3.1. Organization of the Association. The Association shall be organized as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Indiana, to be operated in accordance with the Articles which have been filed or will be filed by Declarant and the Bylaws of the Association, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. The membership of the Association shall consist of one class of voting members, with each Member having equal voting rights. In the event that any one Lot shall be owned by more than one person, partnership, trust, corporation, or other entity, they shall be treated collectively as one member for voting purposes, so that as to any matter being considered by the Association, only one vote appertains to each Lot. During the Development Period, Declarant shall have seventy-five percent (75%) of all votes in all matters for which a vote is provided for in this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles, or the HOA Act. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, during the Development Period, Declarant shall appoint the Board and elect all officers of the Association, and all actions of the Association shall otherwise require the prior written approval of Declarant.

Section 3.2. Multiple Ownership Interests. When more than one (1) Person constitutes the Owner of a particular Lot, all of such Persons shall be Members of the Association, but all of such Persons, collectively, shall have only one (1) vote for such Lot. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as such Persons constituting the Owner of the Lot determine among themselves, and may be exercised by any one (1) of the Persons holding such ownership interest, unless any objection or protest by any other holder of such ownership interest is made prior to the completion of a vote, in which case the vote cast for such Lot shall not be counted, but the Member whose vote is in dispute shall be counted as present at the meeting for quorum purposes if the protest is lodged at such meeting. In no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

Section 3.3. Transfer of Control of the Association. Declarant may, at its discretion, transfer control of the Association to the Members, and its right to elect the Board and officers of the Association shall terminate, no later than the date that is ten (10) calendar years after the date of recordation of this Declaration ("Authority Transfer Date"); provided, however, that

Declarant may transfer control of the Association at an earlier date at its sole discretion. Notwithstanding such transfer of control during the Development Period, all actions of the Association shall continue to require the prior written approval of Declarant. Declarant shall retain all of its rights and privileges provided for herein from the Authority Transfer Date until Dwelling Units have been constructed on all Lots in the Community.

Section 3.4 Interim Advisory Committee.

- (a) The Board may establish such committees as it deems appropriate to perform such tasks and functions as the Board may designate in its sole discretion.
- (b) Declarant may, in its sole discretion, establish and maintain until such time as Declarant shall transfer control of the Association pursuant to Section 3.3 above, an Interim Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee"). If established: (a) the Advisory Committee shall serve as a liaison between the Owners (other than Declarant) and the Association, and advise the Association from time to time during such period; (b) The Advisory Committee shall consist of three (3) members, each of whom must be an Owner (other than Declarant or an officer, director or employee of Declarant); (c) The members of the Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation; (d) The Advisory Committee members shall be elected for a term of one (1) year by the Owners (other than Declarant) at a meeting thereof called for such purpose; and (e) The Owners (other than Declarant) may remove any member of the Advisory Committee with cause, and elect a successor at a meeting thereof called for such purpose.

ARTICLE IV.

DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS AND STATEMENT OF PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 4.1. Declaration. Declarant hereby expressly declares that the Property and any additions thereto pursuant to this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, and occupied subject to these Restrictions. The Owners of each Lot are subject to these Restrictions, and all other Persons, whether (i) by acceptance of a deed from Declarant, or its successors or assigns, conveying title thereto, or the execution of a contract for the purchase thereof, whether from Declarant or a subsequent Owner of such Lot, or (ii) by the act of occupancy of any Lot, shall conclusively be deemed to have accepted such deed, executed such contract and undertaken such occupancy subject to each Restriction and agreement herein contained. By acceptance of such deed, or execution of such contract, or undertaking such occupancy, each Owner and each other Person for itself, its heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, acknowledges the rights and powers of Declarant, the Architectural Review Board (as defined in Article VII below) and of the Association with respect to these Restrictions, and also, covenants, agrees and consents to and with Declarant, the Architectural Review Board, the Association, and the Owners and subsequent Owners of each of the Lots affected by these Restrictions, to keep, observe, comply with and perform such Restrictions and agreements.

<u>Section 4.2.</u> <u>Property Rights.</u> Every Owner shall have an undivided right, interest, and easement of use, access, and enjoyment in and to the Blocks and the Common Areas, and such easement shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to:

- (a) this Declaration, as it may be amended from time to time, and to any restrictions, limitations or other matters contained in any deed conveying any part of the Property to the Association;
- (b) the right of the Association to limit the number of guests of Members on the Blocks and the Common Areas or to make any part of the Blocks and the Common Areas available to occupants of adjacent real estate or members of the general public;
- (c) the right of the Association to adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of the Blocks and the Common Areas and the personal conduct of Owners, occupants and guests thereon, including, without limitation, the imposition of fines for the violation thereof (a "Violation Assessment");
- (d) the right of the Association to impose reasonable membership requirements and charge reasonable admission or other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Blocks and the Common Areas;
- (e) the right of the Association to suspend (i) the Members' voting rights, (ii) any Member's right to run for office within the Association, and (iii) rights of an Owner to the use of any nonessential services offered by the Association, provided that access and the provision of utilities to the Lot through the Blocks or the Common Areas shall not be precluded, for (x) any period during which any assessment against such Owner's Lot remains unpaid for a period of more than six (6) months (or such lesser period as may be permitted under the HOA Act), or (y) for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;
- (f) the right of the Association at any time, or upon dissolution of the Association, and consistent with the then-existing zoning and subdivision ordinances of the City and/or the County and consistent with its designation of the Common Area as "open space", to transfer all or any part of the Common Area to an organization conceived and organized to own and maintain common open space, or, if such organization will not accept such a transfer, then to Local Governing Authorities or other appropriate governmental agency, or, if such a transfer is declined, then to another entity in accordance with the laws governing the same, for such purposes and subject to conditions as may be agreed to by the Members. Except in the case of dissolution, any such transfer shall have the assent of at least ninety-five percent (95%) of the Members, written notice of which must have been sent to all Members not less than twenty-five (25) days nor more than fifty (50) days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purpose of the meeting. Upon such assent and in accordance therewith, the officers of the Association shall execute the necessary documents to effectuate the transfer under this subparagraph (f). The re-subdivision or adjustment of the boundary lines of the Blocks or the Common Areas and the granting of easements by the Association shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this Article IV;

- (g) the right of the Association to grant, with or without payment to the Association, licenses, rights-of-way, and easements under, across, through or over any portion of the Blocks or the Common Areas;
- (h) the right of Declarant or the Association to re-subdivide and/or adjust the boundary lines of the Blocks or the Common Areas consistent with applicable zoning and subdivision ordinances as either deems necessary for the orderly development of the Subdivision;
 - (i) all rights reserved by Declarant in Article VIII hereof; and
- (j) the right of Declarant to erect, maintain and operate real estate sales and construction offices, displays, signs and other facilities for sales, marketing, and construction purposes.

The Association, acting through the Board of Directors, may exercise these rights without the need for any approval from any Member, Mortgagee, or any of the Federal Agencies, unless provided otherwise in this Declaration.

Section 4.3. Common Areas and Blocks.

- (a) Ownership. Declarant may retain legal title to the Blocks and the Common Areas during the Development Period but shall convey title to the Blocks and the Common Areas to the Association, free and clear of all liens and other financial encumbrances, exclusive of the lien for taxes not yet due and payable, within thirty (30) days following the end of the Development Period. The Blocks and the Common Areas shall remain private, and neither Declarant's execution, or recording of an instrument portraying the Blocks or the Common Areas, nor the doing of any other act by Declarant is, or is intended to be, or shall be construed as, a dedication to the public of the Blocks or the Common Areas. Declarant or the Association may, however, dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Blocks or the Common Areas to any public agency or utility for roadways, utility, or parks purposes, or for other public purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Common Area or Private Drive shall be dedicated or transferred in fee simple title without approval by at least ninety-five percent (95%) of the Members.
- (b) Maintenance. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the Blocks and the Common Areas and the Maintenance Costs thereof shall be included within Common Expenses and assessed as a Regular Assessment against all Lots subject to assessment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Declaration, beginning upon the date upon which the first Lot is conveyed to an Owner other than Declarant or an affiliate, the Association shall be solely responsible for all costs incurred with respect to the maintenance and repair of the Blocks and the Common Areas, whether or not the Blocks or such Common Areas have then been conveyed to the Association pursuant to this Declaration, and regardless of whether such costs are incurred by Declarant or an affiliate. All Maintenance Costs incurred by Declarant or an affiliate shall be reimbursed by the Association within ten (10) days of the Association's receipt of an invoice from the party incurring such costs.

- (c) <u>Control.</u> The Association, subject to the rights of Declarant and the Owners set forth in this Declaration, shall be responsible for the exclusive management and control of the Blocks and the Common Areas and all improvements thereon and, shall keep the Blocks and the Common Areas in good, clean, attractive and sanitary condition, order, and repair.
- (d) No Permanent Structures. Except for underground utility facilities, and except as provided in this Declaration, no permanent improvements shall be made to or installed on the Common Area other than lighting, seating, entry walls, walkways, paved paths, planting structures, gazebo structures, and fountains or other non-recreational water features. The use of the Common Area shall be subject to rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Declaration.
- (e) <u>Delegation of Use.</u> Any Member may delegate its right of enjoyment to the Blocks or the Common Areas and facilities to the members of its immediate household, its tenants, guests, invitees, or contract purchasers who reside on the Owner's Lot. However, by accepting a deed to such Lot, each Owner, for itself, individually, covenants that (i) every rental agreement with respect to the Lot shall contain specific conditions which require the tenant thereunder to abide by all Association covenants, rules and regulations, without exception, (ii) each such tenant will be provided, prior to the execution of such lease, a complete set of all Association covenants, rules and regulations, and (iii) the Owner shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.20 below.
- (f) <u>Damage or Destruction by Owner.</u> In the event any Block or any Common Area is damaged or destroyed by an Owner or any of his guests, tenants, invitees, licensees, agents, members of the Owner's family, or any other Person having or gaining access to the Owner's Lot, such Owner authorizes the Association to repair said damaged area, and an amount equal to the costs incurred to effect such repairs shall be assessed against such Owner as a Violation Assessment and shall constitute a lien upon the Lot of said Owner until paid in full. The Association shall repair said damaged area in a good and workmanlike manner in conformance with the original plans and specifications of the area involved, or as the area may have been modified or altered subsequently by the Association in the discretion of the Association.
- (g) <u>Density of Use.</u> Declarant expressly disclaims any warranties or representations regarding the density of use of the Blocks or the Common Areas or any facilities located thereon.

ARTICLE V. ASSESSMENTS

Section 5.1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner of a Lot covenants and agrees that, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in any such deed or other instrument of conveyance, to pay to the

Association: (a) Regular Assessments, (b) Special Assessments, (c) Violation Assessments, if assessed, and (d) any other amounts as may be provided for hereunder to be due from any Owner in connection with his ownership of a Lot. Such assessments are to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. The Association's Regular Assessments, Special Assessments, and Violation Assessments, late fees (as contemplated below) and costs of collection thereof, as hereinafter provided, shall be assessed against each applicable Owner's Lot and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with late fees, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment became first due. The Regular Assessments and Special Assessments when assessed upon resolution of the Board of Directors for each year, shall become a lien on each Lot in the entire amount of such Regular Assessment and Special Assessment, but shall be payable in equal installments as set by Declarant or the Board of Directors, as applicable, collected on a quarterly basis and Violation Assessments shall be payable in full when assessed.

Section 5.2. Purpose of Assessment. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used to promote the recreation, health, safety and welfare of the residents and Owners of the Property, and for the improvement, maintenance, operation, and landscaping of the Blocks and the Common Areas, including but not limited to the payment of taxes, construction of improvements and maintenance of services, facilities, irrigation/sprinkler systems, trees, lawns, shrubbery and other plantings, and devoted to these purposes or related to the use and enjoyment of the Blocks and the Common Areas or other property which the Association has the obligation to maintain as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate, in their sole discretion.

Section 5.3. Annual Accounting. Annually, after the close of each fiscal year of the Association and prior to the date of the annual meeting of the Association next following the end of such fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall cause to be prepared and furnished to each Owner a financial statement, which statement shall show all receipts and expenses received, incurred, and paid during the preceding fiscal year. Any costs charged to the Association for the preparation of said statements shall be a Common Expense.

Section 5.4. Proposed Annual Budget. Until the Authority Transfer Date, Declarant shall set the amount of the annual budget and assessments in its sole discretion. Beginning after the Authority Transfer Date, the Board of Directors shall cause to be prepared a proposed annual budget for the next ensuing fiscal year on or before the date of the annual Budget Meeting each year that: (i) estimates the total amount of the Common Expenses for such next ensuing fiscal year; (ii) estimates the total amount of the revenue the Association expects to receive during such next ensuing fiscal year, including Regular Assessments; and (iii) estimates the amount of surplus or deficit at the end of the then current fiscal year. Following the completion of such a budget for a particular fiscal year and prior to its corresponding Budget Meeting, the Association shall either (i) furnish a copy of such proposed budget to each Owner, or (ii) notify each Owner that the proposed budget is available upon request at no additional charge to that Owner. The annual budget shall be

submitted to the Owners at the Budget Meeting for adoption and, if so adopted, shall be the basis for the Regular Assessments for the next ensuing fiscal year. At such Budget Meeting, the budget may be approved in whole or in part or may be amended in whole or in part by a majority vote of the Owners in attendance; provided, however, that in no event shall such meeting of the Owners be adjourned until an annual budget is approved and adopted at such meeting, whether it be the proposed annual budget, or the proposed annual budget as amended. The annual budget, the Regular Assessments and all sums assessed by the Association shall be established by using generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis. The failure or delay of the Board of Directors to prepare a proposed annual budget and to furnish a copy thereof to the Owners shall not constitute a waiver or release in any manner of the obligations of the Owners to pay the Common Expenses as herein provided, whenever determined. In the event there is no annual budget approved by the Owners as herein provided for the current fiscal year, whether before or after the Budget Meeting, the Owners shall continue to pay Regular Assessments based upon the last approved budget or, at the option of the Board of Directors, Regular Assessments based upon one hundred and ten percent (110%) of such last approved budget. As used in this Declaration, "majority" shall mean a simple majority of at least fifty-one percent (51%).

Section 5.5. Establishment of Regular Assessment. The Association must levy in each of its fiscal years a Regular Assessment against each Lot. The amount of such Regular Assessment shall be established by Declarant until the Authority Transfer Date and by the Board of Directors thereafter, and written notice of the same shall be sent to every Owner at least thirty (30) days in advance of the commencement of each Regular Assessment period in accordance with the HOA Act. Regular Assessments against each Lot shall be paid in advance, payable in equal installments as set by Declarant or the Board of Directors, as applicable. The initial Regular Assessment levied by the Association for each Lot shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the period for which such assessment was levied. All payments of Regular Assessments and Special Assessments shall be non-refundable, and all collections and funds held by the Association on account thereof shall be appurtenant to and be applied for the benefit of the respective Lot. In no event shall any Owner be due any rebate or credit from the Association upon resale or other transfer or conveyance for prepaid Regular Assessments or Special Assessments.

Section 5.6. Regular Assessments.

- (a) The amount of the Regular Assessment shall be determined as provided in Section 5.5, above.
- (b) The Regular Assessment against each Lot shall be paid in equal installments, each of which is paid in full in advance by the due dates specified by the Board of Directors, the first of which due date shall not be earlier than fifteen (15) days after the written notice of such Regular Assessment is given to the Owners. Installments of Regular Assessments shall be due and payable automatically on their respective due dates without any notice from the Board of Directors or the

Association, and neither the Board of Directors nor the Association shall be responsible for providing any notice or statements to Owners for the same.

- (c) Payment of the Regular Assessment shall be made to the Board of Directors or a managing agent, as directed by the Board of Directors.
- (d) The Regular Assessment for each fiscal year of the Association shall become a lien on each separate Lot as of the first day of each fiscal year of the Association, even though the final determination of the amount of such Regular Assessment may not have been made by that date.

Special Assessments. In addition to the Regular Assessment authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a Special Assessment applicable to that year for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of capital improvements upon the Common Area, including the fixtures and personal property related thereto, or for any other specified purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions, Special Assessments may be made by the Board of Directors from time to time to pay for capital expenditures and to pay for the cost of any repair or reconstruction of damage caused by fire or other casualty or disaster to the extent insurance proceeds are insufficient therefor under the circumstances described in this Declaration. Any such Special Assessment shall be levied against all of the Lots which benefit from the construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of capital improvements giving rise to the Special Assessment, pro rata according to each Lot's benefit, as reasonably determined by the Board of Directors, which determination shall be final. Notwithstanding the fact that in some instances, this Declaration may provide that certain items of routine and ordinary repair and maintenance should be performed by the Association, the Association shall nevertheless retain the right to assess the costs thereof to any Owner or group of Owners as a Special Assessment. To be effective, any such Special Assessment shall have the assent of more than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes of the Members who are entitled to vote and who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose at which a quorum is present, and written notice setting forth the purpose of the meeting must have been sent to all Members not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 5.8. Violation Assessment. In addition to all other assessments authorized or accounted for herein, the Board may levy a Violation Assessment on an Owner, (i) for an uncured violation of this Declaration, or (ii) for damages, if any portion of the Common Area that the Association is obligated to maintain, repair, and/or replace is damaged due to the willful or negligent act or omission of such Owner or Owner's family, tenant, occupant, guest, or invitee. In the event of such damage, the Board shall have the right to undertake the necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement as set forth in Section 4.3(f), Section 6.13, and in accordance with Section 11.1(i) of this Declaration. The choice between repair and replacement is in the sole discretion of the Board. The Violation Assessment shall be a minimum of \$150 per occurrence or the actual total amount expended to cure each violation, whichever is greater.

Section 5.9. Quorum for any Action Authorized Under Section 5.4. At the first calling of a meeting under Section 5.4 of this Article V, the presence at the meeting of Members or proxies entitled to cast votes of at least sixty percent (60%) percent of all votes of Members shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum does not exist at any such meeting, another meeting may be called subject to the notice requirements set forth in Section 5.4, subject further to applicable law, and the required quorum at any such subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 5.10. Working Capital Assessment. In addition to the Regular and Special Assessments authorized above, the Association shall establish and maintain a working capital fund. At the closing of each sale or other transfer of a Lot by Declarant or by an Owner, the purchaser of such Lot shall pay to the Association a working capital assessment in an amount equal to Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00) (a "Working Capital Assessment"), which payment shall be non-refundable and shall not be considered as an advance payment of an assessment or other charge owed to the Association with respect to such Lot. The Working Capital Assessment shall be used as determined by Declarant in its sole and reasonable discretion, if prior to the Authority Transfer Date, or the Association, after the Authority Transfer Date.

Section 5.11. Rate of Assessment. The Regular Assessment shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots, except for Lots owned by Declarant. Except in the case of damage or destruction caused by an Owner as contemplated by Section 4.3(f), and except for Lots owned by Declarant, the Special Assessments shall be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots which benefit from the construction, reconstruction, repair, or replacement of capital improvements giving rise to the Special Assessment, pro rata according to each Lot's benefit, as reasonably determined by the Board of Directors, which determination shall be final. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else contained herein, no Regular Assessments, Special Assessments, Violation Assessments, Working Capital Assessments, or other charges shall be owed or payable by Declarant with respect to any Lot or other portion of the Property owned by Declarant while the same is owned by Declarant, nor shall any such assessments or charges become a lien on any such Lot or other portion of the Property owned by Declarant.

Section 5.12. Notice of Assessment and Certificate. Written notice of the Regular Assessments and any Special Assessments shall be sent to every Member. The due dates for payment of the Regular Assessments and any Special Assessments shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, upon written demand by a Member at any time, furnish a certificate in writing signed by an officer or authorized agent of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid and the amounts of any outstanding assessments. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board of Directors for the issuance of these certificates, which charge shall be paid to the Board of Directors in advance by the requesting Member. Such certificates shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any assessment therein stated to have been paid.

- Section 5.13. Remedies of the Association in the Event of Default. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the payment of all Regular Assessments and Special Assessments against such Owner's Lot. Where the Owner constitutes or consists of more than one Person, the liability of such Persons shall be joint and several. If any assessment pursuant to this Declaration is not paid within thirty (30) days after its initial due date, the Association may:
 - (a) impose a late fee in the amount of \$25.00 per month until all outstanding amounts are paid in full;
 - (b) file a lien against the Lot of the defaulting Owner pursuant to Article 32-28.14 of the Indiana Code, as the same may be modified from time to time;
 - (c) bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same and/or foreclose the lien against the Lot, and interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. A suit to recover a money judgment for nonpayment of any assessment levied pursuant to this Declaration, or any installment thereof, may be maintained without perfecting, foreclosing, or waiving the lien provided for herein to secure the same;
 - (d) suspend a Member's right to hold an office within the Association, and right to use nonessential services offered by the Association, provided that access and the provision of utilities to the Lot through the Common Area shall not be precluded. A Member whose rights have been suspended in this manner, shall have no right to any refund or suspension of his obligations to pay such assessments or any other assessments becoming due for the duration of such suspension or otherwise;
 - (e) accelerate the due date of the unpaid assessment so that the entire balance shall become immediately due, payable, and collectible; and
 - (f) suspend a Member's voting rights if the Owner is more than six (6) months delinquent in the payment of any assessment.

No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Area or facilities, abandonment of its Lot, or the failure of the Association or the Board of Directors to perform their respective duties.

In any action to foreclose the lien against a Lot pursuant to <u>Section 5.13(b)</u> above, the Owner and any occupant of the Lot and Dwelling Unit which are the subject of such action shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment to the Association of reasonable rental for such Lot and Dwelling Unit, and the Board of Directors shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver for the purpose of preserving the Lot and Dwelling Unit and to collect the rentals and other profits therefrom for the benefit of the Association to be applied to the unpaid Regular Assessments or Special Assessments. The Board of Directors may, at its option, bring a suit to recover a money judgment for any unpaid Regular Assessment, Special Assessment, or Violation Assessment without foreclosing (and without thereby being

deemed to have waived) the lien securing the same. In any action to recover any Regular Assessment, Special Assessment, Violation Assessment, or any other debts, dues or charges owed the Association, whether by foreclosure or otherwise, the Board of Directors, for and on behalf of the Association, shall be entitled to recover from the Owner of the respective Lot and Dwelling Unit all of the costs and expenses incurred as a result of such action (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees) together with a monthly late fee as set forth in Section 5.13(a) above.

Section 5.14. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien for the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any properly recorded first mortgage encumbering a Lot. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 5.14 or elsewhere in this Declaration, any sale or transfer of a Lot to a Mortgagee pursuant to a foreclosure of its mortgage or conveyance in lieu thereof, or a conveyance to any person at a public sale in the manner provided by law with respect to mortgage foreclosures, shall not extinguish the lien of any unpaid assessments (or periodic installments, if applicable) which became due prior to such sale, transfer or conveyance, and that the extinguishment of such lien shall not relieve the prior Owner from personal liability therefor; and further provided, that any Person taking title to such Lot in the foregoing manner shall have no right to use the non-essential services or amenities of the Property until such time as all assessments due with respect to such Lot have been paid in full. No such sale, transfer or conveyance shall relieve the Lot, or the purchaser thereof at such foreclosure sale, or the grantee in the event of conveyance in lieu thereof, from liability for any assessments (or periodic installments of such assessments, if applicable) thereafter becoming due or from the lien for such assessments.

<u>Section 5.15.</u> <u>Exempt Property.</u> The following portions of the Property shall be exempt from the assessments created by this Declaration: (a) those portions of the Property that are dedicated to and accepted by a local public authority; (b) the Blocks; and (c) the Common Areas. Except as otherwise provided in <u>Section 5.11</u> and <u>Section 5.18</u> hereof, no developed or undeveloped Lot, land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

Section 5.16. Replacement Reserve Fund. The Association shall establish and maintain a reserve fund ("Replacement Reserve Fund") for the maintenance, repair and replacement of (i) all water mains, service lines, and meters installed on the Lots, the Blocks, and the Common Areas, (ii) sanitary sewer mains and service lines installed on the Lots, Blocks and the Common Areas; (iii) storm sewers installed on the Lots, Blocks and the Common Areas; (iv) fencing on Lots, the Blocks, or the Common Areas, (v) the improvements installed on the Blocks and the Common Areas; and (vi) irrigation/sprinkler systems installed by Declarant on the Lots, the Blocks, and the Common Areas by the allocation and payment to such reserve fund of an amount to be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors, which reserve fund shall be sufficient, in the sole opinion of the Board of Directors, to accommodate such future maintenance, repair and replacement and which shall be a component of the Regular Assessment. In addition to items (i) through (iv) above, the painting of siding and trim on the Dwelling Units shall also be included as a component of the Replacement Reserve Fund. The Replacement Reserve Fund (i) shall be

conclusively deemed to be a Common Expense of the Association, (ii) shall be maintained by the Association in a separate, interest bearing account or accounts with any banking institution, the accounts of which are insured by any state or by any agency of the United States of America as selected by the Board of Directors, and (iii) may be expended only for the purpose of effecting repairs to, replacement and maintenance of any improvements within the Blocks or the Common Areas, and the Lots, if applicable, including but not limited to, water mains, service lines, and meters, sanitary sewer mains and service lines, storm sewers, irrigation/sprinkler systems, sidewalks, parking areas, landscape improvements, street or common area lighting, streets or roadways developed as a part of the Property, equipment replacement, and for start-up expenses and operating contingencies of a nonrecurring nature relating to the Blocks or the Common Areas. The Association may establish such other reserves for such other purposes as the Board of Directors may from time to time consider necessary or appropriate. The proportional interest of any Member in any such reserves shall be considered an appurtenance of the Owner's Lot and shall not be separately withdrawn, assigned, transferred, or otherwise separated from the Lot to which it appertains and shall be deemed to be transferred with such Lot.

<u>Section 5.17.</u> <u>Books and Records.</u> The Association shall provide Owners with financial information regarding the operation of the Association as and to the extent required under the HOA Act.

<u>Section 5.18.</u> <u>Declarant Exemption.</u> Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, under no circumstances shall Declarant be required or obligated to pay any Assessments, whether Regular Assessments, Special Assessments, Working Capital Assessments, Violation Assessments, or otherwise.

ARTICLE VI. USE RESTRICTIONS AND ARCHITECTURAL CONTROLS

Section 6.1. Residential Use. The Property shall be used exclusively for residential purposes except as provided in Section 6.31 and Section 6.33 hereof. Declarant reserves the right, pursuant to a recorded Plat or re-subdivision Plat, to alter, amend, and change any Lot line or subdivision Plat. No Structure shall be erected, altered, placed, or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one (1) Dwelling Unit and appurtenant structures, approved by the Association and appropriate Local Governing Authorities, for use solely by the occupant(s) of the Dwelling Unit.

Section 6.2. Architectural Review Board Approval. Except for Dwelling Units and Structures or additions to Dwelling Units or Structures constructed by Declarant, no Dwelling Unit Structure or addition to a Dwelling Unit or Structure shall be erected, placed, painted, altered or externally modified or improved on any Lot unless and until (i) the plans and specifications, including design, elevation, material, shape, height, color and texture, and a site plan showing the location of all improvements with grading modifications, shall have been filed with and approved in writing in all respects by the Architectural Review Board (and, if required, by appropriate Local Governing Authorities; and (ii) all construction permits

have been obtained, if applicable or required. In addition, no item of personal property, without regard to whether such item is fixed or attached or moveable, shall be erected or placed forward of the front foundation line of any Dwelling Unit unless approved in writing by the Architectural Review Board. Further, notwithstanding any approval given herein, the Architectural Review Board may revoke its approval as to any item of personal property which is not fixed or attached at any time and for any or no reason, and an Owner shall immediately remove any item of personal property which is not fixed or attached, which is placed forward of the front foundation line of any Dwelling Unit upon request of the Architectural Review Board, without regard to whether the Architectural Review Board may have previously given its approval for such item of personal property.

<u>Section 6.3.</u> <u>Laundry.</u> No clotheslines may be erected on any Lot, and no clothing, sheets, blankets, rugs, laundry, or wash shall be hung out, exposed, aired, or dried on any portion of the Property within public view.

<u>Section 6.4.</u> <u>Sight Lines.</u> No fence, wall, tree, hedge, or shrub shall be maintained in such a manner as to obstruct sight lines for vehicular traffic.

Section 6.5. Lot Maintenance. Each Owner shall, at all times, maintain its Lot and Dwelling Unit and all appurtenances thereto free of debris or rubbish and in good repair and in a state of neat appearance from all exterior vantage points. While the Association will perform all routine maintenance to landscape improvements on each Lot as provided in Article XI below, the Owners, subject to Section 6.6 below, shall be responsible for all routine and extraordinary maintenance to Structures or amenities on such Owner's Lot, and all extraordinary items of maintenance to any landscape improvement on its Lot, including, without limitation, trees and shrubs, and for repair of any damage or destruction to any Structure or landscape improvement or amenity on its Lot, including, without limitation, trees and shrubs, whether or not caused by the Owner, a third party, elements of nature, or acts of God.

Section 6.6. Additions to Landscape Improvements. No tree, shrub, or other vegetation or landscape improvement originally installed by Declarant shall be removed or altered unless such item is dead or decayed and dangerous to human health, safety, or welfare, and the removal has been approved in writing in advance by the Architectural Review Board, or removal is ordered by any Local Governing Authority or by the Architectural Review Board to maintain proper sightlines. No approval for removal of any trees or shrubs shall be granted by the Architectural Review Board unless appropriate provisions are made for replacing the removed trees or shrubs. Each Owner is permitted to add to the landscape of such Owner's Lot certain landscaping features within approved flowerbeds; however, prior to adding any such landscape, the Owner of such Lot must submit a written landscape plan to the Architectural Review Board for its review and obtain the written approval of such Architectural Review Board.

<u>Section 6.7. Nuisance.</u> No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on or permitted to be carried on upon the Property, nor shall anything be done or placed thereon which is or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. Nothing shall be done or kept or

permitted to be done or kept by an Owner in any Dwelling Unit, or on any Lot, or on any of the Blocks or the Common Areas, which will cause an increase in the rate of insurance paid by the Association or any other Owner. No Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept in his Dwelling Unit or on such Owner's Lot which will result in a cancellation of insurance on any part of the Blocks or any part of the Common Areas or any other Owner, or which would be a violation of any law or ordinance or the requirements of any insurance underwriting or rating bureau. No Dwelling Unit or Lot shall be used in any unlawful manner or in any manner which might cause injury to the reputation of the Community or which might be a nuisance, annoyance, or inconvenience, or which might cause damage, to other Owners and occupants of Dwelling Units or neighboring property, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, noise by the use of any musical instrument, radio, television, loud speakers, electrical equipment, amplifiers or other equipment or machinery. No exterior lighting on a Lot shall be directed outside the boundaries of the Lot. No outside toilets shall be permitted on any Lot (except during a period of construction and then only upon obtaining prior written consent of the Architectural Review Board), and no sanitary waste or other wastes shall be permitted to be exposed.

Section 6.8. Signs. With the exception of Permitted Signs, all signs including, but not limited to those advertising a garage sale or any "for sale" sign not qualified as a Permitted Sign, must be approved by the Architectural Review Board before being placed upon any Lot or Common Area, or displayed from a Dwelling Unit. No more than one sign (including a Permitted Sign) may be displayed on a Lot or from a Dwelling Unit at any one time. In addition, no more than one sign (including a Permitted Sign) may be displayed in the Community by an entity owning multiple Lots. All Permitted Signs advertising a Lot for sale shall be removed within three (3) business days from the date of the conveyance of the Lot or the execution of the lease agreement, as applicable. Signs advertising a Lot for "Rent to Own", or something similar, are expressly prohibited and may not be placed on any Lot or displayed from a Dwelling Unit constructed thereon. Declarant is expressly exempt from the requirements of this Section 6.8 and may post any signs in Common Areas and on any Lots owned by Declarant, as it deems necessary or appropriate.

Section 6.9. Animals. No domesticated or wild animal shall be kept or maintained on any Lot, except that no more than three (3) common household pets such as dogs and cats may be kept or maintained, provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for commercial purposes and do not create a nuisance or annoyance to surrounding Lots or the neighborhood and are kept in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances of the Local Governing Authority. Excessive barking of dog(s) or vicious animals shall constitute a nuisance and may be ordered removed from the Property by the Association. Pets will not be permitted outside of a Dwelling Unit unless on a leash and any Owner walking a pet within the Community or on any Block or on any Common Area will immediately clean up any solid animal waste and properly dispose of the same. Failure to remove any solid animal waste shall subject the owner to a fine not to exceed \$50.00 per occurrence but in no event less than the cost of removal and any remediation as determined by the Board of Directors. Law enforcement and animal control personnel shall have the right to enter the Property to enforce local animal control ordinances. No dog houses shall be permitted on any Lot. Household

pets permitted by this <u>Section 6.9</u> may not be placed in a dog run or other comparable facility on a Lot and no dog may be permitted outside without supervision by an adult for any consecutive period of time in excess of an hour. No farm animals or fowls are permitted on any Lot or Lots in the Community.

Section 6.10. Trash Storage. Trash shall be collected and stored in sealed trash receptacles only and not solely in plastic garbage bags. Trash and garbage receptacles shall not be permitted to remain in public view and shall remain inside of each Owner's garage except on days of trash collection, and except for those receptacles designed for trash accumulation located on the Blocks or in the Common Areas. No accumulation or storage of litter, new or used building materials, or trash of any kind shall be permitted on the exterior of any Dwelling Unit. No rubbish, garbage or other waste shall be allowed to accumulate on any Lot, Block or Common Area. No homeowner or occupant of a Lot shall burn or bury any garbage or refuse on any Lot, Block or Common Area.

Section 6.11. Antennae Systems. To the extent not inconsistent with federal and state law, exterior television, and other antennae, including satellite dishes, are prohibited, unless approved in writing by the Architectural Review Board and any submission for such approval shall otherwise comply with the requirements of the procedures for approval by the Architectural Review Board. The Architectural Review Board shall adopt rules for the installation of such antennae and/or satellite systems, which rules shall require that antennae and satellite dishes be placed as inconspicuously as possible and only when fully screened from public view on the rear and above the eave line of any Dwelling Unit. To the extent not inconsistent with federal law, satellite dishes will not exceed eighteen (18) inches in diameter. It is the intent of this provision that the Architectural Review Board shall be able to strictly regulate exterior antennae and satellite dishes to the fullest extent of the law and should any regulations adopted herein or by the Architectural Review Board conflict with federal law, such rules as do not conflict with federal law shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6.12. Painting and Exterior Design. No Owner shall cause or permit any alterations or changes of the exterior design and/or color scheme of any Dwelling Unit, Structure or building including, but not limited to, the exterior paint color scheme and roof shingle color scheme and materials. No person shall paint the exterior of any building, or portion thereof, except contractors and agents employed by Declarant or the Association. Any and all such painting of the exterior of any building or any portion thereof shall be done by the Association, and the costs thereof will be assessed to the Owners either as a part of the Regular Assessments due hereunder or, if necessary, as a Special Assessment, as determined by the Board of Directors in its discretion under Article V above. All Dwelling Units will, at all times, be painted in a uniform color, without variation. By way of example only, in the event the Board of Directors or Declarant, as applicable, deems it necessary to paint only a portion of a building (i.e., in the case of damage affecting only one Dwelling Unit), and, if matching paint cannot be located or if, when applied, the paint does not match the finish on the adjacent Dwelling Units, the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may cause the exterior of the entire building to be painted, with the costs thereof being assessed to the Owners of the Dwelling Units in the building, either as a part of the Regular Assessments

due hereunder, or, if necessary, as a Special Assessment, as determined by the Board of Directors in its discretion.

Section 6.13. Finished Exteriors. The exteriors of all Structures, including, without limitation, walls, doors, windows, and roofs, shall be kept in good maintenance and repair by the Owners of Dwelling Units within that Structure. No Structure shall be permitted to stand with its exterior in an unfinished condition for longer than six (6) months after the commencement of construction. In the event of fire, windstorm or other damage, the exterior of a Structure shall not be permitted to remain in a damaged condition for longer than three (3) months, unless expressly excepted by the Board of Directors in writing. If the Board of Directors determines that any Structure or Dwelling Unit is not in compliance with the provisions of this Section 6.13, the Association shall send written notice to the Owner of that Structure or Dwelling Unit identifying, with reasonable specificity, the items in need of repair or maintenance (a "Repair Notice"). If an Owner fails to comply with the provisions of this Section 6.13 within fourteen (14) days after its receipt of such a Repair Notice, the Association shall be entitled to enforce the provisions of this Section 6.13 in the manner contemplated under Section 11.1 (i), below, and in any other manner permitted hereunder or by applicable law.

<u>Section 6.14.</u> Fences. No fence or similar enclosure shall be erected or built on the Property, except for any fencing constructed by Declarant, which shall be maintained, repaired, and replaced by the Association.

<u>Section 6.15.</u> <u>Vehicles.</u> No inoperable, junk, unregistered or unlicensed vehicle shall be kept on the Property. No portion of the Property, including any garage, shall be used for the repair of a vehicle.

Section 6.16. Commercial Vehicles. Except upon the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Board, no commercial or industrial vehicle, including, but not limited to, moving vans, trucks, tractors, trailers, vans, wreckers, tow trucks, hearses and buses, shall be parked overnight or regularly or habitually parked on the Property, nor shall any such vehicle be located on the Property for longer than twenty-four (24) hours, except to the extent in use for ongoing work to a Dwelling Unit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 6.16 shall not apply to Declarant during the Development Period.

Section 6.17. Recreational Vehicles. No recreational vehicles or equipment, including, but not limited to, boats, boating equipment, jet-skis, wave runners, travel trailers, fuel tanks, camping vehicles or camping equipment, shall be parked on the Property without the prior, written approval of the Architectural Review Board, as to location, size, screening, and other criteria deemed to be relevant by the Architectural Review Board. The Association shall not be required to provide a storage area for these vehicles. Notwithstanding the foregoing, up to five (5) gallons of fuel may be stored on each Lot for emergency purposes and the operation of gas grills.

<u>Section 6.18.</u> Towing. The Board of Directors shall have the right, but not the obligation, to tow any vehicle parked or kept in violation of the covenants contained within

this <u>Article VI</u> or <u>Article IX</u> upon twelve (12) hours' written, telephonic or verbal notice and at the vehicle owner's sole expense, subject to compliance with all applicable laws.

- Section 6.19. Garage Usage. In addition to the restriction set forth in Section 6.15 above, any conversion of any garage that will preclude the parking of vehicles within that garage is prohibited. Owners shall keep and maintain their garages at all times in a manner that will permit the usage of such garage for parking of passenger automobiles, vans and/or trucks.
- Section 6.20. Rental Agreements. No Owner may rent or lease such Owner's Dwelling Unit for transient or hotel purposes. Any Owner who leases an entire Dwelling Unit shall have a written lease with a minimum term of six (6) months, which shall provide that the lease is subject to the provisions of this Declaration and any failure of the lessee to comply with the terms of this Declaration, shall be a default under the lease. A copy of any lease must be provided to the Association upon the Association's request.
- Section 6.21. <u>Initial Construction and Marketing.</u> Declarant or its assigns may, during its construction and/or sales period, erect, maintain and operate real estate sales and construction offices, model homes, displays, signs and special lighting on any part of the Property and on or in any building or Structure now or hereafter erected thereon and shall not be bound by the provisions of this <u>Article VI</u> to the extent application thereof would delay, hinder or increase the cost of construction and/or marketing of Dwelling Units for sale in the Community by Declarant.
- Section 6.22. <u>Dusk to Dawn Lights.</u> Each Owner shall maintain any and all lights installed as a part of the initial construction of each Dwelling Unit in good order, condition, and repair, including, without limitation, any necessary repairs or maintenance as may be required for the effective operation of all "dusk to dawn" photocell switches and replacement of light bulbs so that those coach lights remain continuously operational from dusk to dawn.
- <u>Section 6.23.</u> <u>Garages.</u> Garage doors shall remain closed except when entering and exiting or otherwise accessing the garage.
- <u>Section 6.24.</u> <u>Storage Facilities.</u> No permanent, temporary, or portable storage facilities shall be permitted on any Lot, except for portable storage facilities that are located wholly within the Owner's garage area and are removed within twenty-four (24) hours. No portable storage facility is permitted in any driveway, Block, Common Area, or public right-of-way.
- <u>Section 6.25.</u> <u>Awnings.</u> Except with respect to Lots upon which Declarant maintains a sales office or model home, or as otherwise approved by the Architectural Review Board, no metal, wood, fabric, fiberglass, or similar type material awnings (including retractable awnings) or patio covers will be permitted anywhere on the Property.
- <u>Section 6.26.</u> <u>Mailboxes.</u> No individual mailboxes at curb or on any Dwelling Unit shall be allowed or permitted. Declarant shall install a common postal facility, with individual

mailboxes, for all attached Dwelling Units. Nothing may be attached to the mailbox structure which will affect the uniformity thereof with other mailbox structures in the Community. If the Community is required to have cluster mailboxes by the U.S. Postal Service or if Declarant or the Board decides to use cluster mailboxes in the Community, such cluster mailboxes will be located in Common Areas near the Dwelling Units assigned to such cluster mailbox and the Association shall maintain, repair, and replace any such cluster mailboxes, the expense of which shall be considered a Common Expense.

<u>Section 6.27.</u> <u>Address Markers.</u> Declarant shall install uniform address markers on each Lot and no Person, except the Association, shall remove, alter, change, or add to such address markers.

Section 6.28. Pools and Hot Tubs. No pools or hot tubs shall be permitted on any Lot.

<u>Section 6.29.</u> <u>Play Equipment.</u> No children's play equipment such as playhouses, sandboxes, swing and slide sets, jungle gyms, and trampolines, shall be permitted on any Lot.

<u>Section 6.30.</u> <u>Basketball Goals.</u> No basketball goals, hoops, or backboards shall be permitted on any Lot.

Section 6.31. Business Use. No garage sale, moving sale, rummage sale or similar activity and no trade or business may be conducted in or from any Lot, except that an Owner or occupant resident on a Lot may conduct business activities within a Dwelling Unit so long as: (a) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound or smell from outside the Dwelling Unit; (b) no sign or display is erected that would indicate from the exterior that the Dwelling Unit is being utilized in part for any purpose other than that of a residence; (c) no commodity is sold upon the premises; (d) no person is employed other than a member of the immediate family residing in the Dwelling Unit; (e) no manufacture or assembly operations are conducted; (f) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Property; (g) the business activity does not involve persons coming onto the Property who do not reside in the Property or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Property; and (h) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Property and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Property, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. 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, (i) the leasing of a Lot or Dwelling Unit shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this Section 6.31, and (ii) no Dwelling Unit may be used for the operation of the following businesses or trades, regardless of whether licensed or otherwise: (A) a daycare or childcare business, (B) a beauty, hair, or nail salon, (C) a spa of any kind, or (D) a retail business. This Section 6.31 shall not apply to any activity conducted by Declarant or its affiliates with respect to the sale of the Property or the use of any Dwelling Units which Declarant owns within the Property for such activities.

<u>Section 6.32.</u> <u>Landscaping of Common Areas.</u> No Owner shall be allowed to plant trees, landscape, or do any gardening in any of the Common Areas, except with prior, express written permission from the Board of Directors.

Section 6.33. Declarant's Use. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in the Articles or Bylaws, Declarant shall have, until the end of the Development Period, the right to use and maintain any Lots and Dwelling Units owned by Declarant and other portions of the Property (other than individual Dwelling Units and Lots owned by Persons other than Declarant), as Declarant may deem advisable or necessary in its sole discretion to aid in the sale of Lots and the construction of Dwelling Units, or for the conducting of any business or activity attendant thereto, or for the construction and maintenance of Common Areas, including, but not limited to, model Dwelling Units, storage areas, construction yards, signs, construction offices, sales offices, management offices and business offices. Declarant shall have the right to relocate any or all of the same from time to time as it desires. At no time shall any of such facilities so used or maintained by Declarant be or become part of the Common Areas, unless so designated by Declarant, and Declarant shall have the right to remove the same from the Property at any time.

Section 6.34. Non-applicability to Association. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the covenants and restrictions set forth in this Article VI shall not apply to or be binding upon the Association in its ownership, management, administration, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and upkeep of the Blocks and the Common Areas to the extent the application thereof could or might hinder, delay or otherwise adversely affect the Association in the performance of its duties, obligations and responsibilities as to the Blocks and the Common Areas.

Section 6.35. Additional Rules and Regulations. Declarant shall have the authority to adopt such rules and regulations regarding this Article VI as it may from time to time consider necessary and appropriate. After the end of the Development Period, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to adopt such rules and regulations regarding this Article VI as it may from time to time consider necessary or appropriate.

Section 6.36. Personal Property Forward of the Front Foundation Line of a Dwelling Unit. Subject to the approval of the Architectural Review Board and the right to revoke its approval at any time and for any or no reason, certain items of personal property may be permitted forward of the front foundation line of a Dwelling Unit. Items of personal property which may be permitted include high quality wrought iron or similar metal bistro tables, chairs, lounges, chaises, bench gliders, and accessories; provided however, that in all cases such times of personal property proposed to be located forward of the front foundation line shall be (1) suitable and appropriately sized for the space provided; (2) black or dark bronze in color; (3)

weather resistant; (4) properly maintained; and (5) harmonious with the exterior colors and architecture of the Dwelling Unit. Exterior pots for flowers and plants not exceeding 24 inches in height may also be permitted provided that they are (1) weather resistant, (2) properly maintained, and (3) harmonious with the exterior colors and architecture of the Dwelling Unit. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the following items of personal property are expressly prohibited forward of the front foundation line of any Dwelling Unit: any items of bold or bright color, patio swings, patio furniture with awing covers, canopies, umbrellas and stands, any item constructed of wicker, plastic or resin material, cooking grills and other cooking devices, coolers and refrigerators, lawn ornaments, area heaters, water features, firewood, electric bug zappers, vegetable gardens, free standing candles, torches or citronella candles, temporary furniture, folding law chairs, picnic tables, hammocks, children's play equipment, wind chimes, hanging baskets, and bird and squirrel feeders. In addition, no Owner shall conduct any obnoxious or indecent behavior forward of the front foundation line of any Dwelling Unit.

Section 6.37. Control of Ponds and Common Areas.

- (a) Control by the Association. As part of its general duties, the Association shall regulate the Ponds and Common Areas and shall provide for the maintenance thereof in such a manner so as to preserve and enhance values and to maintain a harmonious relationship among structures in the vicinity thereof and the natural or other vegetation and topography of the Ponds and Common Areas. No improvements, excavation, changes in grade or other work shall be done upon the Ponds or Common Areas by any Owner, nor shall the Ponds or Common Areas be changed by any Owner from its natural or improved existing state, without the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Board.
- (b) Restrictions of Use of Ponds and Common Areas. The following covenants and restrictions on the use and enjoyment of the Lots, the Ponds and the Common Areas shall be in addition to any other covenants or restrictions contained herein or in the Plat and all such covenants and restrictions are for the mutual benefit and protecting of the present and future Owners and shall run with the land and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by any Owner, or by the Association. Present or future Owners of the Association shall be entitled to injunctive relief against any violation or attempted violation of any of such covenants and restrictions, and shall, in addition, be entitled to damages for any injuries or losses resulting from any violations thereof, but there shall be no right of reversion or forfeiture resulting from such violation. These covenants and restrictions are as follows:
 - (i) No one other than Owners who are Members in good standing with the Association, or such an Owner's occupant, tenants, guests, or invitees, may use the Ponds or the Common Areas.
 - (ii) No nuisance shall be permitted to exist on or at any Lot and no waste shall be committed on or at any Lot which shall or might damage or cause injury to the Ponds or the Common Areas.

- (iii) All Owners and members of their families, their guests, or invitees, and all occupants of any Lot or other persons entitled to use the same and to use and enjoy the Ponds and the Common Areas, shall observe, and be governed by such rules and regulations as may from time to time be promulgated and issued by the Board governing the operation, use and enjoyment of the Ponds and the Common Areas.
- (iv) No Owner shall be allowed to plant trees, landscape, or do any gardening in any part of the Ponds or the Common Areas without the express permission from the Architectural Review Board.
- (v) The Ponds and the Common Areas shall be used and enjoyed only for the purposes for which they are designed and intended and shall be used subject to the rules and regulations from time to time adopted by the Board. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Ponds are and will be an integral part of the storm water drainage system serving the Community. Accordingly, no use shall be made of the Ponds which in any way interferes with their proper functioning as part of such storm water drainage system. Recreational activity shall be permitted in or on the Ponds as determined by the Board. No sewage, garbage, refuse, or other solid, liquid, gaseous or other materials or items (other than storm and surface water drainage) shall be put into the Ponds, except the Association may take steps to clear and purify the waters thereof by the addition of chemicals or other substances commonly used for such purposes or by providing therein structures and equipment to aerate the same. No Owner or other person shall take or remove any water from or out of the Ponds or utilize the water contained therein for any purposes, including, without limitation, connection with any sprinkler or irrigation systems. No piers, docks, retaining walls, rafts or other improvements shall be built, constructed, or located on any Lot or on the Property, which extend into, or to within twenty-five (25) feet of the shoreline of any Pond, except those installed by Declarant or the Association.
- (vi) The Association shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of Ponds, creeks, or streams within the Property.

ARTICLE VII. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Section 7.1. Architectural Review Board. As used herein, the term "Architectural Review Board" will mean and refer to a group of individuals who will administer the duties described in Section 7.4 below. Until after the Authority Transfer Date, Declarant alone shall have all the powers and authority to administer the duties described in Section 7.4 below. After the Authority Transfer Date, the number of members of the Architectural Review Board shall automatically be increased to equal the number of members on the Board of Directors, and the individuals who are appointed or elected, as applicable, as members of the Board of Directors at the first annual meeting after the Authority Transfer Date shall automatically be deemed to be the members of the Architectural Review Board, without the necessity for

further action. The term of membership for each member of the Architectural Review Board will be coterminous with the term of such individual's membership on the Board of Directors, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

- Section 7.2. Removal and Vacancies. After the Authority Transfer Date and the Architectural Review Board is established, a member of the Architectural Review Board may only be removed in the event such member is removed from or otherwise ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors. Appointments to fill vacancies in unexpired terms on the Architectural Review Board shall be made in the same manner as members are appointed or elected to the Board of Directors.
- <u>Section 7.3.</u> <u>Officers.</u> At the first meeting of the Architectural Review Board (after the Authority Transfer Date) following each annual meeting of Members, the Architectural Review Board shall elect from among themselves a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a secretary who shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.
- Section 7.4. <u>Duties.</u> The Architectural Review Board shall regulate the external design and appearance of the Property and the external design, appearance and location of the improvements thereon in such a manner so as to preserve and enhance property values and to maintain harmonious relationships among Structures and the natural vegetation and topography in the Community. During the Development Period, the Architectural Review Board shall regulate all initial construction, development and improvements on the Property and all modifications and changes to existing improvements on the Property. In furtherance thereof, the Architectural Review Board shall:
 - (a) review and approve or disapprove written applications of Owners for proposed alterations or additions to Lots;
 - (b) periodically inspect the Property for compliance with adopted, written architectural standards and approved plans for alteration;
 - (c) adopt and publish architectural standards subject to the confirmation of the Board of Directors;
 - (d) adopt procedures for the exercise of its duties; and
 - (e) maintain complete and accurate records of all actions taken by the Architectural Review Board.

No request for approval by the Architectural Review Board or any committee thereof will be reviewed or otherwise considered unless submitted in writing by the Owner requesting such approval. In addition, prior to making a submission to the Architectural Review Board, an Owner shall attempt to obtain a written consent or approval of the proposed submission from the Owners of the Dwelling Units located adjacent the Dwelling Unit that is the subject of such submission (for purposes of this paragraph, adjacent Dwelling Units shall be those on either side of the subject Dwelling Unit when viewing it from the street). The Owner shall

then include with its submission to the Architectural Review Board either (i) originals of such consents or approvals, as signed by the Owners of the adjacent Dwelling Units, (ii) a written statement signed by the applicant stating the efforts made to obtain such a consent or approval from the Owners of the adjacent Dwelling Units, or (iii) a combination of items (i) and (ii), if applicable. Any submission that lacks the foregoing shall be considered incomplete and the Architectural Review Board shall have no obligation to review such submission. Approval by the Architectural Review Board of a correctly filed application shall not be deemed to be an approval by Local Governing Authorities nor a waiver of the Association's right to require an applicant to obtain any required approvals from any such Local Governing Authorities or to otherwise comply with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and local ordinances. No approval by the Architectural Review Board or any committee thereof shall be effective unless in writing and signed by all of the members of the Architectural Review Board or the applicable committee whose approval is required hereunder.

Section 7.5. Failure to Act. Failure of Declarant, the Architectural Review Board, the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, as applicable, to respond to any request for approval, enforce the architectural standards contained in this Declaration or to notify an Owner of noncompliance with architectural standards or approved plans for any period of time shall not constitute a waiver by Declarant, the Architectural Review Board, the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, as applicable, of any provision of this Declaration requiring such approval hereunder or otherwise prevent Declarant, the Architectural Review Board, the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, as applicable, from enforcing this Declaration at any later date. If approval has not been issued in writing within thirty (30) days after submission of an application to Declarant, the Architectural Review Board, the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, as applicable, then any such request shall be deemed to be denied.

<u>Section 7.6.</u> <u>Discretion.</u> Declarant intends that at the time the members of the Architectural Review Board, and all committees thereof, are appointed, such members shall exercise discretion in the performance of their duties, and every Owner by the purchase of a Lot shall be conclusively presumed to have consented to the exercise of discretion by the members of the Architectural Review Board and such committees.

<u>Section 7.7.</u> <u>Enforcement.</u> Any exterior addition, change or alteration made without a written application to, and prior written approval of, Declarant, the Architectural Review Board, the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, as applicable, shall be deemed to be in violation of this Declaration and the Board of Directors shall have the right to require such exterior to be immediately restored to its original condition at the offending Owner's sole cost and expense.

Section 7.8. Appeal. After the Authority Transfer Date and the Architectural Review Board is established, any aggrieved party may appeal a decision of the Architectural Review Board to the Board of Directors by giving written notice of such appeal to the Association or any member of the Board of Directors within twenty (20) days of the adverse ruling.

Section 7.9. Liability of the Architectural Review Board, Declarant and Association. Neither the Architectural Review Board, nor any committee nor any agent thereof, nor Declarant, nor the Association, shall be liable in any way for any costs, fees, damages, delays, or any charges or liability whatsoever relating to the approval or disapproval of any plans submitted to it, nor shall the Architectural Review Board nor any committee thereof, nor any agent thereof, nor Declarant, nor the Association, be responsible in any way for any defects in any plans, specifications or other materials submitted to any of them, or for any defects in any work done according thereto. Further, the Architectural Review Board, its committees, Declarant, and the Association make no representations or warranties as to the suitability or advisability of the design, engineering, method of construction involved, or materials to be used. Each Owner should seek professional construction advice, engineering, and inspections with respect to such Owner's Lot, at such Owner's sole cost and expense, prior to proposing plans for approval by the Architectural Review Board, its committees, or the Board of Directors.

Section 7.10. Inspection. The Architectural Review Board and Declarant, as applicable, may, but shall not be obligated to, inspect work being performed on a Lot or Dwelling Unit to assure compliance with the Restrictions, the Restrictions contained in any Plat of the Property and applicable regulations. However, neither the Architectural Review Board, nor any committee nor member thereof, nor Declarant, nor any agent or contractor employed or engaged by any of the foregoing, shall be liable or responsible for defects or deficiencies in any work inspected or approved by any of them, or on behalf of any of them. Further, no such inspection performed, or approval given by or on behalf of the Architectural Review Board, any committee thereof or Declarant shall constitute a warranty or guaranty of the work so inspected or approved.

Section 7.11. Declarant Exemption and Approval Rights. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, under no circumstances shall Declarant be required or obligated to obtain the consent of the Architectural Review Board, whether required under Article VI or this Article VII. In addition, until the end of the Development Period, Declarant's approval shall be required for any amendments or changes to Article VI and Article VII.

ARTICLE VIII. EASEMENTS

Section 8.1. General Easement Rights. Declarant hereby grants a non-exclusive blanket easement over, across, through and under the Property to the Association, its directors, officers, agents and employees, to any manager employed by or on behalf of the Association, and to all police, fire, ambulance and all other emergency personnel and government, to enter upon the Property, in the exercise of the functions provided for by this Declaration, Articles, Bylaws and rules and regulations of the Association, and in the event of emergencies or in the performance of governmental functions. Declarant further grants a non-exclusive blanket easement over, across, through and under the Property to utility service providers for ingress,

egress, installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of underground utility and service lines and systems, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, gas, telephones, electricity, television, cable or communication lines and systems. By virtue of this easement it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant or the utility service provider to install, maintain and repair facilities and equipment on the Property if such utility service provider promptly restores the disturbed area, if any, as nearly as is practicable to the condition in which it was found, provided, however, that no sewers, electrical lines, water lines, or other utility service lines or facilities for such utilities may be installed or relocated except as proposed and approved in advance and in writing by Declarant or, after the Authority Transfer Date, the Association. Should any utility providing a service to the Property request a specific easement by separate recordable document, Declarant or the Association shall have the right to grant such easement with respect to the Property without conflicting with the terms hereof. This blanket easement shall in no way affect any other recorded easements on the Property, shall be limited to improvements as originally constructed, and shall not cover any portion of a Lot upon which a Dwelling Unit has been constructed.

<u>Section 8.2.</u> <u>Limitation on General Easement Rights.</u> The rights accompanying the easements provided for in <u>Section 8.1</u> of this <u>Article VIII</u> shall, except in the event of an emergency, be exercised only during reasonable daylight hours and then, whenever practicable, only after advance notice to any Owner or tenant directly affected.

Section 8.3. Plat Easements. In addition to such easements as are or may hereafter be created elsewhere in this Declaration and as may have been or may hereafter be created by Declarant pursuant to written instruments recorded in the Recorder's Office, all Lots are or shall be subject to drainage easements, sewer easements, other utility easements and the Blocks, and any Common Area access easements, which easements may be granted by Declarant (prior to the Authority Transfer Date) or the Association (from and after the Authority Transfer Date), as applicable, which grants may be made separately or in any combination thereof, as shown on any Plat, and which grants shall benefit Declarant, Owners, the Association, the Architectural Review Board and any committee thereof, and public utility companies or governmental agencies, as follows:

(a) <u>Drainage Easements.</u> (designated as "D.E." or "R.D.E" on any Plat) (each, a "Drainage Easement") are hereby granted for the mutual use and benefit of Declarant and the Owners and are intended to provide paths and courses for area and local storm drainage, either overland or in adequate underground conduit, to serve the needs of the Community and adjoining ground and/or public drainage systems. Under no circumstance shall said easements be blocked in any manner by the construction or reconstruction of any improvement, nor shall any grading restrict, in any manner, the water flow. The drainage easements and facilities are subject to construction or reconstruction to any extent necessary to obtain adequate drainage at any time by any governmental authority having jurisdiction over drainage, or by Declarant, the Association, or the Architectural Review Board; provided, however, that Declarant, the Association and the Architectural Review Board shall have no duty to undertake any such construction or reconstruction. The Owner of each Lot, by acceptance of a deed

thereto, consents to the temporary storage (detention) of storm water within the Drainage Easement on such Owner's Lot.

- (b) <u>Sanitary Sewer Easements.</u> (designated as "S.S.E." on any Plat) may be granted for the use and benefit of the local governmental agency or public utility company having jurisdiction over any sanitary sewer disposal system designed to serve the Community, for the purpose of installation and maintenance of sewers that are a part of said system.
- (c) <u>Access Easements.</u> (designated as "A.E or "P.A.E" on any Plat) (each an "Access Easement") may be granted for the benefit of Declarant, the Association, and the Owners and each of their guests, tenants, contractors, subcontractors, licensees, agents, or members of their families, for purposes of ingress and egress to the Lots, and for purposes of ingress and egress to the Common Areas.
- (d) <u>Utility Easements.</u> (designated as "U.E." on any Plat) may be granted for the benefit of Declarant, the Association and all public or municipal utility companies, not including transportation companies, for the installation, maintenance and repair of mains, ducts, poles, lines and wires, and other facilities related to the specific utility.
- (e) <u>Sign Easements</u> (designated as "Sign" on any Plat) may be granted for the benefit of Declarant, the Architectural Review Board, and all committees thereof, and the Association for the installation, repair and maintenance of signs wherever located on the Property.
- (f) <u>Landscape Easements.</u> There may be strips of ground, as may be designated on a Plat of all or any part of the Property, marked Landscape Easement ("L.E."), which are hereby created over and across Lots as areas for installation and maintenance of landscaping, earth mounds, screening material, fencing, walls, neighborhood and community identification signs, directories, lighting, irrigation systems, walking paths and other improvements, and for ingress and egress thereby by Declarant and the Association, and/or their assigns. The Owner of any Lot which is subject to the L.E. shall be required to keep the portion of its Lot which is subject to such easement free from obstructions so that access will not be impeded. The Association shall maintain the Landscape Easements, including, but not limited to the mowing of turf and the replacement of any dead trees.
- (g) <u>Pond Maintenance Easements.</u> There may be strips of ground, as may be designated on a Plat of all or any part of the Property, which are created and reserved: (a) for the use of Declarant for access at any time to the Common Areas or the Ponds or another portion of the Property, and (b) for the non-exclusive use of the Association or any applicable governmental authority for access to the Common Areas or the Ponds or another portion of the Property. The Owner of any Lot which is adjacent to a Common Area or Pond shall be not place or allow to be placed any plantings, structures, fences, or the like that would obstruction access to the Common Area or Pond.

- (h) <u>Best Management Practices Easement</u> (designated as "B.M.P.E." or "B.M.P." on any Plat). There is hereby reserved an easement for the benefit of Declarant, the Association, and their respective successors and assigned for access to and installation, repair, maintenance, or removal of a best management practices as part of the approved stormwater drainage system for the Property. The Owner of any Lot subject to a B.M.P.E. Easement shall be required to maintain the portion of said B.M.P.E. Easement on or under such Owner's Lot (as shown on any Plat) in the condition originally provided by Declarant and free from obstructions so that the volume of the surface water storage and drainage will be unimpeded. The B.M.P.E. Easement is designed to temporarily retain water during heavy rain events. Absolutely no changes shall be made to said area by the Owner without the written consent of the applicable governmental agency; provided, however, that Declarant, in its sole discretion, may make any changes it deems necessary at any time. No permanent structures shall be erected or maintained upon any B.M.P.E. Easement.
- (i) <u>Tree Preservation Easement.</u> There may be strips of ground, as may be designated on a Plat of all or any part of the Property, marked Tree Preservation Easement ("T.P.E."). The Owner of any Lot subject to a T.P.E. shall not disturb the existing vegetation within the T.P.E. Further, the Association shall not cause to be disturbed any existing vegetation on any portion of aCommon Area which shall be subject to a T.P.E.

All easements described in this <u>Section 8.3</u> shall include the right of ingress and egress for the exercise of the respective rights granted. No structure, including fences, or any trees or shrubs shall be built on or installed within any drainage, sewer or utility easement if such structure would (i) materially interfere with the utilization of such easement for the purpose intended, (ii) violate any applicable legal requirement, (iii) is not approved by the Architectural Review Board, or (vi) violate the terms and conditions of any easement specifically granted to a Person who is not an Owner by an instrument recorded in the Recorder's Office, except that neither paved drives necessary to provide access to a Lot from a public street nor sidewalks or fences installed by or at the direction of Declarant (and replacements thereof) shall be deemed to be a "structure" for the purpose of the foregoing restriction.

Section 8.4. Encroachments. If any improvement on a Lot, Block, or Common Area now or hereafter encroaches on any other Lot, Block or Common Area, by reason of (a) the original construction thereof by Declarant or its assigns, which shall include, but not be limited to, any Party Wall or drive which encroaches over a Lot's boundary line and any drainage of stormwater from roofs and gutters, (b) deviations within normal construction tolerances in the maintenance, repair, replacement or reconstruction of any improvement, or (c) the settling or shifting of any land or improvement, an easement is hereby granted over the encroached-upon portion of such Lot, Block or Common Area in favor of the Owner of the encroaching improvements, solely to the extent of such encroachment and solely for the period of time the encroachment exists (including replacements thereof), for the limited purposes of use, repair, replacement and maintenance of the encroaching improvement.

Section 8.5. Ingress/Egress Easement. Declarant, its agents and employees, shall have a right of ingress and egress over the Blocks, Common Areas, and any other roadways and drives within the Community as required for construction of improvements and development of the Property, and otherwise as Declarant deems to be necessary or for access to or ingress and egress to and from any Dwelling Unit.

Section 8.6. Reservation of Right to Grant Future Easements. Declarant reserves the right to (a) grant non-exclusive easements over any Lot, the Blocks or the Common Areas for the purposes of installing, repairing and/or maintaining utility lines of any sort, including, but not limited to, storm drains and drainage swales, sanitary sewers, gas lines, electric lines and cables, water lines, telephone lines, telecommunication lines and cables, and the like, and obtaining the release of any bonds posted with a municipality, governmental agency or regulatory agency, (b) grant non-exclusive easements over the Blocks or the Common Areas to any municipal agency or private entity for any other purpose consistent with the "open space" designation thereof, and (c) in its sole discretion, grant licenses and non-exclusive easements over, under, across or through the Property in favor of owners of adjoining real property, and their tenants, successors and assigns, for purposes of providing access and utilities benefiting such adjoining real property.

Section 8.7. Bonds and/or Dedication Requirements. Declarant reserves the right to grant and reserve easements or to vacate or terminate easements across all Lots, Blocks and Common Areas as may be required by any governmental agency or authority or utility in connection with the release of improvement bonds or the dedication of public streets for maintenance by governmental agencies.

<u>Section 8.8.</u> <u>Easements for Corrective Work.</u> Declarant reserves a non-exclusive easement over, across, under, through and above all Lots, Blocks and Common Areas for the purposes of correcting drainage, maintenance, landscaping, mowing and erecting street intersection signs, directional signs, temporary promotional signs, entrance features, lights, and wall features, if any, and for the purpose of executing any of the powers, rights, or duties granted to or imposed upon the Association in this Declaration.

Section 8.9. Reciprocal Cross-Easements for Adjoining Dwelling Units. Subject to Article X below, there is hereby created in favor of the Owner of each Lot an easement and right of entry onto each adjoining Lot permitting such Owner to repair and maintain all encroaching Party Walls, roofs, roof overhangs, eaves, downspouts, gutters, and splash blocks at reasonable times; provided, however, that the Owner exercising this right of entry upon the adjoining Owner's Lot shall be solely responsible for preserving and restoring the adjoining Owner's Lot to the same condition such adjoining Lot was in prior to the exercise of the right of entry. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that each Dwelling Unit will have utility lines running beneath the slab of other adjacent Dwelling Units connecting the Dwelling Unit to such Dwelling Unit's utility meter located on an adjacent Lot. If any utility line serving one Dwelling Unit needs maintenance, repair, or replacement, the Owner of the Dwelling Unit so served shall ensure that the work shall be completed in a good and workmanlike manner, in compliance with all requirements of Local Governing Authorities and otherwise in compliance with all applicable laws,

ordinances, rules and regulations and any damage to an adjacent Dwelling Unit shall be restored to the same or better condition as existed prior to the work needed for such maintenance, repair, or replacement of such utility lines.

Section 8.10. Easement for Exterior Maintenance. The Association, its agents, and employees, are hereby granted a right of ingress and egress over the Lots to the extent necessary or desirable to perform any Exterior Maintenance. Any Owner who has a dog present at its Lot shall provide the Association with current information regarding telephone numbers of one or more individuals who can control that dog so that the Association may conveniently schedule Exterior Maintenance without interference from any dog at the Lot. In addition, each Owner shall reasonably cooperate with the Association so as to allow the Association, its agents, and employees, to complete any Exterior Maintenance, including, without limitation, providing access to the interior of any Dwelling Unit to the extent reasonably necessary for the completion of the Exterior Maintenance.

ARTICLE IX. PARKING

No Owner, tenant, or any other Person shall park any type of vehicle on any Block or in any Common Area. Notwithstanding the foregoing, visitors, guests, and invitees shall be permitted to park in those portions of the Blocks or the Common Areas designated by Declarant or the Association as visitor parking areas; provided, however, that such parking shall be permitted only on a temporary and intermittent basis and no such parking shall be permitted in any portion of the Blocks or the Common Areas which has not been designated as a visitor parking area. Temporary parking on or within any public right-of-way within or adjacent to the Property is prohibited except to the extent expressly permitted by Local Governing Authorities and shall be subject to any restrictions or limitations relating thereto, including, without limitation, fees assessed by any Local Governing Authorities. The Board of Directors may promulgate such additional rules and regulations as it deems appropriate to regulate the use of any Blocks or any Common Areas for parking purposes, which rules and regulations may include the towing of any vehicles parked in violation of this Declaration, with no notice of towing required and at the vehicle owner's sole expense.

ARTICLE X. PARTY WALLS

Section 10.1. General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall built as part of the original construction of a Dwelling Unit and situated upon the dividing line between two Lots shall constitute a Party Wall, and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article X, the general rules of law regarding Party Walls and liability of Owners for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions in connection with Party Walls shall apply thereto.

Section 10.2. Sharing of Repair and Maintenance and Destruction by Fire or Other Casualty. Subject to the terms and provisions of any casualty insurance policy required in

<u>Section 12.8</u> and subject to <u>Section 12.13</u> below, if any Party Wall is damaged or destroyed by (i) fire or other casualty, or (ii) ordinary wear and tear and deterioration from lapse of time, or (iii) or by some cause other than the act of one of the adjoining Owners, its agents, family, household or guests, then (whether or not covered by insurance) both adjoining Owners shall proceed forthwith to rebuild or repair the structural components of such Party Wall, sharing equally the cost thereof, and each individual Owner shall proceed forthwith to rebuild or repair the non-structural components of such wall in proportion to their respective uses of the Party Wall. Any and all such reconstruction and/or repairs shall be completed immediately to the extent that the failure to commence and/or complete such reconstruction and/or repairs would result in an immediate risk to human health and/or safety. All other reconstruction and/or repairs shall be completed within three (3) months following the casualty or other event that damaged or destroyed such Party Wall unless a longer period of time is approved in writing by the Association. If a Party Wall is in a condition that is of such a nature that it has or will (if left uncorrected) result in further damage or destruction of such Party Wall, the reconstruction and/or repairs shall be completed within a reasonable time, not exceeding six (6) months following the initial discovery of the condition. Any and all such reconstruction and/or repair shall be made in a good and workmanlike manner, in compliance with all requirements of Local Governing Authorities and otherwise in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, to the same or better condition as existed prior to such condition, damage or destruction. Each Owner shall have an easement over that part of the other Owner's Lot that is necessary or desirable in order to repair, restore or replace the Party Wall.

Section 10.3. Repairs for Damage Caused by One Owner. If any such Party Wall is damaged or destroyed through the act of one or more adjoining Owners, or their respective agents, families, residents, households, tenants, or guests (collectively the "Offending Parties"), whether or not such act is negligent or otherwise culpable, so as to deprive another adjoining Owner of the use and enjoyment of the Party Wall, then the Owner(s) of the Dwelling Unit(s) from whence the Offending Parties committed the act that caused the damage or destruction, shall forthwith proceed to rebuild and repair the same, in the manner required under Section 10.2 above, without cost to the adjoining Owner. For clarification, if the damage or destruction caused by one Owner is covered by any insurance policy covering the Dwelling Units, the responsible Owner shall be obligated to pay all costs, including any and all deductibles.

Section 10.4. Use; Other Changes. Either Owner shall have the right to use the side of the Party Wall facing the Owner's Dwelling Unit in any lawful manner, including attaching structural or finishing materials to it; provided however, in addition to meeting the other requirements of these Restrictions and of any building code or similar regulations or ordinances, any Owner proposing to modify the interior of its Dwelling Unit, make additions to or rebuild its Dwelling Unit in any manner which involves the alteration of any Party Wall shall first obtain the written consent of the adjoining Owner, whose consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. If the adjoining Owner has not responded in writing to the requesting Owner within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt of any such written request, given by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or if the adjoining Owner unreasonably withholds or conditions its approval as determined by the Board, in its

sole discretion, such consent of the adjoining Owner shall be deemed to have been given.

Section 10.5. Shared Party Wall Maintenance. Each Dwelling Unit is connected to another Dwelling Unit by way of a Party Wall. The Owners of each Dwelling Unit shall pay an equal share of all Shared Party Wall Maintenance attributable to the Party Wall that connects their individual Dwelling Unit. The decision to perform specific work included within Shared Party Wall Maintenance shall be made by the individual Owners of the Dwelling Units so affected, including the selection of the contractors or other vendors and the method for the payment of the resulting costs.

Section 10.6. Right to Contribution Runs with the Land; Failure to Contribute. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Article X shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title. If either Owner shall neglect or refuse to pay the Owner's share under this Article X, or all of the cost in case of the negligence or willful misconduct of such Owner, the other Owner may have the Party Wall repaired or restored and shall be entitled to have a mechanic's lien on the property of the Owner failing to pay for the amount of its share of the repair or replacement cost.

<u>Section 10.7.</u> <u>Dispute.</u> In the event of a dispute between or among Owners with respect to the repair or rebuilding of a Party Wall or with respect to the sharing of the cost thereof, then upon written request of one of such Owners addressed to the Association, the matter shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, who shall decide the dispute and whose decision shall be final.

ARTICLE XI. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

<u>Section 11.1.</u> <u>Discretionary Powers and Duties.</u> The Association shall have the following powers and duties which may be exercised in its discretion:

(a) to enforce any covenants or restrictions which are imposed by the terms of this Declaration or which may be imposed on any part of the Property. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to prevent the Owner of any Lot from enforcing any building restriction in its own name. The foregoing rights of enforcement shall not prevent (i) changes, releases or modifications of the restrictions or reservations placed upon any part of the Property by any party having the right to make such changes, releases or modifications in the deeds, contracts, declarations, or plats in which such restrictions and reservations are set forth; or (ii) the assignment of the foregoing rights by the proper parties wherever and whenever such rights of assignment exist. Neither the Association nor the Board of Directors shall have a duty to enforce the covenants by an action at law or in equity if either party believes such enforcement is not in the Association's best interest. The expenses and costs of any enforcement proceedings shall be paid out of the general fund of the Association; provided, however, that the foregoing authorization to use the general fund for such enforcement proceedings shall not preclude the Association from collecting such costs from the offending Owner;

- (b) to build facilities upon the Blocks or the Common Areas;
- (c) to use the Blocks or the Common Areas and any improvements, Structures or facilities erected thereon, subject to the general rules and regulations established and prescribed by the Association and subject to the establishment of charges for their use;
- (d) to exercise all rights, responsibilities, and control over all easements which the Association may from time to time acquire, including, but not limited to, those easements specifically reserved to the Association in <u>Article VIII</u> above;
- (e) to create, grant and convey easements and licenses upon, across, over and under all Blocks and all Common Areas, including but not limited to easements for the installation, replacement, repair, and maintenance of utility lines serving the Property;
- (f) subject to the limitations set forth in <u>Section 11.3</u> hereof, to employ counsel and institute and prosecute such suits as the Association may deem necessary or advisable, and to defend suits brought against the Association;
- (g) to retain, as an independent contractor or employee, a manager of the Association and such other employees or independent contractors as the Board of Directors deems necessary, and to prescribe the duties of employees and scope of services of independent contractors;
- (h) to enter upon any Lot to perform emergency repairs or to do other work reasonably necessary for the proper maintenance or protection of the Property;
- (i) to enter (or have the Association's agents or employees or contractors enter) upon any Lot to repair, maintain or restore the Lot or perform such other acts as may be reasonably necessary to make such Lot and improvements situated thereon, if any, conform to the requirements of these Restrictions, if such is not performed by the Owner of the Lot, and to assess the Owner of the Lot the costs thereof as a Violation Assessment, such assessment to be a lien upon the Lot equal in priority to the liens provided for in Article V herein. Neither the Association nor any of its agents, employees, or contractors shall be liable for any damage, which may result from any maintenance work performed hereunder;
- (j) to re-subdivide and/or adjust the boundary lines of the Blocks or the Common Areas, to the extent such re-subdivision or adjustment does not contravene the requirements of zoning and other ordinances applicable to the Property;
- (k) to adopt, publish and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of the Blocks or the Common Areas and facilities and with respect to such other areas of

responsibility assigned to it by this Declaration, except where expressly reserved herein to the Members. Such rules and regulations may grant to the Board of Directors the power to suspend a Member's right to use non-essential services for non-payment of assessments and to assess Violation Assessments against Members for violations of the provisions of the Declaration or rules and regulations;

- (1) to remove a member of the Board of Directors and declare such member's office to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors;
- (m) to arrange for the collection of trash and recyclable items on a weekly basis from approved locations and from appropriate receptacles in the manner contemplated in <u>Section 6.10</u> above;
- (n) to exercise all rights granted to the Association as set forth in other provisions in this Declaration; and
- (o) to enter into contracts on behalf of the Association, subject to the limitations and requirements contained within the HOA Act.
- <u>Section 11.2.</u> <u>Mandatory Powers and Duties.</u> The Association shall exercise the following powers, rights, and duties:
 - (a) to unconditionally accept title to the Blocks and the Common Areas upon the transfer thereof by Declarant to the Association as provided hereunder, and to hold and administer the Blocks and the Common Areas for the benefit and enjoyment of the Owners and occupants of Lots, and to cause the Blocks and the Common Areas and facilities to be maintained in accordance with the standards adopted by the Board of Directors;
 - (b) to transfer part of the Blocks and the Common Areas to or at the direction of Declarant, for the purpose of adjusting boundary lines or otherwise in connection with the orderly subdivision or development of the Property, but only to the extent such re-subdivision or adjustment does not contravene the requirements of zoning and other ordinances applicable to the Property;
 - (c) after the Authority Transfer Date, to obtain and maintain without interruption liability coverage for any claim against a director or officer for the exercise of its duties and fidelity coverage against dishonest acts on the part of directors, officers, trustees, managers, employees, or agents responsible for handling funds collected and held for the benefit of the Association. The fidelity bond shall cover the maximum funds that will be in the custody of the Association or its management agent at any time while the bond is in place. The fidelity bond coverage shall be in an amount as may be determined to be reasonably prudent by the Board of Directors;

- (d) to obtain and maintain without interruption a comprehensive coverage of commercial liability insurance and all-risk hazard insurance covering the Blocks and the Common Areas and easements of which the Association is a beneficiary, if available at reasonable cost. Such insurance policy shall contain a severability of interest clause or endorsement which shall preclude the insurer from denying the claim of an Owner because of negligent acts of the Association or other Owners. The scope of coverage shall include all coverage in kinds and amounts commonly obtained with regard to projects similar in construction, location and use as determined by the Board of Directors. Further, the public liability insurance must provide coverage of at least \$1,000,000.00 for bodily injury, including death, and property damage for any single occurrence:
- (e) to provide for the maintenance of any and all (i) improvements, Structures or facilities which may exist or be erected from time to time on the Block or the Common Areas; (ii) easement areas of which the Association is the beneficiary and for which it has the maintenance responsibility; (iii) facilities, including, but not limited to, fences and signs, authorized by the Association and erected on any easements granted to the Association, and to perform Exterior Maintenance;
 - (f) to set and collect Assessments as provided in <u>Article V</u>, above;
 - (g) to pay all proper bills, taxes, charges, and fees on a timely basis;
 - (h) to maintain its corporate status;
- (i) to maintain all private streets within the Blocks, open space and landscaping within the Blocks and the Common Areas;
- (j) to paint, maintain, repair, and replace all fencing on the Blocks, on a Lot, or in the Common Areas;
- (k) to mow, trim, re-sow, re-seed or re-sod lawn areas and fertilize lawn areas at least three (3) times each year within the Common Areas and on each Lot and to operate and maintain in-ground irrigation/sprinkler systems in the Common Areas and on each Lot:
- (I) to maintain, irrigate, spray, trim, protect, plant, fertilize, edge, mulch, apply preemergent and bug control, replace and prune trees, shrubs and all other landscaping located within the Lots, the Blocks and the Common Areas, maintenance and upkeep of the Blocks and Common Areas and to pick up and remove from the Blocks and Common Areas all loose material, rubbish, filth and accumulation of debris; and to do any other thing necessary or desirable in the judgment of the Association to keep the Blocks and Common Areas in neat appearance and in good order, including, but not limited to, cleaning the private streets and maintaining any street lights located in the Property;

- (m) to arrange for plowing and/or removal of snow from (i) private streets located within the Blocks, (ii) community walkways located within the Blocks or the Common Areas, (iii) driveways located upon Lots; and (iv) walkways extending from the community walkways to the front door of the Owner's Dwelling Unit;
- (n) to paint all hardi-plank siding (if applicable) and exterior wood trim of all Dwelling Units on a routine schedule, but the Association shall not be responsible for any other maintenance of the exterior of a Dwelling Unit;
- (o) to maintain, repair and replace all sidewalks and streets located on any Lot, Block or Common Area;
- (p) to maintain, repair and replace water mains, service lines, and meters installed on any Lot, Block or Common Area;
- (q) to be solely responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the maintenance and repair of the Blocks and the Common Areas in accordance with Section 4.3(b) hereof;
- (r) to maintain, repair and replace sanitary sewer mains and service lines installed on any Lot, Block or Common Area; and
- (s) to maintain, repair and replace storm sewers installed on any Lot, Block or Common Area.

Section 11.3. Limitation on Association Action. The Association shall hold a duly authorized, duly noticed special meeting of the Members of the Association prior to commencing or prosecuting any judicial or administrative proceeding, and no judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association except upon the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes cast at said special meeting by Members entitled to vote authorizing the commencement and prosecution of the proposed action. Provided, however, the Association shall not have the power to institute, defend, intervene in, settle, or compromise proceedings in the name of any Owner or Member. This Section 11.3 shall not apply to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of the HOA Act, this Declaration, the Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors (including, without limitation, any action to recover Regular Assessments or Special Assessments or other charges or fees or to foreclose a lien for such items); (b) the imposition and collection of Annual Assessments; (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation; or (d) counterclaims brought by the Association in connection with proceedings instituted against it. The rights and powers of the Association shall at all times be subject to the requirements of the HOA Act. Any proposed amendment to the provision of this Section 11.3 shall be adopted only upon an affirmative vote of Members holding one hundred percent (100%) of the total number of votes of the Association and Declarant.

Section 11.4. Board of Directors Authority to Act. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Association's documents, all rights, powers, easements, obligations, and duties of the Association may be performed by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any rules or regulations which are promulgated by the Board of Directors may be repealed or amended by a majority vote of the Members cast, in person or by proxy, at a meeting convened for such purpose in accordance with the Bylaws.

<u>Section 11.5.</u> <u>Compensation.</u> No director or officer of the Association shall receive compensation for services as such director or officer.

Section 11.6. Non-liability of Directors, Officers, and Board Members. The directors and officers of the Association and members of the Architectural Review Board, and all committees thereof, shall not be liable to the Owners or any other persons for any error or mistake of judgment in carrying out their duties and responsibilities as directors or officers of the Association or members of the Architectural Review Board, or any committee thereof, except for their own individual willful misconduct or gross negligence. It is intended that the directors and officers of the Association and members of the Architectural Review Board, and all committees thereof, shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract made by them in good faith on behalf of the Association, and the Association shall indemnify and hold harmless each of the directors, officers, Architectural Review Board members, or committee members against any and all liability to any person, firm or corporation arising out of contracts made in good faith on behalf of the Association.

Section 11.7. Indemnity of Directors and Officers and Members of the Architectural Review Board. Except with respect to matters (i) as to which it is adjudged in any civil action, suit, or proceeding that such person is liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duties, or (ii) to which it is adjudged in any criminal action, suit or proceeding that such person had reasonable cause to believe that such person's conduct was unlawful or that person had no reasonable cause to believe that such person's conduct was lawful, the Association shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend any person, his or her heirs, assigns and legal representatives (collectively, the "Indemnitee") made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, or subject to any claim, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Association or member of the Board of Directors, of the Architectural Review Board, or any committee thereof, from and against (1) all liability, including, without limitation, the reasonable cost of settlement of, or the amount of any judgment, fine, or penalty rendered or assessed in any such claim, action, suit, or proceeding; and (2) all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by the Indemnitee in connection with the defense of such claim, action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal thereof. In making such findings and notwithstanding the adjudication in any action, suit or proceeding against an Indemnitee, no director or officer of the Association, or member of the Board of Directors or the Architectural Review Board, or any committee thereof, shall be considered or deemed to be guilty of or liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duties where, acting in good faith, such director or officer of the Association, or member of the Architectural Review Board, or any committee thereof, relied on the books and records of the Association or statements or advice made by or prepared by any managing agent of the Association or any

director, officer or member of the Association, of any accountant, attorney or other person, firm or corporation employed by the Association to render advice or service, unless such director, officer or member had actual knowledge of the falsity or incorrectness thereof; nor shall a director, officer or member be deemed guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct by virtue of the fact that he or she failed or neglected to attend a meeting or meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors or the Architectural Review Board, or any committee thereof. The costs and expenses incurred by an Indemnitee in defending any action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay the amount paid by the Association if it shall ultimately be determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification or reimbursement as provided in this <u>Article XI</u>.

ARTICLE XII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 12.1. Enforcement. The Association or any Owner shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, easements, liens, and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration or other Association documents unless such right is specifically limited herein or therein. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant, or condition which may be granted by this Declaration shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association or an Owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant, or condition in the future. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association or any Owner pursuant to any term, provision, covenant, or condition of the Declaration shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more thereof shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same from exercising such privileges as may be granted to such party by this Declaration or at law or in equity.

Section 12.2. Severability; Headings; Conflicts. Invalidation of any one of the provisions of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, which shall remain in full force and effect. Titles of paragraphs are for convenience only and are not intended to limit or expand the covenants, rights or obligations expressed therein. In the case of any conflict between the Articles and this Declaration, this Declaration shall control. In the case of any conflict between this Declaration and the Bylaws, this Declaration shall control; in the case of any conflict between this Declaration and the HOA Act, the HOA Act shall control.

Section 12.3. <u>Duration</u>. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association or the Owner of any Lot subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, unless such right is specifically limited herein, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time the covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall be automatically extended for successive periods of twenty (20) years each, unless terminated in accordance with <u>Section 12.11</u> below.

- (a) <u>Approval Requirements.</u> In accordance with Federal Agencies' requirements, material amendments ("Material Amendments") or extraordinary actions ("Extraordinary Actions"), as each such term is defined below, must be approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes of all Members, in person or by proxy, at a meeting held in accordance with the notice and quorum requirements for Material Amendments and Extraordinary Actions contained in the Bylaws.
- (b) <u>Material Amendment.</u> A Material Amendment includes adding, deleting, or modifying any provision regarding the following:
 - (i) assessment basis or assessment liens;
 - (ii) any method of imposing or determining any charges to be levied against individual Owners;
 - (iii) reserves for maintenance, repair, or replacement of the improvements in the Blocks and the Common Area improvements;
 - (iv) maintenance obligations;
 - (v) allocation of rights to use the Blocks and the Common Areas, except as otherwise provided herein;
 - (vi) any scheme of regulation or enforcement of standards for maintenance, architectural design, or exterior appearance of improvements on Lots;
 - (vii) reduction of insurance requirements;
 - (viii) restoration or repair of the Blocks and the Common Area improvements;
 - (ix) the annexation or withdrawal of land to or from the Property after the end of the Development Period;
 - (x) voting rights;
 - (xi) restrictions affecting leasing or sale of a Lot;
 - (xii) any provision which is for the express benefit of Mortgagees; or
 - (xiii) any right of any Mortgagee to hold, insure, or guarantee any mortgage on all or any portion of the Property.

- (c) <u>Extraordinary Action</u>. Alternatively, an Extraordinary Action includes:
- (i) merging or consolidating the Association (other than with another non-profit entity formed for purposes similar to this Association);
- (ii) determining not to require professional management if that management has been required by the Association documents, a majority of eligible Mortgagees or a majority vote of the Members;
- (iii) expanding the Association to include land not previously described as annexable which increases the overall land area of the project or number of Lots by more than ten percent (10%);
- (iv) abandoning, partitioning, encumbering, mortgaging, conveying, selling or otherwise transferring all or any part of the Blocks or the Common Areas except for (i) granting easements; (ii) dedicating the Blocks or the Common Areas as required by a public authority; (iii) re-subdividing or adjusting the boundary lines of the Blocks or the Common Areas; or transferring the Blocks or the Common Areas pursuant to a merger or consolidation with a non-profit entity formed for purposes similar to the Association;
- (v) using insurance proceeds for purposes other than reconstruction or repair of the insured improvements; or making capital expenditures (other than for repair or replacement of existing improvements) during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months costing more than twenty percent (20%) of the annual operating budget.
- (d) <u>Material Amendment and/or Extraordinary Actions Amendments.</u> The following Material Amendments and Extraordinary Actions must be approved by at least ninety-five percent (95%) of the total authorized votes of all Members of the Association entitled to be cast by Members:
 - (i) termination of this Declaration;
 - (ii) dissolution of the Association, except pursuant to a consolidation or merger; and
 - (iii) conveyance of all of the Blocks or all Common Areas.
- (e) <u>VA Amendments.</u> If the VA has guaranteed any loans secured by a Lot and the Association has been notified by the VA or services of such loan, all Material Amendments and Extraordinary Actions must have the approval of the VA.
- <u>Section 12.5.</u> <u>Amendment.</u> Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, amendments to this Declaration other than Material Amendments or Extraordinary Actions shall be approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes entitled to be

cast by all Members present and voting, in person or by proxy, at any duly called and conveyed meeting, or in writing by Members entitled to cast at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total authorized votes of all Members.

Any amendment to this Declaration must be properly executed and acknowledged by the Association (in the manner required by law for the execution and acknowledgment of deeds) and recorded among the appropriate land records.

<u>Section 12.6.</u> <u>Special Amendment.</u> Declarant may make any amendment required by any of the Federal Agencies or by the Local Governing Authorities, as a condition of the approval of this Declaration, by the execution and recordation of such amendment following notice to all Members.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Declarant hereby reserves the right prior to the end of the Development Period to unilaterally amend and revise the standards, covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration for any reason. No such amendment, however, shall restrict or diminish materially the rights or increase or expand materially the obligations of Owners with respect to Lots conveyed to such Owners prior to the amendment or adversely affect the rights and interests of Mortgagees holding first mortgages on Lots at the time of such amendment. Declarant shall give notice in writing to such Owners and Mortgagees of any amendments. Declarant shall not have the right at any time by amendment of this Declaration to grant or establish any easement through, across or over any Lot which Declarant has previously conveyed without the consent of the Owner of such Lot. All amendments to this Declaration shall be in writing and recorded among the appropriate land records, and until the end of the Development Period, require Declarant's approval.

Section 12.7. Waiver of Restrictions. Declarant hereby expressly reserves unto itself (so long as these Restrictions are in effect), the unqualified right to waive or alter from time to time such of the herein contained restrictions as it may deem best, as to any one or more of the Lots, which waiver or alteration shall be evidenced by the mutual written consent of Declarant and the then-Owner of the Lot(s) (if other than Declarant) as to which some or all of said restrictions are to be waived or altered; such written consent shall be duly acknowledged and recorded in the Recorder's Office.

Section 12.8. Casualty Insurance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Declaration, each and every Owner shall maintain a casualty insurance policy affording fire and extended coverage insurance insuring such Owner's respective Lot and structures constructed thereupon including, but not limited to, the Dwelling Unit in an amount equal to the full replacement value of the improvements which in whole or in part, comprise the Dwelling Unit, including, without limitation, any Party Walls. Each and every Owner shall, in addition, also procure endorsements naming the Association as an additional insured under such insurance policies and requiring each such insurer to provide (i) immediate written notice to the Association of any cancellation of such policy, and (ii) at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the Association prior to any termination or material modification of such policy. Each Owner of each Lot and/or Dwelling Unit (regardless of whether or not its ownership is encumbered or is to be encumbered by a mortgage, deed of trust or similar indenture) will furnish to the Association, at or prior to the closing of its acquisition of that

Lot or Dwelling Unit, a certificate of insurance and endorsement, in form and content acceptable to the Association, evidencing the insurance coverage described herein. Each such Owner shall, prior to the expiration of the term of any such insurance policy, procure and deliver to the Association a renewal or replacement policy in form and content acceptable to the Association, including an endorsement naming the Association as an additional insured. If any such Owner fails to provide evidence of such coverage satisfactory to the Association, the Association will have the right, but no obligation, to procure such coverage at the expense of the applicable Owner, and the cost of procuring such insurance will be assessed to that Owner as a Special Assessment and shall be immediately due and payable upon demand. Owners shall not do or permit any act or thing to be done in or to a Lot or Dwelling Unit which is contrary to law or which invalidates or is in conflict with the Owner's policy of insurance. An Owner who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section 12.8 shall pay all costs, expenses, liens, penalties, or damages which may be imposed upon the Owner, Declarant, or the Association by reason thereof.

Section 12.9. Withdrawable and Additional Property.

- (a) Until the end of the Development Period, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, without the consent of the Members or any Mortgagee, to execute and record an amendment to this Declaration withdrawing any portion of the Property upon which Dwelling Units have not been constructed.
- (b) Upon the dedication or the conveyance to any public entity or authority of any portion of the Property for public street purposes, this Declaration shall no longer be applicable to the land so dedicated or conveyed.
- (c) Until the end of the Development Period, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, without the consent of the Members or any Mortgagee or approval of any party, to execute and record an amendment or supplement to this Declaration subjecting additional real estate to the provisions of this Declaration.
- Section 12.10. Management Contracts. The Board of Directors may enter into professional management contract(s) for the management of the Property, in accordance with the Articles and Bylaws. No contract or agreement for professional management of the Association, nor any other contract between Declarant and the Association, shall be for a term in excess of three (3) years. Any such agreement or contract shall provide for termination by either party with or without cause and without payment of any termination fee upon written notice to the other party at least ninety (90) days before such termination shall take effect.

Section 12.11. Dissolution. Subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in Article XI and this Article XII, the Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by at least ninety-five percent (95%) of the Members and in accordance with Article 13 of the Act. Upon dissolution of the Association, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the assets of the Association, both real and personal, shall be offered to an appropriate public agency to be devoted to purposes and uses that would most nearly reflect the purposes and uses to which they were required to be devoted by the Association. In the

event that such offer of dedication is refused, such assets shall be then offered to be granted, conveyed, or assigned to any non-profit corporation, trust or other organization devoted to similar purposes and in accordance with Indiana law. Any such dedication or transfer of the Common Area shall not be in conflict with then-governing zoning ordinances or the designation of the Common Area as "open space".

Section 12.12. Prevailing Party and Damages. Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and rules, regulations, and guidelines, as each may be amended from time to time, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, for any proceeding of a dispute under this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and rules, regulations, and guidelines, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a party unsuccessfully contests the validity or scope of any proceeding, the non-contesting party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in defending such contest. In addition, if a party fails to abide by the terms of any settlement or award, the other party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in enforcing such settlement or award. Further, all present and future Owners of the Lots and Dwelling Units, and other Persons claiming by, through or under them, agrees that such Owner has waived and shall be deemed to have waived the right to any award of damages in connection with any dispute under this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and rules, regulations, and guidelines, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

Section 12.13. Negligence. Each Owner shall be liable for the expense of any maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary by the Owner's negligence or by that of any member of such Owner's family or such Owner's guests, employees, agents, invitees, or lessees, to the extent that such expense is not covered by the proceeds of insurance carried by the Association. An Owner shall pay the amount of any increase in insurance premiums occasioned by violation of any of the Restrictions by such Owner, any member of the Owner's family or their respective guests, employees, agents, licensees, invitees, or tenants.

Section 12.14. Acceptance and Ratification. All present and future Owners, Mortgagees, tenants and occupants of the Lots and Dwelling Units, and other Persons claiming by, through or under them, shall be subject to and shall comply with the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and the rules, regulations and guidelines as adopted by the Board of Directors and (to the extent of its jurisdiction) the Architectural Review Board, or any committee thereof, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time. The acceptance of a deed of conveyance or the act of occupancy of any Lot or Dwelling Unit shall constitute an agreement that the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and rules, regulations and guidelines, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time, are accepted and ratified by such Owner, tenant or occupant, and all such provisions shall be covenants running with the land and shall bind any Person having at any time any interest or estate in a Lot or Dwelling Unit or the Property, all as though such provisions were recited and stipulated at length in each and every deed, conveyance, mortgage or lease thereof. All Persons who may own, occupy, use, enjoy or control a Lot or Dwelling Unit or any part of the Property in any manner shall be subject to

this and guidelines applicable thereto as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

<u>Section 12.15.</u> <u>Waiver.</u> The waiver by any party of a breach of or noncompliance with any provision of this Declaration shall not operate or be construed as a continuing waiver or a waiver of any other or subsequent breach or noncompliance hereunder.

Section 12.16. Notice of Defects. Until the Development Period has expired, the Association shall send to the applicable developer, contractor, subcontractor, supplier or design professional, and Declarant a notice of any claim alleging any construction or design defect with respect to improvements on any Block or in any Common Area (the "Defect Notice") prior to commencing any administrative or judicial proceeding with respect to such defects. The Defect Notice shall identify the alleged defect in reasonable detail, and Declarant shall have the right to inspect and to correct any such defect set forth in the Defect Notice within ninety (90) days (or such longer reasonable time as may be required as a result of the nature of the defect or force majeure events) following Declarant's receipt of such Defect Notice (the "Defect Cure Period"). If the Association does not submit a claim with respect to the defects alleged in the Defect Notice (each a "Defect Claim") to mediation as provided in Section 12.17 of this Declaration within sixty (60) days after expiration of the Defect Cure Period, or does not appear for the mediation, then the party making such Defect Claim shall be deemed to have waived the Defect Claim, and Declarant shall be released and discharged from any and all liability on account of such Defect Claim.

<u>Section 12.17.</u> <u>Alternative Dispute Resolution.</u> Except with respect to any claim as set forth in Indiana Code Section 32-25.5-5 of the HOA Act which is governed by those provisions of Indiana law, each and every Claim brought under this Declaration shall be subject to the following procedures:

- (a) Any Claim (as defined in the HOA Act) shall first be submitted to mediation and, if not settled during mediation, shall thereafter be submitted to binding arbitration as provided by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§1 et seq.) and not by or in a court of law or equity.
- (b) If the parties are unable to agree to a mediator, the parties will utilize the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") for this role. The parties expressly agree that the mediator's charges shall be equally shared and that each party shall be responsible for its own costs and fees, including attorneys' fees and consultant fees incurred in connection with the mediation.
- (c) If the Claim is not fully resolved by mediation, the Claim shall be submitted to binding arbitration and administered by the AAA in accordance with the AAA's Construction Industry Arbitration Rules. In no event shall the demand for arbitration be made after the date when the institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on the Claim would be barred by the applicable statute(s) of limitations, which such statute(s) of limitations the parties expressly agree apply to any Claim. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding on both parties. Any judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in and enforced by any court having jurisdiction over such Claim. If the claimed

amount exceeds \$250,000.00 or includes a demand for punitive damages, the Claim shall be heard and determined by three arbitrators; however, if mutually agreed to by the parties, then the Claim shall be heard and determined by one arbitrator. All decisions respecting the arbitrability of any Claim shall be decided by the arbitrator(s). Except as may be required by law or for confirmation of an award, neither a party nor an arbitrator may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration hereunder without the prior written consent of both parties. Unless otherwise recoverable by law or statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, for any mediation and arbitration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a party unsuccessfully contests the validity or scope of arbitration in a court of law or equity, the non-contesting party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and expenses incurred in defending such contest, including such fees and costs associated with any appellate proceedings. In addition, if a party fails to abide by the terms of a mediation settlement or arbitration award, the other party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and expenses incurred in enforcing such settlement or award.

(d) IN THE EVENT THAT ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION DETERMINES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DECLARATION REQUIRING SUBMITTAL OF ANY CLAIM TO ARBITRATION IS VOID, DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION AND EACH OWNER ARE HEREBY DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED THE RIGHT TO ANY JURY TRIAL IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY ANY SUCH PARTY AGAINST THE OTHER, ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH A CLAIM.

<u>Section 12.18.</u> <u>Damages.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, no Owner shall be entitled to any punitive, exemplary, consequential, or special damages. By taking title to a Lot, each Owner acknowledges and agrees that such Owner has waived and shall be deemed to have waived the right to any award of damages in connection with the arbitration of a Claim other than such Owner's actual damages.

<u>Section 12.19.</u> <u>Perpetuities.</u> If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration would be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the common law rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue on for the maximum amount of time as allowed by Indiana Code 32-17-8, et seq. as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE XIII. OWNER'S OBLIGATIONS; DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION; CONDEMNATION

<u>Section 13.1.</u> <u>Owner's Obligations.</u> Each Owner covenants and agrees that in the event of a partial loss or damage resulting in less than total destruction of structures located on any 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 <u>Article VI</u> and <u>Article VII</u> hereof and all applicable zoning, building, and other governmental regulations. The Owner shall pay any costs of repair or reconstruction which are not covered by insurance proceeds. In the event that a structure is totally destroyed, the Owner may decide not to rebuild or to reconstruct, in which case the Owner shall promptly 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, safe, and attractive condition.

Section 13.2. Condemnation or Destruction. In the event that any of the Common Areas shall be condemned or taken by any public authority, or in the event the same shall be damaged or destroyed by any cause whatsoever, the Association shall represent the interests of the Owners in any proceedings, negotiations, insurance adjustments, settlements, or agreements in connection with such condemnation, damage, or destruction. Any sums recovered by the Association shall be applied, first, to the restoration and repair of any Common Areas condemned, damaged, or destroyed, to the extent such restoration or repair is practicable, and the balance of such sums shall either be held as a reserve for future maintenance of the Common Areas or turned over to the Owners in proportion to their pro rata share, whichever may be determined by a majority vote of the Members of the Association. Each Owner shall be responsible for pursuing his own action for damages to his Lot, either by reason of direct damage thereto or by reason of an impairment of value due to damage to the Common Areas. The Association shall notify all Mortgagees of which it has notice of any condemnation, damage, or destruction of any Common Areas.

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WITNESS the following signatures:

DECLARANT:

Lennar Homes of Indiana, Inc., a Delaware corporation

sy:____

Vice President

STATE OF INDIANA

) SS:

COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Keith Lash, Vice President of Lennar Homes of Indiana, Inc., a Delaware corporation, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Easements, and Restrictions for Monon Crossing on behalf thereof, and who, having been duly sworn, stated that the representations therein contained are true.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 3, day of March, 2021.

Wanda Wooldridge, Notary Public

Resident of Hamilton County, II

My Commission Expires 8-27-2

This instrument was prepared by and after recording return to: Wanda Wooldridge, 11555 N. Meridian Street, Suite 400, Carmel, IN 46032. I affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law. *Wanda Wooldridge*

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of Property

South Construction Site:

PARCEL 1:

Part of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 3 East in Hamilton County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Half-Quarter; thence North along the West line thereof a distance of 2154.75 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North along said West line a distance of 212.00 feet to the Southwest corner of a tract of land described as being previously conveyed to the Shell Oil Company in a deed recorded in Deed Record 334, page 139, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana; thence East parallel with the North line of said Half-Quarter and along the South line of said Shell Oil tract a distance of 270.00 feet; thence South parallel with the West line of said Half-Quarter a distance of 212.00 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of said Half-Quarter a distance of 270.00 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 2:

A part of Lot 1 as recorded in Lassiter Place, the plat of which is recorded as Instrument No. 9534570, Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 547, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 08 seconds East along the North line thereof a distance of 210,26 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence South 33 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East along the East line of said Lot 1 a distance of 249.94 feet; thence South 88 degrees 42 minutes 08 seconds West parallel with the North line of said Lot 1 a distance of 347.60 feet to a Northerly corner of said Lot 1; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds East along a Westerly line of said Lot 1 a distance of 212.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.36 acres, more or less.

And the Stewart Anderson Site:

Lot Numbered 1 in Lassiter Place, an addition to the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded May 9, 1995, as Instrument Number 9534570, in Plat Cabinet, 1, page 547 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM:

A part of Lot Numbered 1 in Lassiter Place, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 08 seconds East along the North line thereof a distance of 210.26 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence South 33 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East along the East line of said Lot 1 a distance of 249, 94 feet; thence South 88 degrees 42 minutes 08 seconds West parallel with the North line of said Lot 1 a distance of 347.60 feet to a Northerly corner of said Lot 1; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds East along a Westerly line of said Lot 1 a distance of 212, 00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.36 acres, more or less.

And:

Lot Numbered 2 in Lassiter Place, an addition to the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded May 9, 1995, as Instrument Number 9534570, in Plat Cabinet, 1, page 547 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.