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THIS BLACKRIDGE RESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS is made as of the 4th day of December, 2017 by **BLACKRIDGE PARTNERS, LLC**, an Alabama limited liability company.

RECITALS:

Developer, as hereinafter defined, is the fee simple owner of the Property, as hereinafter defined.

Developer desires to own, develop, improve, lease and sell the Property for single-family residential housing purposes, subject to certain easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, requirements and obligations in order to protect the value and desirability of the Property and to have a flexible and reasonable method for the development, administration and maintenance of the Property and any Additional Property, as hereinafter defined, which may be added to this Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to enhance and protect the value, amenities, attractions and desirability of the Lots, as hereinafter defined, and the Common Areas, as hereinafter defined, and in furtherance of a general plan for the development, protection, maintenance, use, and sale of the Property, Developer does hereby declare that all of that certain real property situated in Jefferson County, Alabama which is more particularly described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference shall be held, developed, improved, transferred, sold, conveyed, leased, occupied and used subject to the following easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges, liens and regulations, which shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all parties acquiring or having any right, title or interest in any portion of the Property described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and any of the Additional Property (but only to the extent that Developer submits any Additional Property to the terms and provisions of this Declaration), and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, which meanings shall be applicable to both the singular and plural forms and tenses of such terms:

1.01 ADDITIONAL PROPERTY. The term "Additional Property" shall mean and refer to any real property and any improvements situated thereon lying adjacent to or in close proximity with the Property (but which does not presently comprise any part of the Property) which Developer may from time to time submit and add to the provisions of this Declaration pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.02 below. The Additional Property may also include additional Common Areas.

1.02 AFFILIATE. The term "Affiliate" shall mean, as to any Person, any other Person which, directly or indirectly, is in common control of, is controlled by, or is under direct or indirect common control



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with, such Person, and, if such Person is an individual, any member of the immediate family of such individual and any trust whose principal beneficiary is such individual or one or more members of such immediate family and any Person which is controlled by any such member or trust. As used herein, the term “control” (and like terms) when used with respect to any Person, means the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding voting securities or voting equity of such Person or possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting securities or by contract or otherwise.

1.03 ARC. The term or letters “ARC” shall mean the architectural review committee for the Association to be appointed pursuant to Article V hereof with the rights and obligations conferred upon such architectural review committee pursuant to this Declaration.

1.04 ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS. The term “Architectural Standards” shall mean the standards prepared, issued and amended from time to time by the ARC pursuant to Article V below for the purpose of establishing policies, guidelines, and minimum requirements with respect to the design, architectural style and elements, construction, location, landscaping and other matters relating to the construction of any Improvements on a Lot. In addition, the term “Architectural Standards” shall also mean and include procedures adopted from time to time by the ARC for reviewing and approving all Buildings, landscaping and any other Improvements which may be made to any Lot.

1.05 ASSESSMENT. The term “Assessment” shall mean, collectively, the Annual Assessments (as defined in Section 8.03(a) below), Special Assessments (as defined in Section 8.04 below), and Individual Assessments (as defined in Section 8.05 below).

1.06 ASSOCIATION. The term “Association” shall mean Blackridge Residential Association, Inc., an Alabama nonprofit corporation, and its successors and assigns.

1.07 ASSOCIATION-MAINTAINED SEWER LINES. The term “Association-Maintained Sewer Lines means, collectively, the Owner LPS Equipment on each Lot.

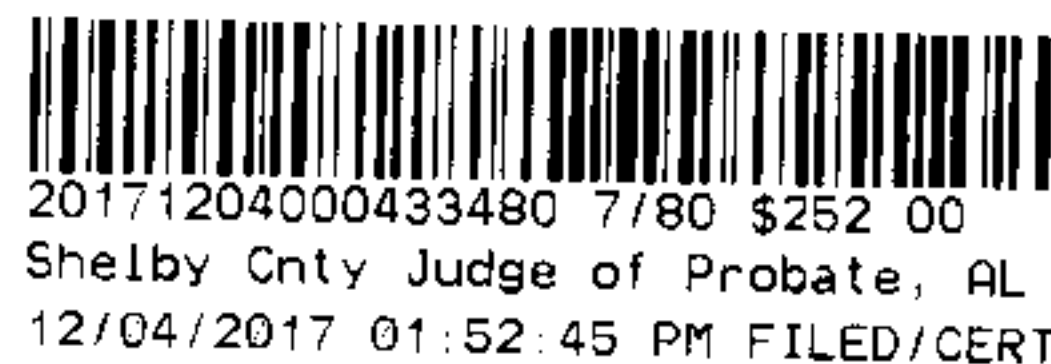
1.08 BLACKRIDGE. The term “Blackridge” shall mean and refer to the master planned, single-family residential use development which includes the Property and any Additional Property added to this Declaration.

1.09 BLACKRIDGE PUD. The term “Blackridge PUD Plan” shall mean the Blackridge Planned Unit Development Zoning Application and Development Plan adopted and approved by the City, together with all amendments thereto.

1.10 BUILDING. The term “Building”, with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to each Building, residence, home or other structure of any nature constructed, erected, maintained, placed or installed on any of the Lots. Common Areas shall not constitute a Building. Each condominium unit within a condominium shall, for purposes of this Declaration, constitute a Building.

1.11 BOARD. The term “Board” shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association and their duly elected successors as may be provided in the Certificate of Formation and Bylaws.

1.12 BYLAWS. The term “Bylaws” shall mean and refer to the Bylaws of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.



1.13 CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION. The term "Certificate of Formation" shall mean and refer to the Certificate of Formation of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

1.14 CITY. The term "City" shall mean and refer to the City of Hoover, Alabama, an Alabama municipal corporation.

1.15 COMMON AREAS. The term "Common Areas" shall mean and refer to all real and personal property now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners and shall include (regardless of whether legal title to the same has been conveyed to the Association) (a) all private roadways within the Property which are not located within the boundary lines of any Lot or not maintained by any Governmental Authority, (b) any and all guard buildings, access gates, access control devices and similar devices and equipment, if any, used to limit or restrict access to the Property (other than any such buildings, gates, devices or equipment located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot or which are maintained by any Governmental Authority), (c) all sidewalks, walkways, walking paths and trails, if any, situated within the Property (other than such areas which are located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot, within the rights-of-way of any private roadways within the Property or which are maintained by any Governmental Authority), (d) all street lights and street and landscaping lighting, if any, situated within the Property (other than such areas which are located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot or which are maintained by any Governmental Authority), (e) all walls, fences, gates, entrances and entrance features, landscaping and landscaped or other areas and other improvements situated within the rights-of-way of any private roadways within the Property or immediately adjacent to any private roadways, including all medians within any roadways, whether the same are located within the boundaries of the Property or on or within the rights-of-way of any private roadways which may provide ingress to and egress from any portion of the Property (other than any such areas located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot (unless an easement for the same has been reserved or granted to (and accepted in writing by) Developer or the Association or is reflected on a subdivision plat executed by Developer or the Association) or which are maintained by any Governmental Authority), (f) the Lake, all water features, storm drains and sewers, drainage and/or watershed protection or retention ponds, basins or other areas and facilities located within the Property (other than such areas located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot or which are maintained by any Governmental Authority), (g) all utility and irrigation lines, pipes, ducts, conduits, equipment, machinery and other apparatus and appurtenances including sanitary sewer pumping stations, which serve any portion of the Common Areas (which are not owned or maintained by any public or private utility providers or Governmental Authority), (h) any Recreational Facilities, if any, (i) any portions of the Property designated as "Common Area" or "Common Areas" or by similar designation on any subdivision plat from any portion of the Property, and (j) any other areas or improvements on or within Blackridge which are designated by Developer as Common Areas from time to time. The designation of any land and/or Improvements as Common Areas shall not mean or imply that the public at large acquires any easement of use or enjoyment or any other rights, licenses or benefits therein or to the use thereof.

1.16 COMMON EXPENSES. The term "Common Expenses" shall mean and refer to all expenditures made or incurred by or on behalf of the Association, including, without limitation, those expenses described in Section 8.03(c) below, together with all funds assessed for the creation or maintenance of reserves pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration.

1.17 COUNTY LOW-PRESSURE SEWER MAIN. The term "County Gravity Sewer Main" shall mean and refer to the low pressure sewer main lines owned and maintained by the Jefferson County, Alabama Environmental Services Department and its successors and assigns situated within the rights-of-way of the roadways or easements within the Property.

1.18 DECLARATION. The term "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this Blackridge Residential Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, together with all amendments thereto.

1.19 DEVELOPER. The term “Developer” shall mean Blackridge Partners, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, and its successors and assigns.

1.20 GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY. The term “Governmental Authority” shall mean and refer to any and all City, county, state and federal governmental or quasi-governmental agencies, bureaus, departments, divisions or regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over any portion of the Property or any Improvements thereto.

1.21 IMPROVEMENT. The term “Improvement”, with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to any Building, structure or device constructed, erected or placed upon any Lot which in any way affects, alters or causes a change in the exterior appearance of any Lot or any Building situated thereon. Improvements shall include, by way of illustration and not limitation, buildings, sheds, foundations, covered patios, underground utilities, roads, driveways, walkways, paving, curbing, parking areas, swimming pools, tennis courts, treehouses, playhouses, swing sets, trees, shrubbery, landscaping, fences, screening, walls, signs, flags, flag poles, water fountains, walls, signs, lighting systems, screen enclosures, statuary, tree houses, swing sets, landscaping, landscaping devices, paving, and any other artificial or man-made changes or alterations to the natural condition of any Lot and any fixtures, appurtenances, personal property or devices installed, erected, constructed, attached, placed or maintained on the exterior of any Lot or Building. “Improvements” shall also mean any exterior alterations or additions to any existing Building or other structure situated on a Lot and any grading, excavation or fill on any Lot.

1.22 LAKE. The term “Lake” shall mean and refer to the approximately 100-acre, more or less, lake commonly known as “Blackridge Lake” containing an impounded standing body of water surrounded by land and serving as a drainage basin for the Property. The term “Lake” shall also include, but not be limited to, any aquatic fish and wildlife, biological species and ecological systems contained therein, as well as all of the real property situated beneath the aforesaid lake, any islands within the aforesaid lake, and the dam and spillway for the same.

1.23 LAKE BUFFER AREA. The term “Lake Buffer Area” shall mean with respect to each Lake Lot, an area fifty (50) feet in width running along the rear Lot line of each Lake Lot. Lake Buffer Areas are not Common Areas.

1.24 LAKE LOT. The term “Lake Lot” shall mean and refer to any Lot which abuts any portion of the Lake.

1.25 LIVING SPACE. The term “Living Space” shall mean and refer to the enclosed and covered areas within a Building which are heated and cooled by heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment, exclusive of any of the following areas of a Building which are not heated and cooled by heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment: “bonus” rooms in garages or attics, garages, carports, porches, terraces, balconies, decks, patios, courtyards, greenhouses, atriums, bulk storage areas, attics and basements. Following initial approval by the ARC of the minimum and maximum Living Space for any Building, none of the foregoing described areas which are not heated and cooled by heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment shall be enclosed or otherwise improved to create Living Space out of such areas unless (a) the same is approved by the ARC and (b) any additional Living Space created out of such areas will not result in the Building exceeding the maximum Living Space limitations established for such Lot unless the same has been specifically approved in writing by the ARC.

1.26 LOT. The term “Lot” shall mean and refer to any unimproved portion of the Property upon which it is intended that a Building be constructed thereon. Upon the recordation of any subdivision plat for any portion of the Property, each lot indicated thereon (other than any lots designated thereon as

Common Areas or which subsequently become Common Areas) shall be deemed a Lot for purposes of this Declaration.

1.27 MORTGAGE. The term “Mortgage”, with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to any mortgage, deed of trust or other security device encumbering a Lot or any interest therein and which has been duly and properly recorded in the Probate Office.

1.28 MORTGAGEE. The term “Mortgagee”, with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to the holder of any Mortgage.

1.29 OCCUPANT. The term “Occupant” shall mean and include any family members, guests, tenants, agents, servants, employees and invitees of any Owner and their respective family members, guests, tenants, agents, servants, employees, invitees and any other person who occupies or uses any Lot within the Property. All actions or omissions of any Occupant are and shall be deemed the actions or omissions of the Owner of such Lot.


1.30 OWNER. The term “Owner”, with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to the Person, including Developer, who is the record owner of fee simple title to any Lot, but shall not include (i) any Mortgagee unless and until such Mortgagee has foreclosed on its Mortgage and purchased such Lot at the foreclosure sale held with respect to the foreclosure of such Mortgage or (ii) any lessee, purchaser, contract purchaser or vendor who has an interest in any Lot solely by virtue of a lease, contract, installment contract or other agreement.

1.31 OWNER LPS EQUIPMENT. The term “Owner LPS Equipment” shall mean and refer to the following which the Owner of each Lot shall be required to install on such Owner’s Lot: a grinder pump, basin (reservoir), control panel, two valve boxes, a gravity sewer line from a point outside the Building on such Owner’s Lot which is connected directly to the grinder pump and basin (reservoir), and a pressure sewer lateral line which connects the basin (reservoir) to a valve box within the sewer easement granted to Jefferson County, Alabama and its successors and assigns directly adjacent to the County Low-Pressure Sewer Main. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** and incorporated herein by reference is a drawing illustrating the Owner LPS Equipment and its connection to the County Low-Pressure Sewer Main. The term Owner LPS Equipment shall not include the electrical wiring which shall connect the circuit breaker box inside a Building on a Lot to the outside control panel for the Owner LPS Equipment or for electricity which will provide electrical service to the Owner LPS Equipment (“**Electrical Connections**”). All of the Owner LPS Equipment and the Electrical Connections shall be owned by the Owner of each Lot.

1.32 PERSON. The term “Person” with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to any individual, corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, estate or other entity or organization.

1.33 PROBATE OFFICE. The term “Probate Office” shall mean and refer to the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, and any successor thereto which serves as the official public registry for the public recording of real estate documents in Shelby County, Alabama.

1.34 PROPERTY. The term “Property”, with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to that certain real property situated in Shelby County, Alabama which is more particularly described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Property shall also include any Additional Property made subject to this Declaration pursuant to **Section 2.02** hereof and shall include all Lots and Common Areas.


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1.35 PURCHASER. The term "Purchaser" shall mean the first Person (other than any Affiliate of Developer) who acquires a Lot from Developer.

1.36 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. The term "Recreational Facilities" shall mean and refer to any swimming pool, clubhouse, canoe/boat launch and other recreational amenities or facilities, if any, situated within Blackridge which are either owned by the Association (and thus constitute Common Areas) or are made available for use by all Owners and Occupants pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 4.06 below. **Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, in no event shall Developer be obligated to construct or otherwise provide any Recreational Facilities within any portion of the Property or Blackridge.**

1.37 RULES AND REGULATIONS. The term "Rules and Regulations" shall mean and refer to the Blackridge Rules and Regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Board of Directors pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 6.18 below. The initial Rules and Regulations are attached hereto as Exhibit B and are incorporated herein by reference.

1.38 SEWER MAINTENANCE EXPENSES. The term "Sewer Maintenance Expenses" shall mean and refer to all costs and expenses incurred by the Association to repair and replace the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines, including, without limitation, all costs and expenses charged by the Sewer Service Company and any other Persons engaged by the Association to monitor, inspect, repair and replace the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines, together with reserves established by the Association for future alterations, improvements, repairs, and replacements of any of the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines.

1.39 SEWER SERVICE COMPANY. The term "Sewer Service Company" shall mean and refer to the Person who is engaged from time to time by the Association to install, monitor, inspect, repair and replace the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines.

1.40 TURNOVER DATE. The term "Turnover Date" shall mean the later of (a) five (5) years from the date hereof or (b) the first to occur of the following: (i) the date on which Developer and any Affiliates of Developer cease to own any portion of Blackridge or (ii) the date on which Developer elects, in its sole and absolute discretion, to relinquish (1) all rights to appoint and remove members of the Board pursuant to Section 4.02 below and (2) all voting rights in the Association reserved to Developer pursuant to Section 4.03(a) below.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE DECLARATION

2.01 GENERAL DECLARATION. Developer hereby declares that the Property is and shall be subject to the easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges, liens and regulations of this Declaration and the Property, any part thereof and each Lot and Common Area thereof shall be held, owned, sold, transferred, conveyed, hypothecated, encumbered, leased, occupied, built upon and otherwise used, improved and maintained subject to the terms of this Declaration, which easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, charges, liens and regulations shall run with the title to the Property and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Developer and all Owners and Occupants of the Property and any Lots and Common Areas thereof. Furthermore, this Declaration shall apply only to the Property (and all Additional Property added to the terms and provisions hereof by Developer), but this Declaration shall not apply to any other real property owned by Developer unless the same is subjected specifically by written instrument to this Declaration.

2.02 ADDITIONAL PROPERTY. Developer reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time prior to the Turnover Date, to add and submit any Additional Property to

the provisions of this Declaration and, to the extent any of the Additional Property is specifically submitted to the terms and provisions of this Declaration by Developer, then any such Additional Property shall constitute part of the Property. Additional Property may be submitted to the provisions of this Declaration by an instrument executed by Developer in the manner required for the execution of deeds and recorded in the Probate Office, which instrument shall be deemed an amendment to this Declaration (which need not be consented to or approved by the Association or any Owner, Occupant or Mortgagee of any Lot) and shall (a) refer to this Declaration and the recording information in the Probate Office for this Declaration, (b) contain a statement that such Additional Property is conveyed or subject to the provisions of this Declaration or only specified portions thereof, (c) contain a legal description of such Additional Property and (d) state such other or different covenants, conditions and restrictions as Developer, in its sole discretion, may specify to regulate and control the use, occupancy and improvement of such Additional Property. From and after the date on which an amendment to this Declaration is recorded in the Probate Office submitting any Additional Property to the terms and provisions of this Declaration, the number of votes in the Association shall be increased by the number of Lots within the Additional Property which are added and submitted to this Declaration so that there shall continue to be one vote in the Association per Lot within the Property. In no event shall Developer be obligated to submit any Additional Property to the provisions of this Declaration or to impose any of the covenants, conditions or restrictions set forth in this Declaration upon any real property owned by Developer situated adjacent to or in close proximity with the Property. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Declaration to the contrary, (i) the provisions of this Section 2.02 may not be abrogated, modified, rescinded, supplemented or amended, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Developer, (ii) the rights reserved by Developer to add Additional Property to this Declaration pursuant to this Section 2.02 shall not be deemed to inure to the benefit of any transferee or purchaser of the Property, the Additional Property or any portion thereof, unless Developer, in its sole discretion, transfers and conveys to such transferee or purchaser the rights reserved herein by express reference to this Section 2.02 of this Declaration and (iii) if Developer elects to add Additional Property to this Declaration, then Declaration may be amended solely by Developer in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2.02 without any requirement that the consent or approval of the Association or any Owner, Occupant or Mortgagee be obtained.

2.03 RIGHT OF DEVELOPER TO MODIFY RESTRICTIONS WITH RESPECT TO LOTS OWNED BY DEVELOPER. With respect to any Lot owned by Developer, Developer may, by deed, contract or other instrument filed for record in the manner specified in Section 2.02 above, modify the provisions of this Declaration as the same apply to any such Lot.

2.04 MUTUALITY OF BENEFIT AND OBLIGATION. The provisions of this Declaration are made (a) for the mutual and reciprocal benefit of each Lot and are intended to create mutual, equitable servitudes upon and in favor of each Lot, (b) to create reciprocal rights and obligations between the respective Owners and all future and subsequent Owners of each Lot within the Property and (c) to create a privity of contract and estate between the Owners, their respective heirs, successors and assigns.

2.05 ADDITIONAL COVENANTS. Developer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, create additional restrictive covenants, in addition to the terms and provisions of this Declaration, for any portions of the Property. Furthermore, other owner associations may be created for portions of the Property subject to any such additional covenants. Only those portions of the Property which are specifically subjected to and encumbered by any such additional restrictive covenants shall be bound by the terms and provisions thereof or shall be allowed to have any membership interest in any such additional owners' associations which may be established from time to time by Developer. In the event of any conflict or ambiguity between the terms and provisions of any such additional restrictive covenants and the terms and provisions of this Declaration, the terms and provisions of this Declaration shall at all times control.

2.06 DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY. Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, for so long as Developer owns any portion of the Property, to make improvements and changes to all Common Areas and to all Lots owned by Developer, including, without limitation, (a) installation and maintenance of any improvements in or to the Common Areas, (b) changing the location of the boundaries of any Lots owned by Developer or the boundaries of any of the Common Areas, (c) changing the boundaries of any portion of the Property owned by Developer, including any Additional Property owned by Developer, (d) the installation and maintenance of any water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and any other utility systems and facilities within any of the Common Areas, (d) converting and changing any Lots or any portion thereof owned by Developer into Common Areas, streets, roadways, paths, parks or other uses and (e) removing or exempting any portion of the Property and any Lots or Common Areas from the terms and provisions of this Declaration. The exercise by Developer of any of the rights set forth in this Section 2.06 may be exercised solely by Developer without any requirement that the consent or approval of the Association or any Owners, Occupants or Mortgagees be obtained. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to any Lot, acknowledges and agrees that Developer or Affiliates thereof may either own or may in the future own real property situated adjacent to or in close proximity with the Property, which real property will not be subject to any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration unless Developer, in its sole and absolute discretion, elects to add such real property to the terms and provisions of this Declaration pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.02 above.

2.07 SUBDIVISION. Developer reserves the right to record, modify, amend, revise and otherwise add to, at any time and from time to time, one or more subdivision plats setting forth such information as Developer may deem necessary with regard to the Property, including, without limitation, the locations and dimensions of all Lots, Buildings, Common Areas, public or private roads, utility systems, drainage systems, utility easements, drainage easements, access easements, set-back line restrictions, lakes, retention ponds and drainage basins. Any such subdivision plats and any amendments thereto shall be binding on the portions of the Property indicated thereon as if such subdivision plat were specifically incorporated into this Declaration. Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, the rights reserved by Developer pursuant to this Section 2.07 may be exercised by Developer without any requirement that the consent or approval of the Association or any Owners, Occupants or Mortgagees be obtained (other than the Owner or Mortgagee of any Lot which is being subdivided or re-subdivided) and shall include, without limitation, the right to (a) divide and re-subdivide, combine, subdivide and re-subdivide any Lots, Common Areas and other portions of the Property owned by Developer, and (b) amend from time to time and at any time Exhibit A to this Declaration to reflect any such subdivision or re-subdivision of any portion of the Property.

2.08 REMOVAL OF PROPERTY FROM DECLARATION. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Declaration to the contrary, at any time on or prior to the occurrence of the Turnover Date, Developer reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, without the consent or approval of any Owner (other than the Owner of that portion of the Property being removed from the Declaration), Occupant, Mortgagee or the Association, to amend this Declaration in order to remove and exclude any real property from the definition of the Property and the terms and provisions of this Declaration. The rights reserved by Developer pursuant to this Section 2.08 shall include, without limitation, the right to amend from time to time and at any time Exhibit A to this Declaration to reflect the removal of any real property from the definition of Property, without being required to obtain the consent or approval of any Owner, Mortgagee or the Association.

2.09 ROADWAYS AND TRAFFIC. Each Owner, for such Owner and all Occupants of any and all Lots owned by such Owner, and each Mortgagee of any Lot, acknowledge and agree that (a) the Property, or portions thereof, are subject to the Blackridge PUD Plan which, as of the date of this Declaration, contemplates, at a minimum, at least 1,150 residential dwelling units being constructed within the real property subject to the Blackridge PUD Plan, (b) the Blackridge PUD Plan provides that, unless

otherwise approved by the City, all of the roadways within Blackridge shall be private roadways and all of the real property subject to the Blackridge PUD Plan will utilize the private roadways within Blackridge for access purposes thereby resulting in potential heavy vehicular traffic within Blackridge, (c) in addition to the usage of the private roadways within Blackridge by any Owners and Occupants of all Lots, the private roadways within Blackridge may also be utilized by other persons and may be used to serve other properties which are not part of Blackridge and not subject to the Blackridge PUD Plan thereby further increasing the vehicular traffic within Blackridge, (d) the roadways within Blackridge may also be used for vehicular travel and transportation for other users (in addition to the Owners and Occupants of Lots with Blackridge) seeking access to and from Alabama State Highway 150 and Shelby County Highway 52, (e) each of Developer and the Association shall have the right, at any time and from time to time, without the prior written approval of any Owners, Occupants, Mortgagees or each other, to grant to any third parties the right to use any of the Common Areas, which include, without limitation, any of the private roadways within Blackridge, and (f) neither Developer nor the Association shall have any obligation to restrict or limit the number of vehicles utilizing the roadways within Blackridge.

ARTICLE III EASEMENTS

3.01 GRANT OF NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS TO COMMON AREAS TO OWNERS.

(a) Subject to the rights of the Association to limit and prohibit access to and the use of the Common Areas and the Recreational Facilities, if any, as provided in Sections 3.01(b) and 11.01 below, and all of the provisions of the Rules and Regulations, the provisions of Section 3.03 below, and the terms and provisions of the Rules and Regulations, Developer does hereby grant to each Owner and Occupant the non-exclusive right, privilege and easement of access to and the use and enjoyment of the Common Areas in common with Developer, its successors and assigns, and all other Owners, Occupants and other parties having any rights or interest therein. Subject to the rights of the Association to limit and prohibit access to and the use of the Common Areas and the Recreational Facilities, if any, as provided in Sections 3.01(b) and 11.01 below, all of the terms and provisions of the Rules and Regulations, and the provisions of Section 3.03 below, the easement and rights granted pursuant to this Section 3.01(a) are and shall be permanent and perpetual, are non-exclusive, are appurtenant to and shall pass and run with title to each Lot. Subject to the rights of the Association to limit and prohibit access to and the use of the Common Areas and the Recreational Facilities, if any, as provided in Sections 3.01(b) and 11.01 below, the provisions of Section 3.03 below, and the terms and provisions of the Rules and Regulations, the easements and rights granted pursuant to this Section 3.01(a) are expressly subject to the rights reserved by Developer and the Association to restrict access to the Property as provided in Section 3.03 below.

(b) Subject to the limitations, restrictions, terms and provisions set forth in this Section 3.01(b), in Sections 4.06(d) and 11.01 below, and in the Rules and Regulations, Developer does hereby grant to each Owner and the respective family members of each Owner the right and privilege to use and enjoy the Recreational Facilities in common with Developer, its successors and assigns, all other Owners and their respective family members and any other parties who have rights to use the Recreational Facilities, as determined by the Board from time to time. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, access to and the use and enjoyment of the Recreational Facilities, if any, (i) shall be subject to any and all Rules and Regulations established from time to time by the Board pursuant to Section 6.18 below, (ii) shall be limited to the Owners, their spouses and their dependent children (as may be defined from time to time by the Board, in its sole discretion) and any other persons authorized by the Board from time to time to use the same and (iii) may be suspended or permanently revoked by the Board for any Owner and the respective family members of any Owner who (1) violate any of the Rules and Regulations applicable to the use and enjoyment of the Recreational Facilities or (2) fail to timely pay all Assessments due and payable by such Owner to the Association. Subject to the limitations, restrictions, terms and provisions set forth in this

Section 3.01(b), in Sections 4.06(d) and 11.01 below, and in the Rules and Regulations, the easement and rights granted pursuant to this Section 3.01(b) are and shall be permanent and perpetual, are non-exclusive, are appurtenant to and shall pass and run with title to each Lot.

3.02 GRANT OF EASEMENT TO GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES. Subject to the provisions of Section 3.03 below, Developer does hereby grant to each branch, bureau, department and agency of the Governmental Authorities and their respective agents, employees and representatives, a permanent, perpetual and non-exclusive easement over, across, through and upon all of the private roadways within the Property for the purposes of performing such duties and activities related to law enforcement, fire protection, trash and refuse collection, building inspection services, mail and package delivery, medical and emergency services and any other functions or duties to be performed by the Governmental Authorities as shall be required or appropriate from time to time.

3.03 RESERVATION OF CONTROLLED ACCESS.

(a) Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in any Lot to such Owner, for such Owner and such Owner's Occupants, (i) waives all rights of uncontrolled and unlimited access, ingress to and egress from such Lot and (ii) acknowledges and agrees that (1) in order to provide a secure and safe environment, access and ingress to and egress from the Property may be controlled, restricted and limited to exclude the general public therefrom, (2) access, ingress to and egress from such Owner's Lot shall be limited to the private roads constituting Common Areas, (3) Developer and the Association shall have the right to operate controlled access gates or devices on or within any of the private roads within the Property, (4) Developer and the Association shall each have the right to dedicate any of the private roads which constitute Common Areas as public roadways as provided in Section 3.03(c) below, and (5) Developer and the Association shall have the right to enforce traffic rules and regulations as provided in Section 3.03(d) below.

(b) Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself and its successors and assigns and does hereby grant to the Association and its successors and assigns, the right and privilege, but not the obligation, to (i) maintain guarded or electronically-monitored gates controlling, limiting and restricting vehicular and pedestrian access to and from any portion of the Property and (ii) require payment of toll charges for use of any private roads within the Property by any commercial traffic or members of the general public who have been granted specific rights or permission to use any private roads within the Property, provided that in no event shall any such tolls be applicable to (1) any Owner or Occupant, (2) any Mortgagee or its designated representative, (3) any of the Governmental Authorities or their designated agents and representatives or (4) Developer and those individuals designated from time to time by Developer to be afforded access to the Property.

(c) Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, Developer (i) does hereby establish and reserve the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time, to dedicate any of the private roadways within the Property as public roadways to any Governmental Authority designated by Developer without requirement that the approval or consent of the Association or any Owner, Occupant or Mortgagee be obtained and (ii) shall be and hereby is authorized and entitled to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and subdivision plats pursuant to which any of the private roadways within the Property are submitted for dedication as public roadways. Each Owner, by acceptance of any deed to a Lot, and each Mortgagee, by the acceptance of any Mortgage on any Lot, shall be deemed to, and each does hereby, irrevocably appoint the Developer as its respective agent and attorney-in-fact for the purpose of executing, signing, acknowledging, swearing to and recording any and all instruments, certificates, documents, agreements and subdivision plats relating to the dedication of any of the private roadways within the Property to any Governmental Authority as public roadways for and in the name of any such Owner and Mortgagee in their name, place and stead. The power and authority granted

herein is hereby declared to be irrevocable and a power coupled with an interest which shall survive the death or dissolution of any Owner or Mortgagee and be binding on all Owners and Mortgagees and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns and anyone having any interest in any Lot, Common Areas or in any of the easement rights created or granted in this Declaration. The rights reserved by Developer pursuant to this Section 3.03(c) may be assigned to the Association which, upon such assignment, shall have the same rights reserved herein to Developer.

(d) All vehicular traffic on or within the roads within the Property shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama and any other city or county having jurisdiction thereof concerning operation of motor vehicles. The Association is authorized to promulgate, administer and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including adopting reasonable safety measures and speed limits for the roads within the Property and, subject to the provisions of Sections 11.01 and 11.02 below, the right to deny, limit or prohibit vehicular access via any of the private roads within the Property. The Association shall also be entitled to enforce any such rules and regulations by establishing such enforcement procedures as it deems necessary or appropriate, including hiring security or traffic patrols which have the right to levy fines for the violation of any such traffic rules and regulations. All vehicles of any kind and nature which are operated on any of the roads within the Property shall be operated (i) in accordance with all reasonable rule and regulations adopted from time to time by the Association and (ii) in a careful, prudent, safe and quiet manner with due consideration for the rights of all other Owners and Occupants of the Property.

(e) Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the placement or maintenance of a guardhouse, gatehouse, wall or any other improvements which limit or restrict access to the Property is not intended to obligate either Developer or the Association to provide any form of security within the Property and each Owner, for himself or herself and any Occupant of such Owner's Lot, and their respective heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, does hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waive, release and forever discharge Developer and the Association and their respective officers, directors, members, managers, partners, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, agreements, covenants, suits, obligations, controversies, accounts, damages, costs, expenses, losses and liabilities of every kind or nature, known or unknown, arising out of or on account of any loss, damage or injury to person or property, including death, as a result of any entry, whether lawful or unlawful, onto the Property or any of the Lots by any third party or arising out of the acts or omissions of any third party.

3.04 RESERVATION AND GRANT OF GENERAL ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT. Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, and its successors and assigns, and does hereby grant to the ARC, the Association and their respective agents, employees, representatives, invitees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual non-exclusive easement appurtenant over, across, through and upon each Lot for the purposes of (a) providing ingress to and egress from each Lot for (i) inspecting each Lot and any Improvements thereon in order to determine compliance with the provisions of this Declaration and (ii) the performance of the respective duties of Developer, the ARC and the Association hereunder, including, without limitation, taking any action required or permitted to be taken by Developer, the ARC and the Association pursuant to any of the terms or provisions of this Declaration; provided, however, that upon completion and occupancy of any Building on a Lot, the foregoing easement shall not be deemed to allow or grant any rights to Developer, the ARC or the Association to enter into any Building; and (b) mowing, removing, clearing, cutting or pruning underbrush, weeds, stumps or other unsightly growth and removing trash so as to maintain reasonable standards of health, fire, safety and appearance within the Property; provided, however, that such easement shall not impose any duty or obligation upon Developer, the ARC or the Association to perform any of the foregoing actions.

3.05 RESERVATION AND GRANT OF EASEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON AREAS.

(a) Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, and its successors and assigns, and does hereby grant to the ARC, the Association and their respective agents, employees, representatives, invitees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual non-exclusive easement appurtenant, over, across, under, through and upon all of the Common Areas for the purposes of (i) constructing Improvements in and to any Lots and any improvements to the Common Areas, (ii) installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing any other improvements to the Property or to the Common Areas, including, without limitation, sidewalks, walkways, walking trails, signage and traffic directional signs and (iii) doing all other things reasonably necessary and proper in connection therewith; provided, however, that in no event shall Developer, the ARC or the Association have any obligation to undertake any of the foregoing.

(b) Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, and its successors and assigns, and does hereby grant to the Association, its successors and assigns, the permanent right to change, modify and realign the boundaries of any of the Common Areas, including the removal of the designation of Common Areas from any portion of the Property and the right to convey such redesignated Common Areas to any Owner or third parties. Developer hereby establishes and reserves for itself and its successors and assigns, and does hereby grant to the Association, its successors and assigns, (i) a permanent and perpetual non-exclusive easement to have access, ingress to and egress from and the right and privilege to use and enjoy all of the Common Areas and all improvements thereon for such purposes as Developer deems appropriate, (ii) the right to grant to third parties rights to use the Common Areas and (iii) the right to grant to third parties, other real property, and the owners of such real property, rights to use any of the Common Areas. Developer further reserves the right, but shall not have any obligation, to convey by quitclaim deed to the Association at any time and from time to time any portion of the Property or any improvements thereto to be utilized as Common Areas, as Developer, in its sole discretion, may determine.

3.06 RESERVATION AND GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES. Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, and its successors and assigns, and does hereby grant to the Association, its successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual non-exclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through and upon all portions of the Property, including all Common Areas and all Lots, which are reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing, erecting, replacing, relocating, maintaining and operating master television, telecommunication or cable systems, security and similar systems and all utilities necessary or convenient for the use of any portion of the Property or other real property, including, without limitation, publicly or privately owned and operated electrical, gas, telephone, water and sanitary sewer services, storm drains and sewers, drainage systems, retention ponds, lakes, basins and facilities, lines, pipes, conduits, equipment, machinery and other apparatus and appurtenances necessary or otherwise reasonably required in order to provide any utility service to any portion of the Property or any other real property. The easements established and reserved herein shall include the right of Developer and the Association, and their respective successors and assigns, to cut and remove trees, undergrowth shrubbery and other vegetation, to grade, excavate or fill and to otherwise take all other action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe installation, maintenance, repair, operation and replacement of all such utility services and the systems, equipment and machinery used to provide the same. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Section 3.06 to the contrary, (i) the utilization of any of the easements and rights established, reserved or granted pursuant to this Section 3.06 shall not be deemed to allow the exercise of any of the foregoing easement rights inside of any Buildings situated on any Lot, (ii) Developer shall use good faith efforts to attempt to cause any utility company or other supplier or provider of any utility service which may utilize any of the easements and rights reserved and established pursuant to this Section 3.06 to take reasonable action to repair any damage caused by such utility company or other supplier or provider of such utility service during the exercise of any rights established, reserved and granted herein and (iii) the establishment, reservation and grant of easements pursuant to this Section 3.06 shall not create any

obligation, responsibility or liability of Developer or the Association to undertake any of the actions allowed or permitted pursuant to the terms of this Section 3.06.

3.07 RESERVATION AND GRANT OF EASEMENTS FOR SIGNS, WALKS, TRAILS, WALLS AND FENCES.

(a) Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, and its successors and assigns, and does hereby grant to the Association, its successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual easement appurtenant over, across, through and upon a strip of land ten (10) feet in width lying parallel to and running along the common exterior boundary between each Lot and any public roadway which is directly adjacent to and abuts such Lot for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining, repairing, operating, replacing and the use of sidewalks, walkways, trails, bicycle and jogging paths and lanes, traffic directional signs and related improvements; provided, however, that neither Developer nor the Association shall have any obligation to construct any of the foregoing improvements.

(b) Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, and its successors and assigns, and does hereby grant to the Association, its successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual easement appurtenant over, across, through and upon a strip of land fifteen (15) feet in width running parallel to and along the boundary of any Lot which constitutes the perimeter boundary of the Property for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining, repairing, operating and replacing a perimeter wall, fence, mound or berm and landscaping around the perimeter boundary of the Property; provided, however, that (i) neither Developer nor the Association shall have any obligation to construct any such perimeter wall, fence, mound or berm or landscaping and (ii) to the extent either Developer or the Association desires to exercise the easement rights reserved or granted in this Section 3.07(b), then Developer and the Association shall each have the further right, at any time and from time to time, to alter, change, modify, terminate and remove any improvements constructed by Developer or the Association on any portion of the Property pursuant to this Section 3.07(b).

3.08 RESERVATION AND GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT. Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, , and its successors and assigns, and does hereby grant to the Association, its agents, employees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual right and easement on, over, across, through and upon all Lots for the purpose of taking any action necessary to effect compliance with the Architectural Standards and any watershed, soil erosion or environmental rules, regulations and procedures from time to time affecting or otherwise promulgated or instituted by any Governmental Authorities or the Board. The easement and right established, reserved and granted herein shall include, without limitation, the right to implement erosion control procedures and practices, the right to drain standing water and the right to take any other action which may be required in order to satisfy the requirements of the Architectural Standards or any Governmental Authorities, including, without limitation, any watershed, soil erosion, storm water discharge or environmental rules, regulations or procedures affecting the Property. Except in the case of an emergency situation or a perceived emergency situation, the exercise by Developer, the ARC or the Association of the rights reserved or granted in this Section 3.08 shall not unreasonably interfere with the use or occupancy of any Building.

3.09 ESTABLISHMENT OF LAKE BUFFER AREA.

(a) Subject to the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 3.09, Developer does hereby declare, establish and create a permanent and perpetual natural, undisturbed buffer area, free from any Improvements of any nature within the Lake Buffer Area of each Lake Lot. Subject to the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 3.09, the Lake Buffer Area on each Lake Lot shall be maintained at all times in its natural, undisturbed state and condition, free of any Improvements or additional landscaping of any nature; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything provided in this Agreement to the contrary,

Developer reserves, for itself and its successors and assigns, the right at any time and from time to time to (i) grade, excavate and fill any of the Lake Buffer Area on each Lake Lot to the extent reasonably necessary in the development of any portions of Blackridge and (ii) construct, install, erect, operate, maintain, repair, replace and relocate within any of the Lake Buffer Area on each Lake Lot underground master television and/or cable and internet systems, security systems and all underground utilities necessary or convenient for Blackridge, including, without limitation, publicly and/or privately owned and/or operated electrical, gas, telephone, water and sanitary sewer services, storm drainage and sewers, drainage systems, and all lines, pipes, pumps, conduit, equipment and other machinery, apparatus and appurtenances which Developer determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, to be necessary or otherwise required to provide any such utility services to any portion of Blackridge. The rights reserved in this Section 3.09(a) by Developer shall also extend to and include the right to cut and remove trees, undergrowth and shrubbery, the right to grade, excavate or fill, and the right to otherwise take all other action in connection with the development of the Lake Lots and the installation, maintenance, repair, operation and replacement of all such utility services and systems, equipment and machinery which Developer determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, may be necessary to provide utility service to any portion of the Property. To the extent Developer exercises any of the easements reserved pursuant to this Section 3.09(a), then upon completion of any such grading, excavation or fill work undertaken within any of the Lake Buffer Area on any Lake Lot, all areas of such Lake Buffer Area on such Lake Lot disturbed by Developer shall be restored to a stabilized condition.

(b) Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, and does hereby grant to the Association, the ARC and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual right and easement to enter upon the Lake Buffer Area on each Lake Lot for the purpose of mowing, removing, clearing, cutting or pruning underbrush, weeds, stumps or other unsightly growth and removing trash therefrom so as to maintain reasonable standards of health, fire, safety and appearance within the Property; provided, however, that the reservation and grant of the foregoing easement rights with respect to the Lake Buffer Area on any Lake Lot shall not impose any duty or obligation upon Developer, the Association or the ARC to perform any of the foregoing actions. The maintenance, repair and upkeep of the Lake Buffer Area on each Lake Lot shall be the responsibility of the respective Owner of such Lake Lot, which such obligations, if not timely and properly performed, may be performed by the Association and all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in connection therewith shall constitute an Individual Assessment to the Owner of such Lake Lot.

(c) Subject to the rights established, reserved, and granted by Developer pursuant to Sections 3.09(a) and 3.09(b) above and the rights granted to the then Owner of each Lake Lot pursuant to Section 3.09(d) below, (i) except for decks, docks and piers which may be constructed within the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot and into the Lake by the Owner of such Lake Lot (with the prior written consent and approval by the ARC as provided in Section 3.09(d) below), no other Improvements of any nature, including, without limitation, fences, walls, berms, mounds, barriers, statutes, gardens, outdoor furniture, play houses, play equipment, tree houses, dog houses, dog or other animal runs or pens, outdoor recreational, fitness, exercise, or children's play facilities and equipment, or any other devices, equipment, tools, machinery, buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances of any nature (other than any such Improvements approved by the ARC pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.09(d) below), shall be constructed, erected, built, placed, maintained or permitted to remain within the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot or in the Lake without the prior written consent of the ARC, (ii) no construction activities of any nature, including, without limitation, grading or excavation work, installation of storm sewers or other types of pipes, lines, drains or conduit shall be allowed or permitted in or upon the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot without the prior written consent of the ARC, (iii) no shrubbery, trees, landscaping, vegetation or other plant life shall be planted, placed, erected, maintained or allowed to remain within the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot without the prior written consent of the ARC and (iv) no shrubbery, trees, landscaping, vegetation or other plant life lying within the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot may be cut, removed,

damaged or mutilated without the prior written consent of the ARC; provided, however, that any and all diseased, dying or dead vegetation, stumps, weeds, rubbish, debris, trash, refuse, garbage and waste material shall be promptly removed from the Lake Buffer Area by the Owner of such Lake Lot. Boats, canoes and other watercraft approved by the Association for use on the Lake must be properly moored at a deck, dock or pier approved by the ARC but shall not be left or stored within any other portions of the Lake Buffer Area on any Lake Lot.

(d) Notwithstanding anything provided in this Declaration to the contrary, the Owner of any Lake Lot shall have the right, with the prior written approval of the ARC, to (i) construct and install a deck, dock, pier, additional landscaping, landscaping berms, screening and other Improvements on or within the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot or which may extend into the Lake and (ii) remove any existing trees, landscaping, undergrowth, or other forms of plant life within the Lake Buffer Area of such Owner's Lake Lot. The ARC may require additional landscaping, landscaping berms, screening and other improvements be constructed, installed and maintained within the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot by the Owner of such Lake Lot as part of the initial landscaping of such Lake Lot. To the extent the ARC approves in writing the construction and installation of any deck, dock or pier within the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot or if any such deck, dock or pier extends into the Lake, then the approval of the same by the ARC shall also constitute a revocable license by the Association for the continued encroachment of any such deck, dock or pier into the Lake and the Lake Buffer Area, which license may be revoked by the Association at any time. In no event shall the ARC be obligated to approve any such encroachments into the Lake Buffer Area or the Lake.

3.10 NO IMPLIED EASEMENTS; LIMITATION ON ACCESS TO LAKE BUFFER AREAS AND LAKE LOTS.

(a) No easements for light, air or view are created in favor of any Lot or any Building situated on any Lot and no such easements shall be implied from any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

(b) Although all Owners and Occupants shall have the right to use and enjoy the Lake subject to compliance with the Rules and Regulations, only the Owner of a Lake Lot and such Owner's Occupants shall be entitled to access the Lake from the Lake Buffer Area within the Lake Lot of such Owner. Within the Common Areas, Developer and the Association shall have the right to construct Recreational Facilities for use by all Owners and Occupants subject to compliance with the Rules and Regulations. No Owner or Occupant shall have the right to enter upon or use the Lake Buffer Area or Lake Lot of another Owner.

ARTICLE IV ASSOCIATION

4.01 MEMBERSHIP. The Owner of each Lot shall be a member of the Association. For purposes of determining membership in the Association, only one (1) membership in the Association shall be allowed per each Lot, regardless of the number of Buildings situated on any Lot. Membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot; provided, however, that (a) Developer shall be deemed a member of the Association and shall have one (1) vote for each Lot within the Property owned by Developer, (b) in the event any Lot is owned by more than one (1) person, then the Owner of such Lot shall, by written notice to the Board, designate only one (1) representative to serve as a member of the Association, which representative shall exercise all voting rights attributable to the Lot owned by such Owner and (c) no Mortgagee shall become a member of the Association until such time, if at all, that the Mortgagee becomes an Owner by virtue of foreclosure of its Mortgage and title to such encumbered Lot is vested in Mortgagee pursuant to a duly recorded deed. The transfer or conveyance of

fee title to any Lot (other than by a Mortgage as security for the payment of an obligation), shall automatically include the transfer of all membership rights of such Owner in the Association with respect to the Lot transferred and conveyed, notwithstanding any failure of the transferor to endorse to his transferee any certificates, assignments or other evidence of such membership. Membership in, or the rights and benefits of, the Association may not be transferred, assigned, conveyed or otherwise alienated in any manner separately and apart from the ownership of a Lot. Each member of the Association shall at all times comply with the provisions of this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws and all Rules and Regulations which may from time to time be adopted by the Board or the members of the Association.

4.02 BOARD. The Board shall have the rights and duties set forth in the Certificate of Formation and the Bylaws. Developer hereby retains and shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint and remove, with or without cause, any and all members of the Board and any and all officers of the Association until the occurrence of the Turnover Date. From and after the Turnover Date, the number of members of the Board shall increase to five (5) and the Owners shall have the exclusive right to appoint and remove all five (5) members of the Board in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Bylaws. As used throughout this Declaration, all actions required or permitted to be taken by the Association shall, unless otherwise expressly provided herein to the contrary, be by the majority vote of the members of the Board. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, vests in Developer the sole and absolute authority to appoint and remove all of the members of the Board and all of the officers of the Association until the occurrence of the Turnover Date.

4.03 VOTING RIGHTS.

(a) **Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation or the Bylaws, Developer shall, subject to the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 4.03(a), have the sole and exclusive right to exercise all voting rights in the Association until the Turnover Date;** provided, however, that (i) any Special Assessments must be approved by the Owners in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 8.04 below and (ii) certain amendments to this Declaration are subject to the terms and provisions of Section 10.02 below. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to any Lot, shall be deemed to have irrevocably and unconditionally agreed to the foregoing terms and provisions of this Declaration and shall further be deemed to waive any and all voting rights in the Association prior to the Turnover Date other than as specifically set forth in Sections 8.04 and 10.02 hereof.

(b) With respect to those two (2) matters described in Section 4.03(a) above which must be approved or voted on by the Owners prior to the occurrence of the Turnover Date and at all times following the Turnover Date, the Owner of each Lot who is "in good standing", as defined in the Bylaws, shall be entitled to one (1) vote in any matter submitted to the members of the Association for approval. No Owner, whether one or more persons, shall have more than one membership and one vote per Lot owned and, to the extent any Lot contains more than one Building, then such Lot shall be entitled to only one (1) vote regardless of the number of Buildings situated on such Lot. Such voting rights shall continue to apply to each Lot upon the addition of any of the Additional Property to this Declaration. Only those Owners who hold legal title to a Lot shall be entitled to vote on any matter submitted to the members of the Association for approval. For purposes of this Section 4.03, at all times prior to and after the Turnover Date, Developer shall be deemed the Owner of, and entitled to, all voting rights attributable to any Lots owned by Developer.

(c) Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, consents and agrees to the dilution of his or her voting interest in the Association by virtue of the resubdivision of any Lot by Developer pursuant to Section 2.07 above or the submission of any Additional Property to the terms of this Declaration.

In no event, whether as a result of there being multiple ownership interests in any Lot or otherwise, shall more than one vote be allowed for any one Lot. Fractional voting shall not be permitted.


(d) Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the Association shall have the right to suspend any Owner's voting rights or privileges in the Association pursuant to the terms and provisions of Section 11.01 below. To the extent any Owner is not "in good standing", as defined in the Bylaws, then the voting rights of such Owner shall be suspended and shall not be counted or included in determining whether a quorum is present or whether the applicable number of votes have been cast in any vote of the Owners, as more particularly described and provided in the Bylaws.

4.04 DUTIES AND POWERS OF ASSOCIATION.

(a) In addition to the rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations of the Association otherwise set forth in this Declaration, the Association shall have the power to do, cause to be done and otherwise perform or cause to be performed any of the duties and powers set forth in the Certificate of Formation and the Bylaws. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege granted to it expressly by this Declaration or by law, together with every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it herein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege. The powers and authority granted herein and in the Certificate of Formation and Bylaws of the Association may be exercised by the Board, acting through the officers of the Association, without further consent or action on the part of the Owners. Subject to the conditions, restrictions and other provisions of this Declaration, all agreements, actions and determinations lawfully authorized by the Board shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns and all others having any interest in the Property.

(b) In performing its responsibilities hereunder, the Association, through the Board, shall have the right and authority to delegate to such persons of its choice, including third party management companies which may be Affiliates of Developer, such duties of the Association as may be determined by the Board. In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation thereof, the Association may obtain and pay for the services of any person or entity to manage its affairs or any part thereof, to the extent it deems advisable, as well as such other personnel as the Association shall deem necessary or desirable for the proper operation of any portion of the Common Areas, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by independent contract with the Association. All costs and expenses incident to the employment of a manager of the Association or any of the Common Areas shall be part of the Common Expenses. During the term of any such management agreement entered into by the Association with a third party, such manager may, if authorized by the Board, exercise all the powers and shall be responsible for the performance of all of the duties of the Association, excepting any of such powers or duties specifically reserved to the Board or the officers of the Association by this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation or the Bylaws. Such manager may be any Person and may be bonded in such manner as the Board may require, with the cost of such bond to be part of the Common Expenses. In addition to the foregoing, the Association may pay for and the Board may hire and contract for such legal, accounting and other professional services as are necessary or desirable in connection with the administration and operation of the Property and the Association or the enforcement of this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, the Architectural Standards or the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

4.05 MEETINGS OF MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION. Annual and special meetings of the Owners (members of the Association) shall be held in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Bylaws.


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4.06 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

(a) The Association, acting through the Board, shall have the right, at its option, to elect to provide the Recreational Facilities, in which event the following terms and provisions shall be applicable to all Owners and the Association:

(i) At the closing of the purchase by the first Purchaser of any Lot, such first Purchaser and each subsequent Owner of such Lot thereafter shall be obligated to pay to the Association a fee (individually, an "Amenity Fee" and collectively, the "Amenity Fees") in such amounts as may be determined (and changed) from time to time by the Board, which Amenity Fees shall be utilized by the Association in accordance with the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 4.06(a). The Amenity Fee charged by the Association to the first Purchaser of a Lot may be greater than or less than the fee charged to any subsequent Owners of such Lot. The amount of the Amenity Fee shall be determined (and shall be subject to change from time to time) by the Board, in its sole and absolute discretion;

(ii) Subject to the provisions of Section 4.06(a)(iv) below, all Amenity Fees collected by the Association shall be utilized by the Association to pay for (1) the costs of constructing, installing, obtaining and providing the Recreational Facilities which the Association determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, to construct, install, obtain or provide for the benefit of the Owners, (2) any other costs and expenses incurred by the Association in connection with the operation, use, maintenance, repair, upkeep and replacement of any Recreational Facilities and (3) any of the other uses or purposes specified or authorized in this Section 4.06(a);

(iii) The Association, acting through the Board, shall determine both the time(s) at which any Recreational Facilities will be constructed and what types of Recreational Facilities will be constructed. Neither Developer nor the Association makes any representations or warranties concerning what the Recreational Facilities will consist of or when any Recreational Facilities will be constructed or completed by the Association. All decisions concerning whether the Association will undertake the construction or installation of any Recreational Facilities, the determination and collection of Amenity Fees, what the Recreational Facilities will consist of and when construction of any of the Recreational Facilities will be commenced or completed, will be made by the Board;

(iv) All Amenity Fees collected by the Association shall be retained by the Association in a separate account, separate and apart from the other funds of the Association. The Amenity Fees paid to the Association shall be utilized solely for the following purposes and in the order set forth below:

(1) First to pay in full all costs to construct, install, obtain and provide Recreational Facilities;

(2) Second, to extent Annual Assessments are insufficient to pay the same, to pay the costs to own, operate, use, maintain, repair, upkeep and replace the Neighborhood Amenities;

(3) Third, to establish reserves for future Recreational Facilities or for the alteration, improvement, operation, use, maintenance, repair, upkeep and replacement of the Recreational Facilities;

(4) Fourth, The Board may, in its sole discretion, elect to use the Amenity Fees to pay any Common Expenses incurred by the Association from time to time; and

(5) Fifth, the Board may, in its sole discretion, elect to apply any portion of the Amenity Fees then held by the Association as a credit against any subsequent years' Annual Assessments due and payable by any Owners;

(v) The costs and expenses of operating, maintaining and repairing any of the Recreational Facilities shall constitute Common Expenses which shall be paid by the Owners through the payment of Annual Assessments in the manner provided in Section 8.03 below; and

(vi) The Association may engage Developer to construct the Recreational Amenities, in which event the Amenity Fees shall be paid to Developer for the costs incurred by Developer (including any costs incurred by Developer in constructing the Recreational Amenities which have not been previously reimbursed to Developer) to construct, install, and furnish the Recreational Facilities.

(b) The Amenity Fees shall constitute Individual Assessments which, if not timely paid to the Association by any Owner, shall be enforceable by the Association in the manner set forth in Article VIII below.

(c) The Association may elect to suspend the collection of Amenity Fees at any time and may exempt any Lots or Dwellings from the payment of Amenity Fees at any time.

(d) The Board, shall have the right, from time to time, to adopt as part of the Rules and Regulations additional rules and regulations for the use of any of the Recreational Facilities, including, without limitation: authorizing third parties who are not Owners to utilize any of the Recreational Facilities on such terms as the Board may, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine; adopting limitations or restrictions on the number of (and frequency of use by) guests of Owners who may use the Recreational Facilities; limiting the use of certain of the Recreational Facilities only to the Owners and immediate family members of any Owners; establishing hours and days that the Recreational Facilities will be open and available for use; requiring an Owner to be responsible for any damages to the Recreational Facilities caused by such Owner or such Owner's family members or guests; and such other rules and regulations which the Board may from time to time adopt, including, without limitation, adopting rules and regulations for use of the Recreational Facilities for private parties sponsored by an Owner and establishing fees and charges for such private parties.

(e) The obligations of all Owners to pay Amenity Fees and any other fees, costs and expenses described in Sections 4.06(a) and 4.06(b) above shall be mandatory as to all Owners and no Owner shall have the right or option to not pay any such fees or expenses even if such Owner does not utilize any of the Recreational Facilities provided for use by all Owners.

4.07 MANAGEMENT BY DEVELOPER OR ITS AFFILIATES. Developer or any of Developer's Affiliates may be employed as the manager of the Association and for the Property until the Turnover Date at such compensation and on such terms as would be usual, customary and obtainable in an arms-length transaction with any third party providing comparable services for any real estate development in the southeastern United States of the size, quality and nature of Blackridge.

4.08 INTERESTED TRANSACTIONS. The Association may obtain materials or services from Developer or any of its Affiliates in connection with the management of the Association or any part of the Common Areas as herein contemplated; provided that the compensation for such materials or services is, in the opinion of the Board, comparable with the compensation of any non-affiliated third party providing similar materials or services which can be reasonably made available to the Association.

4.09 INDEMNIFICATION. The Association shall and does hereby indemnify, defend and agree to hold each and every member of the Board and each and every officer, agent, employee and representative (including any person designated by the Board to serve as a committee member on any committee established by the Board) of the Association harmless from and against any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, suffered, paid or incurred by any of them in connection with any action, suit or other proceeding, including the settlement of any suit or proceeding to which such person may be made a party by reason of being or having been a member of the Board or an officer, agent, employee or representative (including any person designated by the Board to serve as a committee member on any committee established by the Board) of the Association. The members of the Board and the officers, agents, employees and representatives of the Association (including any person designated by the Board to serve as a committee member on any committee established by the Board) shall not be liable for any mistake in judgment, negligence or otherwise except for their own willful misconduct or reckless disregard of duty, as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. The members of the Board and the officers, agents, employees and representatives of the Association (including any person designated by the Board to serve as a committee member on any committee established by the Board) shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association and the Association shall and does hereby indemnify, defend and agree to forever hold each such member of the Board and each such officer, agent, employee and representative of the Association (including any person designated by the Board to serve as a committee member on any committee established by the Board) harmless from and against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. The indemnification obligations and rights provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any member of the Board or any officer, agent, employee or representative of the Association (including any person designated by the Board to serve as a committee member on any committee established by the Board) may be entitled, including anything provided to the contrary in the Certificate of Formation or the Bylaws. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and, to the extent financially feasible, officers' and directors' liability insurance in order to fulfill its obligations under this Section 4.09 and the costs of such insurance shall constitute a Common Expense.

4.10 TURNOVER.

(a) On or prior to the occurrence of the Turnover Date, all Common Areas, if any, owned by Developer shall be transferred and conveyed by Developer to the Association by quitclaim deed. Developer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, elect to transfer and convey to the Association by quitclaim deed any other real property owned by Developer at any time prior to the occurrence of the Turnover Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Developer shall, at its sole cost and expense, cause any real property conveyed to the Association to be conveyed free and clear of all liens and encumbrances other than taxes for the then current year and all subsequent years thereafter, the terms and provisions of this Declaration and all other easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, reservations and other matters of record and such other terms, covenants and agreements as may be required by Developer (which may include, by way of illustration, but not limitation, the reservation of easements and other rights as to such real property conveyed by Developer to the Association). The Association, by execution of this Declaration, agrees to accept conveyances by quit claim deeds of any and all real property which may be conveyed to it by Developer and, if requested by Developer, from any builders or developers of any portion of the Property and all such Property shall thereafter constitute and be deemed to be part of the Common Areas. In addition, on or before the Turnover Date, Developer shall transfer and assign to the Association and the Association

shall assume all of Developer's rights and obligations under any and all agreements entered into by Developer on behalf of the Association or which benefit the Association. **Developer does not make, and has not made, any representations or warranties, either express or implied, as to the physical condition of any real or personal property which may be conveyed by Developer to the Association and the Association shall accept any such real or personal property in its then "AS IS" condition, "WITH ALL FAULTS".**

(b) Following the election of the Board by the Members after the Turnover Date in accordance with the terms of the Bylaws, Developer shall deliver to the newly elected Board the information required by *Ala. Code* (1975) Section 35-20-10.

ARTICLE V

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

5.01 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION. The ARC shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) persons, each of whom shall be appointed or elected as provided in Section 5.02 below. The persons designated to serve on the ARC may, but shall not be required to be, Owners or Occupants. The regular term of office for each member of the ARC shall be three (3) years, coinciding with the fiscal year of the Association. Any member of the ARC may be removed with or without cause in the manner provided in Section 5.02 below.

5.02 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ARC MEMBERS.

(a) **DEVELOPER RESERVES THE RIGHT AT ALL TIMES PRIOR TO THE OCCURRENCE OF THE TURNOVER DATE TO APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARC.** Any person appointed as a member of the ARC by Developer may be removed, with or without cause, at any time by Developer. In the event of the death or resignation of a member of the ARC who has been appointed by Developer, then the Developer shall appoint a substitute member of the ARC to fill such vacancy.

(b) Developer reserves the right, at any time prior to the occurrence of the Turnover Date, to elect, in a written notice given to the Association, to no longer retain the exclusive rights to appoint and remove members of the ARC as set forth in Section 5.02(a). Following the giving of such written notice by Developer to the Association, the Board shall, at all times thereafter, have the right to appoint and remove all persons who will serve on the ARC. Any person appointed as a member of the ARC by the Board may be removed, with or without cause, at any time by the Board. In the event of the death or resignation of a member of the ARC who has been appointed by the Board, then the Board shall appoint a substitute member of the ARC to fill such vacancy. Any person appointed by the Board to serve on the ARC shall be deemed an agent of the Association. The terms and provisions of this Section 5.02(b) shall not be effective until such time as Developer elects, in its sole and absolute discretion, to relinquish the right to appoint and remove members of the ARC, which election must be evidenced by a written notice provided by Developer to the Association in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 5.02(a) above.

5.03 PROCEDURE AND MEETINGS. The ARC shall elect a chairman and him or her, or in his or her absence, any vice-chairman so elected, shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the ARC. The ARC shall meet on a regular basis as well as upon call of the chairman or vice-chairman and all such meetings shall be held at such places as may be designated by the chairman or vice-chairman. The presence, either in person or by proxy, of a majority of the total number of members of the ARC shall constitute a quorum of the ARC for the transaction of business and the affirmative vote of a majority of those present in person or by proxy at a meeting of the ARC shall constitute the action of the ARC on any matter which

comes before it. The ARC is authorized to retain the services of consulting architects, landscape architects, designers, engineers, inspectors and/or attorneys in order to advise and assist the ARC in performing its functions set forth herein. Any such costs and expenses incurred by the ARC which are not paid by Owners as part of the plan review fee established from time to time by the ARC shall constitute Common Expenses. Each member of the ARC may be paid a stipend or honorarium as may from time to time be determined by the Board and shall otherwise be entitled to a reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the ARC, subject to the approval of such expenses by the Board. The ARC shall have the right from time to time to adopt and establish such rules and regulations as may be determined to be necessary concerning the procedure, notice of meetings and all other matters concerning the conduct of the business of the ARC, including, without limitation, the right to designate one (1) person to act on behalf of the entire ARC in all matters in which the ARC is granted the right to act under the terms of this Declaration.

5.04 ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS. The ARC is hereby authorized to promulgate and amend and modify from time to time written Architectural Standards governing policies, guidelines and minimum requirements to be satisfied with respect to the construction, location, landscaping and design of all Buildings and any other Improvements on any Lot, the content and manner in which plans and specifications and other documentation and information concerning the construction of any Building or other Improvements on a Lot are to be submitted to and approved by the ARC and any other matters affecting the construction, repair or maintenance of any Building or other Improvements on any Lot. The Architectural Standards and any and all amendments thereto adopted from time to time by the ARC shall be in addition to the provisions and requirements set forth in this Declaration and shall be binding upon and enforceable against all Owners.

5.05 APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) **IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC APPEARANCE AND THE NATURAL SETTING AND BEAUTY OF THE PROPERTY, TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE A HARMONIOUS DESIGN FOR THE PROPERTY AND TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, THE LOTS, THE BUILDINGS AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, NO IMPROVEMENTS OF ANY NATURE SHALL BE COMMENCED, ERECTED, INSTALLED, PLACED, MOVED ONTO, ALTERED, REPLACED, RELOCATED, PERMITTED TO REMAIN ON OR MAINTAINED ON ANY LOT OTHER THAN BY DEVELOPER, WHICH AFFECT THE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE OF ANY LOT UNLESS PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREFORE HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE ARC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5.05(b) BELOW. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF ANY BUILDINGS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKING LOTS, MAILBOXES, DECKS, PATIOS, COURTYARDS, SWIMMING POOLS, TENNIS COURTS, GREENHOUSES, PLAYHOUSES, PLAY EQUIPMENT, AWNINGS, WEATHER VANES, WALLS, FENCES, EXTERIOR LIGHTS, GARAGES, GUEST OR SERVANT'S QUARTERS, GARAGES OR ANY OTHER OUTBUILDINGS OR IMPROVEMENTS, SHALL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN, NOR SHALL ANY EXTERIOR ADDITION TO OR CHANGE OR ALTERATION TO AN EXISTING BUILDING, GARAGE OR OTHER STRUCTURE ON A LOT BE MADE (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAINTING OR STAINING OF ANY EXTERIOR SURFACE), UNLESS THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SAME HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE ARC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5.05(b) BELOW. NO INTERIOR PORTIONS OR AREAS WITHIN A BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED ON A LOT WHICH DO NOT CONSTITUTE LIVING SPACE MAY BE CONVERTED INTO LIVING SPACE UNLESS THE ARC, IN ITS SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION, APPROVES THE SAME.**

(b) The ARC is hereby authorized and empowered to approve all plans and specifications and the construction of all Buildings and other Improvements on any part of the Property, including, specifically, all Common Areas but specifically excluding any and all of those areas of the Property being developed by Developer for which no ARC approval shall be required. Prior to the commencement of any Building or other Improvements on any Lot, the Owner thereof shall submit to the ARC two (2) copies of the plans and specifications and related data for all such Improvements, which shall include the following:

(i) An accurately drawn and dimensional plot plan showing all setbacks, easements, drives, and walkways and their relation to the boundaries of any Lot;

(ii) A foundation plan, floor plan, landscape plan, and exterior elevations of the Buildings as they will actually appear after all back-filling and landscaping is done from finished-ground up;

(iii) A specifications list of proposed materials and samples of exterior materials and colors which cannot be adequately described on the plans, and of materials with which the ARC is unfamiliar;

(iv) The name and address of the Owner's contractor who will construct any Building or other Improvements on the Lot; and

(v) The ARC may also require such additional information as reasonably may be necessary for the ARC to evaluate completely the proposed structure or improvement in accordance with this Declaration. All information submitted to the ARC shall be delivered to such address as may be established by the ARC from time to time.

(c) The ARC shall, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine whether the plans and specifications and other data submitted by any Owner for approval are acceptable. The ARC shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications upon any ground which is consistent with the objectives and purposes of this Declaration, including purely aesthetic considerations, any failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Declaration or the Architectural Standards, failure to provide requested information, objection to exterior design, appearance or materials, objection on the ground of incompatibility of any such proposed improvement with the scheme of development proposed for the Property, objection to the location of any proposed Improvements on any such Lot, objection to the landscaping plan for such Lot, objection to the color scheme, finish, proportions, style of architecture, height, bulk or appropriateness of any Improvement or any other matter which, in the sole and absolute judgment of the ARC, would render the proposed Improvement inharmonious with the general plan of development contemplated for Blackridge. The ARC shall have the right to approve any submitted plans and specifications with conditions or stipulations by which the Owner of such Lot shall be obligated to comply and must be incorporated into the plans and specifications for such Improvements. Approval of plans and specifications by the ARC for Improvements to one particular Lot shall not be deemed an approval or otherwise obligate the ARC to approve similar plans and specifications or any of the features or elements for the Improvements for any other Lot. One copy of all plans, specifications and related data so submitted to the ARC shall be retained in the records of the ARC and the second copy shall be returned to the Owner submitting the same marked "approved", "approved as noted" or "disapproved". Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, an Owner may make interior improvements and alterations within any Buildings situated on such Owner's Lot without the necessity or requirement that the approval or consent of the ARC be obtained so long as (i) such improvements and alterations do not affect the exterior appearance of such Building and (ii) the Living Space within such Building is not increased.

(d) The ARC may establish a fee sufficient to cover the expense of reviewing plans and related data and to compensate any consulting architects, landscape architects, designers, engineers, inspectors and/or attorneys retained in order to approve such plans and specifications and to monitor and otherwise enforce the terms hereof. Such fee or fees shall be paid by the Owner who is seeking approval of plans and specifications. The ARC shall also have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to require the Owner of each Lot to deposit a construction escrow/security deposit with the ARC at the time the ARC approves the plans and specifications for any Improvements to such Owner's Lot. Such construction escrow/security deposit shall be held by the Association, shall serve as security for the full and faithful completion by such Owner of all Improvements to be made by such Owner on such Owner's Lot and the compliance with all of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Declaration and interest, if any, earned on said deposit shall belong to and remain the property of the Association. Any such escrow/security deposit shall be returned to the Owner who has deposited the same upon completion of all Improvements on such Lot and the determination by the ARC, in its sole and absolute discretion, that all of the other terms and provisions of this Declaration have been satisfied and complied with in all respects by such Owner, his or her agents, employees and independent contractors. If the ARC, in its sole discretion, determines that such Improvements are not timely completed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Declaration, or if, in the construction of such Improvements, such Owner or his or her agents, employees or independent contractors, fail to abide by all of the terms and provisions of this Declaration and any of the Architectural Standards, then the ARC shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to use all or any portion of such escrow/security deposit to complete, correct or remedy any such breach by such Owner or his or her agents, employees or independent contractors; provided, however, that application of such escrow/security deposit to the costs to complete, correct or remedy any such breach or violation shall not be deemed a release or waiver of any rights of the ARC or the Association to exercise any of their respective rights or remedies set forth in this Declaration. In addition to the foregoing, the ARC reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to require each Owner and/or such Owner's builder, to execute a storm water discharge and soil erosion indemnity in favor of the ARC, the Association and Developer.

(e) In the event the ARC fails to approve in writing any proposed plans and specifications within thirty (30) days after such plans and specifications have been submitted, then the plans and specifications so submitted to the ARC will be deemed to have been disapproved.

(f) Any revisions, modifications or changes in any plans and specifications previously approved by the ARC must be approved by the ARC in the same manner specified above.

(g) If construction of the Building or the Improvements has not substantially commenced (*e.g.*, by clearing and grading, pouring of footings and otherwise commencing framing and other related construction work) within one (1) year of approval by the ARC of the plans and specifications for such Building or other Improvements, then no construction may be commenced (or continued) on such Lot and the Owner of such Lot shall be required to resubmit all plans and specifications for any Building or other Improvements to the ARC for approval in the same manner specified above.

(h) Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that the City will not issue building permits for any Improvements on a Lot until such time as the ARC has approved the plans and specifications for such Improvements.

(i) The ARC shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, absolute discretion, to adopt an approved builder program pursuant to which only builders and contractors approved by the ARC (and which satisfy any requirements of the ARC) will be authorized to construct Buildings and other Improvements within the Property.

5.06 LANDSCAPING APPROVAL. In order to preserve, to the extent practicable, the natural landscaping and plant life currently situated on the Property and in order to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the Property, no landscaping, grading, excavation or fill work of any nature shall be implemented or installed by any Owner (other than by Developer) on any Lot unless and until landscaping plans therefore have been submitted to and approved by the ARC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Owner may periodically remove, change, plant, and replant annual flowers in beds on such Owner's Lot designated for annual flowers (as shown on the landscaping plans approved by the ARC).

5.07 CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT APPROVAL. If (a) any Improvements are initiated, installed, maintained, altered, replaced or relocated on any Lot without ARC approval of the plans and specifications for the same or (b) the ARC shall determine that any approved plans and specifications for any Improvements or the approved landscaping plans for any Lot are not being complied with, then, in either event, the Owner of such Lot shall be deemed to have violated this Declaration and the ARC shall have the right to exercise any of the rights and remedies set forth in Section 5.12 below.

5.08 INSPECTION. The ARC and any agent, employee or representative thereof may at any reasonable time and from time to time enter upon and inspect any Lot or any Improvements being constructed thereon in order to determine whether the approved plans and specifications therefor are being complied with. Any such entry shall not be deemed to be a trespass or any other wrongful act by the ARC.

5.09 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS. The Property is located in an area which includes underground mines, tunnels, sinkholes and subsurface conditions which may result in sinkholes or other types of ground subsidence. The approval of plans and specifications by the ARC for any Building or other Improvements on a Lot shall not be construed in any respect as a representation or warranty by the ARC or Developer to the Owner submitting such plans or to any of the successors or assigns of such Owner that the surface or subsurface conditions of such Lot are suitable for the construction of the Improvements contemplated by such plans and specifications. It shall be the sole responsibility of each Owner to determine the suitability and adequacy of the surface and subsurface conditions of any Lot for the construction of any contemplated Improvements thereon. Each Owner, for such Owner and all Occupants of any Improvements situated on the Lot owned by such Owner, does hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waive and release Developer the ARC, the Association and each agent, employee, representative, shareholder, partner, officer, director, or the holder of any ownership or financial interest in any of the foregoing entities or committees, of and from any and all damage, loss, action, cause of action, liability, cost, expense or prejudice suffered, claimed, paid or incurred by any Owner or Occupant of such Owner's Lot or any Buildings or other Improvements constructed thereon on account of the use of fill dirt or the possibility that underground mines, tunnels, sink holes and other subsurface conditions which may result in sinkholes or other types of ground subsidence exist on, upon or under any of the Lots.


5.10 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, (a) neither Developer, the ARC, the Association, nor any agent, employee, representative, member, shareholder, partner, officer or director thereof shall have any liability of any nature whatsoever for, and (b) each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to any Lot, does hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waive and release Developer, the ARC, the Association and each agent, employee, representative, member, shareholder, partner, officer and director thereof from, any and all damage, loss, action, cause of action, liability, expense or prejudice suffered, claimed, paid or incurred by any Owner on account of (i) any defects in any plans and specifications submitted, reviewed or approved in accordance with the provisions of this Article V, (ii) any defects, structural or otherwise, in any work done according to such plans and specifications, (iii) the failure of the ARC to approve or the disapproval of any plans, drawings, specifications or other data submitted by any Owner for approval pursuant to the provisions of this Article V, (iv) the construction or performance of any work related to such plans, drawings and specifications, (v) bodily injuries (including death) to any Owner, Occupant or the respective family members, guests,

employees, servants, agents, invitees or licensees of any such Owner or Occupant, or any damage to any Buildings, Improvements or the personal property of any Owner, Occupant or the respective family members, guests, employees, servants, agents, invitees or licensees of such Owner or Occupant, which may be caused by, or arise as a result of, any defect, structural or otherwise, in any Buildings or Improvements or the plans and specifications therefore, or any past, present or future soil and/or subsurface conditions, known or unknown (including, without limitation, sinkholes, underground mines, tunnels and water channels and limestone formations on or under any Lot) and (vi) any other loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, including court costs and attorneys' fees, suffered, paid or incurred by any Owner arising out of or in connection with the use and occupancy of any Lot or any Improvements situated thereon.

5.11 COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION. As provided in Section 11.03 below, each Owner must complete construction of the primary Building on such Owner's Lot within the time period set forth in Section 11.03 below. Upon commencement of construction of the primary Building, construction work thereon shall be prosecuted diligently and continuously and shall be completed within eighteen (18) months of the commencement date of said construction (unless an extension is granted in writing by the ARC), such completion to be evidenced by a final certificate of occupancy issued by the appropriate Governmental Authorities. In the event any Owner fails to complete construction of a Building on Such Owner's Lot as provided herein, then Developer shall have the right set forth in Section 11.03 below.

5.12 ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES. In the event any of the provisions of this Article V are breached or are not otherwise being complied with in all respects by any Owner or Occupant or the respective family members, guests, invitees, agents, employees or contractors of any Owner or Occupant, then the ARC and the Association shall each have the right, at their option, to (a) enjoin any further construction on any Lot and require the removal or correction of any work in place which does not comply with the plans and specifications approved by the ARC for such Improvements and/or (b) through their designated agents, employees, representatives and independent contractors, enter upon such Lot and take all action necessary to remedy or extinguish such violation or breach. All costs and expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association in enforcing any of the provisions of this Article V including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, court costs, costs and expenses of witnesses, engineers, architects, designers, land planners and any other persons involved in the correction of nonconforming work, the completion of uncompleted work or in any judicial proceeding, together with any other costs or expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association in causing any Owner or such Owner's contractors, agents or invitees to comply with the terms and provisions of this Article V, shall be paid by such Owner, shall constitute an Individual Assessment to such Owner pursuant to Section 8.05 below and, if the same is not paid when due, shall be subject to the lien provided for in Sections 8.01 and 8.07 below and be subject to foreclosure as provided for therein. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the rights and remedies of the ARC and the Association set forth in this Section 5.12 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights and remedies which the ARC or the Association may exercise at law or in equity or any other rights and remedies contained in this Declaration.

5.13 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION. The ARC (or any authorized representative thereof) shall, upon request and at such reasonable charges as may from time to time be adopted by the Board, furnish to an Owner a certificate in writing setting forth whether all necessary ARC approvals have been obtained and whether any Building or other Improvements to a Lot has been constructed in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.


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ARTICLE VI
USE AND PROPERTY RESTRICTIONS

6.01 USE RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Except as otherwise provided to the contrary in this Section 6.01, each Lot shall be used for single-family residential purposes only; provided, however, that any portion of the Property may be used for Common Areas to the extent approved by either Developer or the ARC and any portion of the Property may be developed and used for other types of residential dwelling purposes as may be approved by the ARC.

(b) No detached buildings other than the Building shall be constructed or permitted on any Lot unless approved in writing by the ARC.

(c) No trade or business may be carried on in or from any Lot; provided, however, that (i) the use of any portion of a Building as an office by an Owner shall not be considered a violation of this covenant if such use does not create regular customer, client or employee traffic and (ii) the foregoing shall not be applicable to any Buildings utilized by Developer as model homes and sales centers.

(d) The leasing or rental of a Building for residential purposes only shall not be considered a violation of this covenant so long as the lease (i) is for not less than the entire Building, (ii) is for a term of at least six (6) months and (iii) is otherwise in compliance with the Rules and Regulations promulgated and published from time to time by the Association.

(e) Notwithstanding anything provided in this Section 6.01 to the contrary, the Property or any portion thereof, including, specifically, any Lots constituting any portion of the Property, may be used and developed for (i) any of the uses included in the definition of Common Areas and (ii) any other uses so long as such other uses have been approved in writing by the ARC.

(f) In no event shall any of the Lots be used for trailers and mobile homes; provided, however, that with ARC approval, construction trailers may be located on any of the Property during the construction of Improvements on the Property.

6.02 PLAN APPROVAL. No Buildings or other Improvements of any nature whatsoever shall be constructed on any Lot unless such Building or Improvements have been approved by the ARC in the manner set forth in Article V above.

6.03 UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. All utility lines, pipes, conduits and wiring for electrical, gas, telephone, water, sanitary sewer (to the extent available), cable television, security and any other utility service for any portion of the Property shall be installed and maintained below ground.

6.04 REQUIREMENT FOR NATURAL GAS USAGE.

(a) Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that Developer has entered into an agreement with Alabama Gas Corporation (“Utility”) for Utility to connect, install and extend natural gas lines to the Property subject to each Lot within the Property being subject to the Natural Gas Covenant, as defined below.

(b) Each Owner covenants and agrees that, at the time of initial construction and occupancy of any Buildings on such Owner’s Lot, each Building constructed thereon will be equipped with one or more natural gas heating systems as the exclusive central space heating system for each such

Building, one or more natural gas water heaters as the exclusive water heating system for each such Building and cooking equipment for each such Building (collectively, the "Natural Gas Covenant"). To the extent any Owner does not desire to be fully bound by the Natural Gas Covenant, then such Owner may satisfy said Natural Gas Covenant with respect to such Owner's Lot by paying to Utility \$1,199 for each Lot that is to be released from the Natural Gas Covenant, which payment will be due and payable upon the first to occur of (i) notice (or verification) that a Building on such applicable Lot will not comply with the above Natural Gas Covenant, or (ii) issuance of a building permit for, or substantial completion of, a Building on the applicable Lot that does not comply with the above Natural Gas Covenant. Any such payment that is not paid when due will bear interest after such date and until paid at the lesser of the rate of 1.5% per month or the maximum rate permitted by applicable law. If Utility brings suit to enforce the foregoing obligations, it will be entitled to recover the legal costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney fees. This clause will survive execution and delivery of the deed and will inure to the benefit of Utility, its successors and assigns. As an intended third party beneficiary to the foregoing agreement by each Owner, Utility is entitled to directly enforce, in its own name, the rights and obligations undertaken by each Owner in this Section 6.04 and to seek all legal and equitable remedies as are afforded to Utility herein. Utility will have the right to audit compliance with the terms of this provision at any reasonable time. Payments due Utility hereunder should be sent to the following address: Alabama Gas Corporation, 2101 Sixth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, Attention: Director Business Development.

6.05 BUILDING SETBACKS.


(a) Subject to the remaining provisions of this Section 6.05 below, minimum building setback lines for all Buildings shall be established either (i) on the recorded subdivision plat for the subdivision of which such Lot is included (which may vary for each phase of development) or (ii) in the deed from Developer to the Owner of such Lot.

(b) No Building shall be built within the setback areas established in accordance with any of the procedures specified in Section 6.04(a) above or Section 6.05 below.

6.06 APPLICATION OF ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS. The Architectural Standards establish various requirements for the development, use and construction of a Building and other Improvements on any Lot. The Architectural Standards are binding on all Lots and include, without limitation, requirements regarding Building size, approved building materials and landscaping requirements for each Lot and Building to be constructed thereon. Each Owner of a Lot shall be bound by and shall observe all requirements established by the Architectural Standards in the development, use and construction of any Buildings or other Improvements on such Owner's Lot.

6.07 HEIGHT LIMITATIONS. The height of all Buildings shall be compatible with all other Buildings adjacent to such Lot. No Building shall exceed three (3) stories in height, as measured from the finished grade of the Lot on the front of the Building facing a street or roadway. Towers, decks and outside porches shall be subject to the foregoing height limitations. Chimneys and roof finials are not subject to the foregoing height limitations.

6.08 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM LIVING SPACE. Minimum and maximum Living Space requirements for all Buildings shall be established either (a) on the recorded subdivision plat for the subdivision of which such Lot is included (which may vary for each phase of development for the Property), (b) in the separate restrictive covenants, if any, for any portion of the Property, (c) in the deed from Developer to the Owner of such Lot or (d) in any other document, instrument or agreement executed by Developer and recorded in the Probate Office.


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6.09 SOIL EROSION AND DRAINAGE. Each Owner shall provide and maintain on his or her Lot adequate soil erosion measures and drainage facilities to accommodate any storm water runoff resulting from any Improvements being or having been constructed on such Owner's Lot. Each Owner shall also insure that his or her Lot and any Improvements thereto are at all times in strict compliance with (a) all soil erosion protection requirements of all applicable Governmental Authorities, (b) all storm water drainage and runoff requirements and regulations of all applicable Governmental Authorities and (c) all other statutes, ordinances, codes, laws, permits, legislation, rules, regulations, requirements, and rulings of any Governmental Authority. Each Owner shall, in connection with the construction of any Building or other Improvements on such Owner's Lot, be solely responsible for providing adequate storm water drainage improvements and facilities on such Owner's Lot which shall be sufficient to adequately channel any storm water which may either cross or come upon such Owner's Lot from adjoining Lots or Common Areas or which may originate and drain from such Owner's Lot and any Improvements thereto onto adjoining Lots and Common Areas. **Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to his or her Lot, shall and does hereby indemnify, defend and agree to hold Developer, the ARC, the Association and their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, members, managers and representatives, harmless from and against any and all fines, penalties, costs and expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, and any and all other amounts suffered, paid or incurred by Developer, the ARC, the Association and their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, members, managers and representatives in connection with any action, suit or proceeding (including the settlement of any suit or proceeding) to which any such person may be made a party by reason of the breach by such Owner (or such Owner's Occupants, contractors, subcontractors, guests, agents, employees or invitees) of any of the terms and provisions of this Section 6.09.**

6.10 ABOVE OR BELOW GROUND TANKS AND WELLS. No exposed above-ground tanks for the storage of fuel, water or any other substances shall be located on any Lot or within any of the Common Areas. No private water wells may be drilled or maintained and no septic tanks or similar sewage facilities may be installed or maintained on any Lot without the prior written consent of the ARC. To the extent available, each Lot shall utilize public sewage systems for the discharge of sewage from such Lot.

6.11 SEWER SERVICE FOR ALL LOTS.

(a) Sanitary sewer service for all Lots will be provided by an Owner LPS Equipment. All Lots must utilize Owner LPS Equipment which must be connected to the County Low-Pressure Sewer Main in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 6.11(b) below. The Owner LPS Equipment, once installed on a Lot, will be owned by the Owner of such Lot and will be maintained by the Association (or its designated Sewer Service Company) subject to the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 6.11.

(b) At the time of construction of a Building on a Lot, the Owner of such Lot shall, at the sole cost and expense of such Owner (or such Owner's contractor or builder), construct and install on such Owner's Lot the Owner LPS Equipment and the Electrical Connections in accordance with the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 6.11(b). The Association's designated Sewer Service Company shall designate the types, manufacturer, size, and methods of installation of the Owner LPS Equipment and the Electrical Connections on each Lot and such designated Sewer Service Company shall be the sole Person who shall install the Owner LPS Equipment on each Lot. The Owner LPS Equipment shall be installed in accordance with all requirements of all applicable Governmental Authorities, including those of Jefferson County, Alabama and its successors and assigns. Each Owner (or such Owner's contractor or builder) shall contract directly with the Association's designated Sewer Service Company for the installation of all Owner LPS Equipment on such Owner's Lot and each Owner (or such Owner's builder or contractor) shall be solely responsible for the payment of all such installation costs. Neither Developer nor the Association shall have any obligation to install any Owner LPS Equipment. Each Owner of a Lot

(or such Owner's builder or contractor) shall also be solely responsible, at such Owner's sole cost and expense, for (i) constructing, installing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing from time to time (1) the Electrical Connections for the operation of the Owner LPS Equipment on such Owner's Lot and (2) all sanitary sewer lines and other equipment located within the Building on such Owner's Lot, including any such lines and equipment constructed or installed within the exterior walls of such Building and (ii) providing at all times electrical service for the operation of the Owner LPS Equipment situated on such Owner's Lot. Each Owner of a Lot acknowledges and agrees that neither the Association, the Association's designated Sewer Service Company nor Developer shall have any obligation or liability of any nature to provide electrical service to the Owner's Lot or to the Owner LPS Equipment situated on such Owner's Lot, and each Owner of any Lot, for such Owner and all Occupants of such Owner's Lot, does hereby unconditionally waive, release and forever discharge the Association, its designated Sewer Service Company, Developer and the third-party engineer (the "Engineer") which has specified the minimum standards and requirements for the Owner LPS Equipment following consultation and approval of the same by the designated Sewer Service Company from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, agreements, covenants, suits, obligations, controversies, accounts, damages, costs, expenses, losses and liabilities of every kind or nature, known or unknown, suffered, paid or incurred by such Owner and any Occupants of such Owner arising out of or on account of (x) defects in the installation or any malfunction of any Electrical Connections providing electrical current to the Owner LPS Equipment situated on such Owner's Lot or (y) loss of electrical service for the operation of the Owner LPS Equipment on such Owner's Lot.

(c) Subject to the terms and provisions of this Section 6.11(c) and Sections 6.11(f), 6.11(g), Section 6.11(h) and 6.11(i) below, the Association shall be responsible for the routine maintenance, repair, upkeep and replacement of the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines once installed on each Lot; provided, however, that the Association shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to contract with a Sewer Service Company selected by the Association to perform all Association obligations relating to the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines. To the extent the Association enters into any such contract with a Sewer Service Company, then the Association shall provide written notice to all Owners and, following the giving of such notice, the Sewer Service Company shall assume and perform all obligations of the Association relating to the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines and the Association shall have no further obligations to maintain, repair or replace any of the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines.

(d) All Sewer Maintenance Expenses shall constitute part of the Common Expenses which will be paid by all Owners as part of the Annual Assessments. The Sewer Maintenance Expenses are subject to change from time to time and at any time as reasonably determined by the Board, without any prior consent or approval of, or notice to, any Owners or Occupants.

(e) Developer does hereby grant to the Association, the Sewer Service Company and their respective successors and assigns, a permanent, perpetual and non-exclusive easement over, across, through, under and upon all of the Lots for the purposes of inspecting, repairing and replacing from time to time the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines situated on each Lot. The easement established, reserved and granted herein shall include the right to cut and remove trees, undergrowth, grass, shrubbery or other Improvements of any nature situated on any Lot, to grade, excavate or fill and otherwise take any and all action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe maintenance, repair, and replacement of any portions of the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines situated on any Lot. Neither the Association nor the Sewer Service Company designated by the Association shall be obligated or required to repair or replace any trees, undergrowth, grass, shrubbery or other Improvements, including fences, of any nature damaged or destroyed as a result of the exercise of the foregoing easement rights.

(f) Each Owner, for such Owner and all Occupants of the Lot of such Owner, covenants and agrees to promptly report to the Association (or its designated Sewer Service Company) any

malfunction of, or possible repairs which may be necessary to, any of the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines situated on such Owner's Lot.

(g) Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Section 6.11, to the extent any Association-Maintained Sewer Lines are damaged or destroyed by, or are in need of repair or replacement as result of, any of the following (collectively, the "Owner Causes/Casualty"):

(i) Any act or omission of any Owner or Occupant or any contractors or service providers of such Owner or any Occupant (including, without limitation, any landscaping and lawn service companies engaged by the Owner or Occupant of any Lot), as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Association's designated Sewer Service Company;

(ii) The failure of any Owner or Occupant to strictly comply with all rules and regulations established by the Association or the Sewer Service Company regarding the operation or use of the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines on such Owner's Lot, as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Association's designated Sewer Service Company; or

(iii) Any fire, casualty, weather conditions, or acts of God,

then, in any of the foregoing events, all costs and expenses paid or incurred by the Association (or its designated Sewer Service Company) in repairing or replacing the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines situated on such Owner's Lot shall be charged directly to the Owner of such Lot by the Association as an Individual Assessment, which Individual Assessment, together with interest and other costs and expenses paid or incurred by the Association as provided in Sections 8.05 and 8.07 below, shall be subject to the lien and enforcement rights set forth in this Declaration. Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that such Owner is responsible for obtaining and maintaining in full force and effect at all times fire and casualty insurance coverage for such Owner's Lot and all Improvements thereto which should also include insurance coverage for damages to the Owner LPS Equipment or the Owner Gravity Sewer Line, as applicable, situated on such Owner's Lot.

(h) Each Owner, for such Owner and any Occupants of such Owner's Lot, covenants and agrees to abide by and otherwise comply with any and all rules and regulations established from time to time by the Association, the Sewer Service Company, Jefferson County, Alabama (and its successors and assigns) and all other Governmental Authorities in connection with the operation and use of any Owner LPS Equipment on a Lot or the Owner Gravity Sewer Line on a GSL Lot.

(i) **Each Owner, for such Owner and any Occupants of such Owner's Lot, and their respective heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, by acceptance of a deed to such Lot, and each Mortgagee, by acceptance of a Mortgage encumbering any such Lot, for themselves and their respective successors and assigns, do hereby:**

(i) **Irrevocably and unconditionally waive, release and forever discharge Developer, the Engineer and the Association and their respective officers, directors, members, managers, partners, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, agreements, covenants, suits, obligations, controversies, accounts, damages, costs, expenses, losses and liabilities of every kind or nature, known or unknown, arising out of or on account of any defect in, malfunction of, or damages caused by any Owner**

Causes/Casualty or the loss of electrical service to such Owner's Lot or any Buildings or other Improvements situated thereon; and

(ii) Shall and does hereby indemnify, defend and agree to hold Developer, the Engineer, the Association and their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, shareholders, members, managers and representatives, (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against any and all fines, penalties, costs and expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, and any and all other amounts suffered, paid or incurred by any of the Indemnified Parties in connection with any action, suit or proceeding (including the settlement of any suit or proceeding) to which any Indemnified Parties may be made a party by reason of (1) any acts or omissions of such Owner or any Occupants, contractors or invitees of such Owner, (2) the failure of such Owner or any Occupants of such Owner to fully and completely abide by and comply with all rules and regulations of the Sewer Service Company regarding the use, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Association-Maintained Sewer Lines or any applicable laws, ordinances, statutes, rules regulations or requirements of any Governmental Authorities, (3) any Owner Causes/Casualty or (4) the loss of electrical service to such Owner's Lot or any Buildings or other Improvements situated thereon.

Each Owner shall also be obligated to pay all impact fees, use fees, demand charges, and all other costs and expenses charged from time to time by Jefferson County, Alabama (or its successors and assigns) for sanitary sewer services provided to all Buildings and other Improvements situated on such Owner's Lot (collectively, the "County Charges") of such Owner based on such billing standards and criteria established from time to time by Jefferson County, Alabama (or its successors and assigns). Such County Charges shall be in addition to the Sewer Maintenance Expenses and shall not be paid by the Association.

6.12 CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS.

(a) During the construction of any Improvements (including a Building) on any Lot, (i) such Lot shall be maintained in a clean condition, free of debris and waste material, (ii) all unused construction materials shall be stored, to the extent practicable, out of view from any roadways within or adjacent to the Property and (iii) all construction trash, debris and rubbish on each Lot shall be properly disposed of outside Blackridge at least weekly. Used construction materials may be burned on-site only in accordance with the laws, ordinances, codes, statutes, rules or regulations of any applicable Governmental Authority; in no event, however, shall any used construction materials be buried on or beneath any Lot or any other portion of Blackridge. No Owner shall allow dirt, mud, gravel or other substances to collect or remain on any roadways within or adjacent to the Property. Each Owner and each Owner's contractor, subcontractors, laborers and suppliers shall cause all such dirt, mud, gravel and other substances to be removed from the treads and wheels of all vehicles used in or related to the construction of Improvements on a Lot prior to such vehicles traveling on any roadways within or adjacent to the Property.

(b) During the initial construction of any Building on a Lot, up to two (2) signs, in size and color to be approved by the ARC, may be posted on a Lot at a height not to exceed five (5) feet from the ground level advertising the Lot and Building for sale or containing information identifying the builder of such Building. No other signage, banners, flags or advertising posters shall be allowed on any portion of the Property. No signage shall be attached, nailed or otherwise adhered to any tree or other plant life.

(c) During the construction of any Improvements, construction equipment and the vehicles of all contractors, subcontractors, laborers, materialmen and suppliers shall (i) not park within any of the Common Areas, (ii) utilize off-street parking only, (iii) enter the Lot on which such Improvements

are being constructed only from the driveway for such Lot, and (iv) not damage trees or other vegetation on such Lot which, pursuant to the Rules and Regulations, are to be preserved. No construction trucks, equipment or machinery, including any trailers used for the transportation of construction equipment or machinery, shall be parked overnight on any roadways within the Property. Upon completion of construction of any Building or other Improvements to a Lot, all construction machinery, tools and equipment, all unused construction materials and all trash, debris and rubbish shall be immediately removed from the Lot and such Lot shall be kept and maintained in a clean and uncluttered condition. All builders, contractors, subcontractors, laborers, suppliers, materialmen and other professionals involved in the construction of any Buildings or other Improvements on a Lot shall be required to abide by and comply with all construction standards, guidelines and requirements adopted from time to time by the ARC as part of the Architectural Standards.

(d) All Buildings and any other Improvements shall be constructed in compliance with this Declaration, the Rules and Regulations, the Architectural Standards and all applicable federal, state, county and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and zoning and building code requirements. Each Owner shall be solely responsible for obtaining from the appropriate Governmental Authorities all necessary permits and licenses and otherwise paying all required fees for the construction of any Improvements on such Owner's Lot including, without limitation, sewer impact fees and building permit and impact fees. Each Owner shall also be responsible for strict compliance with this Declaration, the Rules and Regulations, the Architectural Standards and all applicable watershed protection, soil erosion and other governmental requirements of all applicable Governmental Authorities, both during and after completion of construction of any Improvements on such Owner's Lot.

6.13 SUBDIVISION AND INTERVAL OWNERSHIP. No Lot may be further subdivided into more than one (1) Lot unless such Lot is owned by Developer. Lots may be resubdivided to combine two (2) or more Lots into one (1) Lot or resubdivided to reflect the same number of Lots which existed immediately prior to any such resubdivision so long as the same is approved by the ARC. Nothing contained in this Section 6.13 shall be applicable to the subdivision, resubdivision, or combination of any Lots or other real property owned by Developer. No Lot shall be sold or owned under any time-sharing, time-interval or similar right-to-use programs. To the extent the ARC has approved the resubdivision or combination of any Lot as required by the terms and provisions of this Section 6.13, then such resubdivided or combined Lot shall constitute one (1) Lot (regardless of the number of Lots which existed immediately prior to the resubdivision or combination of such Lots) for Assessment purposes.

6.14 RELEASE OF DEVELOPER WITH RESPECT TO LAKE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

(a) All Owners and Occupants, as well as their respective family members, guests, agents and invitees, shall refrain from any actions or activities which would interfere with the use of the Lake by other Owners and Occupants. Such prohibited activities shall include, without limitation, burning materials where the smoke would interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of the Lake, maintenance of dogs or other pets which interfere with the use of the Lake due to loud barking or odors, playing of loud radios, televisions, stereos, or musical instruments or allowing trash, rubbish, weeds or undergrowth to remain or grow on any Lot which is unsightly or any other activities, as determined by the ARC, in its sole discretion, which would adversely affect the use of the Lake by the Owners and Occupants.

(b) In addition to the easements and rights established and reserved by Developer pursuant to Article III hereof, Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself and the Association and their respective successors and assigns a permanent, perpetual and non-exclusive easement appurtenant over, across, through and upon the Lake Buffer Area on each Lake Lot, for the flow and drainage of surface water accumulating in, upon or as a result of the construction and maintenance of the Lake and to otherwise allow for the rise and fall of the water level of the Lake.

(c) The Recreational Facilities, if any, provided by the Association for the use and benefit of all Owners and Occupants and the use of the Lake by any Owners or Occupants are provided without lifeguards or other supervisory personnel and neither the Association nor Developer will provide any such lifeguards or supervisory personnel in connection with the utilization of the Recreational Facilities, if any, or the Lake by any Person.

(d) The Owner of each Lot, for such Owner and any Occupants of such Lot, and their respective heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, by acceptance of a deed to such Lot, and each Mortgagee, by acceptance of a Mortgage encumbering any such Lot, for themselves and their respective successors and assigns, do hereby:

(i) Irrevocably and unconditionally waive, release and forever discharge Developer, the ARC, the Association and each Governmental Authority and their respective officers, directors, members, managers, partners, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, agreements, covenants, suits, obligations, controversies, accounts, damages, costs, expenses, losses and liabilities of every kind or nature, known or unknown, arising out of or on account of: (1) any loss, damage or injury to person or property, including death, as a result of any entry onto the Lake or the Recreational Facilities, if any, by any such Owner, Occupant, Mortgagee or any of their respective family members, guests, invitees, heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns; and (2) the rise and fall of the water level of the Lake, including, without limitation, the flow of water onto and out of the Lake, which could result in or cause damage, by flooding or otherwise, to any Improvements or any other personal property situated on any portion of any Lake Lot or the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot, or which would result in or cause any Improvements situated on or adjacent to the Lake or the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot to be unusable due to low or high water levels; and

(ii) Acknowledge and agree that: (1) neither Developer, the ARC, the Association, any Governmental Authority nor any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, shall provide any lifeguard or any other supervisory personnel or assistance in the conduct of any activities on or about the Lake, the Lake Buffer Areas or the Recreational Facilities, if any; (2) neither Developer, the ARC, the Association, any Governmental Authority nor any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, shall be responsible for the removal of, or providing any additional inspections or warnings for, any reptiles, snakes, other animals or insects on or within the Lake and/or the Lake Buffer Areas; (3) the use of the Lake and the Recreational Facilities, if any, by any such Owner or Occupant or any of their respective family members, guests, invitees or heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, shall be at the sole risk and expense of the person or entity using the Lake and Recreational Facilities, if any; (4) neither Developer, the Association, the ARC, any Governmental Authority nor any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors or assigns, shall be obligated to take any action to maintain a specific water level for the Lake; and (5) the Lake and the Recreational Facilities, if any, as with any other body of water, pose a potential threat of life threatening harm and each Owner or Occupant and their respective family members, guests and invitees should exercise utmost care and safety precautions in and around the Lake and the Recreational Facilities, if any.

6.15 COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS. Each Owner and Occupant shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, statutes, rules, regulations, requirements and code provisions of the City and all other Governmental Authorities.

6.16 INTENTIONALLY DELETED.


6.17 VARIANCES. The ARC, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the exclusive right to grant variances with respect to any of the provisions of Article V above and this Article VI. Any variance request submitted to the ARC shall be in writing and, upon approval of the same by the ARC, shall be evidenced by a written variance executed by either the chairman or vice chairman of the ARC.

6.18 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(a) The initial Rules and Regulations are attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and are incorporated herein by reference. The Rules and Regulations are subject to modification and amendment from time to time and at any time solely by the action of the Board and without any prior notification of, action, consent of or approval by, any of the Owners. The Board shall also have the right to adopt additional rules and regulations, without any action, consent or approval by, or any prior notice to, the Owners, which additional rules and regulations without any action, consent or approval of, or any prior written notice to, any of the Owners, which additional rules and regulations shall be incorporated into and form a part of the Rules and Regulations, including, without limitation, the right to approve rental and sales agents, contractors and subcontractors who do business within the Property.

(b) In addition to the terms and provisions set forth in this Declaration, the Board may establish and enforce additional rules and regulations governing the use, improvement, maintenance and repair of all Common Areas, without any action, consent or approval by, or any prior notice to, the Owners. Such rules and regulations shall be binding upon all Owners and Occupants.

6.19 ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES. In the event any of the provisions of this Article VI are breached or are not otherwise being complied with in all aspects by any Owner or Occupant or the respective family members, guests, invitees, agents, employees or contractors of any Owner or Occupant, then the Association or the ARC shall each have the right, at their option, to (a) enjoin such violation or noncompliance and/or (b) through their designated agents, employees, representatives and independent contractors, enter upon such Lot and take all action necessary to extinguish or correct such violation or breach. All costs and expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association in enforcing any of the provisions of this Article VI, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, court costs, costs and expenses of witnesses, engineers, architects, designers, land planners and any other persons involved in the correction of any noncompliance or the removal of such violation or in any judicial proceeding, together with any other costs or expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association in connection therewith, shall be paid by such Owner who has violated or breached any of the provisions of this Article VI, shall constitute an Individual Assessment to such Owner pursuant to Section 8.05 below and, if the same is not paid when due, shall be subject to the lien provided for in Sections 8.01 and 8.07 below and be subject to foreclosure as provided for therein. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the rights and remedies of the ARC and the Association set forth in this Section 6.19 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights and remedies which the ARC or the Association may exercise at law or in equity or any other rights and remedies specified in this Declaration.


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ARTICLE VII
MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

7.01 RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS.

(a) Unless specifically identified herein as being the responsibility of the Association, the maintenance and repair of all Lots (including the Lake Buffer Areas on each Lake Lot), Buildings, all other Improvements situated thereon or therein and all lawns, landscaping and grounds on or within a Lot shall be the responsibility of the Owner of such Lot. Each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining his or her Lot in a neat, clean and sanitary condition, both inside and outside of any Building or other Improvements thereto. Such responsibilities shall include, without limitation, maintaining at all times appropriate paint and stain finishes on all Buildings and other Improvements and reroofing or replacing roofing shingles when the same become worn or would be replaced by a prudent Owner or as may be required by the ARC. No exterior changes, alterations or Improvements shall be made to any Lot without first obtaining the prior written approval of the same from the ARC.

(b) Each Lot shall be landscaped in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the ARC pursuant to Section 5.06(b) above. All areas of any Lot which are not improved by the construction of a Building thereon (except those areas which are to be maintained as a Lake Buffer Area as required by the terms of this Declaration) shall at all times be maintained by the Owner thereof in a fully and well-kept landscaped condition utilizing ground cover and/or shrubbery and trees. The maintenance obligations set forth in this Section 7.01(b) shall apply to all portions of a Lot up to the edge of the curb or pavement of the roadway abutting such Lot (regardless of whether such areas are within the rights-of-way of any private roadway) and shall be applicable at all times either prior, during or after the construction of any Improvements thereon. Grass, hedges, shrubs, vines and any other vegetation of any type on any Lot shall be cut and trimmed at regular intervals at all times in order to maintain the same in a neat, safe and attractive condition. Trees, shrubs, vines, plants and other vegetation which die shall be promptly removed and replaced with living plants of like kind and quantity. Dead vegetation, stumps, weeds, trash, refuse, rubbish, debris, garbage and waste material shall be promptly removed from any Lot and properly disposed of outside of Blackridge. In no event shall any dead trees, shrubs, vines, plants or other vegetation, leaves, grass clippings, limbs, dirt or any rubbish, debris, trash, refuse, garbage or waste be allowed to accumulate on any Lot nor shall any Owner or Occupant place, deposit or discard any of the foregoing items on or within any of the Common Areas or any other portion of Blackridge.

(c) Subject to the provisions of Section 5.06 above, no Owner shall change or otherwise alter the appearance of any portion of the exterior of any Lot or the landscaping, grounds or other Improvements within a Lot unless such change or alteration is first approved, in writing, by the ARC.

7.02 RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSOCIATION.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration to the contrary, the Association shall, to the extent it has received sufficient sums from the Owners through Assessments, maintain and keep in good repair and condition all portions of the Common Areas; provided, however, that the Association's obligations to maintain any private roadways shall be limited to the pavement and curb and gutter areas of such private roadways. The Association shall not be liable for injuries or damages to any person or property (i) caused by the elements, acts of God or any Owner or other person, (ii) resulting from any surface or subsurface conditions or which may be caused by rain or other surface water which may leak or flow from any portion of the Common Area onto a Lot or (iii) resulting from thief, burglary or other illegal entry onto the Property or any Lot. No diminution or abatement of Assessments shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken by or performed by the Association hereunder or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making

of improvements or repairs which are the responsibility of the Association or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any requirements of the Governmental Authorities. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Declaration to the contrary, the Association's obligation to maintain any private roadways shall extend only to the maintenance of the pavement and curb and gutter for such private roadway. The Owner of any Lot abutting any private roadway shall be solely responsible for maintaining all areas, if any, of such right-of-way which lie between the lot line of such Owner's Lot and the curb or pavement of any such private roadway.

(b) In the event that the Board determines that (i) any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly his, her or its obligations with regard to the maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement of items for which he, she or it is responsible hereunder or (ii) any maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement for which the Association is responsible hereunder is caused by either the negligence or willful act of an Owner or Occupant, or their respective family members, guests, servants, employees, invitees or contractors, and the costs of such maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement are not paid in full from insurance proceeds, if any, received by the Association with respect thereto, then, in either event, the Association, in addition to the exercise of any of the rights and remedies set forth in this Declaration, may give such Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement, at the sole cost and expense of such Owner and setting forth in reasonable detail what action is deemed necessary. Except in the event of emergency situations, such Owner shall have seven (7) days within which to complete the same in a good and workmanlike manner or, if the same is not capable of completion within such seven (7) day period, to commence such maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement and to proceed diligently with the completion of the same in a good and workmanlike manner. In the event of emergency situations or the failure by any Owner to comply with the provisions hereof after such notice, the Association may provide (but shall not be obligated to provide) any such maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement at the sole cost and expense of such Owner, said cost shall be a personal obligation of such Owner, shall constitute an Individual Assessment to such Owner and shall be subject to the lien and foreclosure rights granted pursuant to Sections 8.01 and 8.07 below. If, and to the extent that, the Association undertakes any action pursuant to this Section 7.02(b) on behalf of any Owner, then all costs and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Association, including, without limitation, reasonable administrative costs and expenses, attorneys' fees and court costs, if any, shall be due and payable by such Owner and such costs and expenses shall be deemed to constitute Individual Assessments and shall be recoverable by the Association in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

ARTICLE VIII

ASSESSMENTS

8.01 ASSESSMENTS AND CREATION OF LIEN. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, regardless of whether such deed contains a reference to this Declaration, is hereby deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association (a) Annual Assessments, as established and to be collected as provided in Section 8.03 below, (b) Special Assessments, to be established and collected as provided in Section 8.04 below, and (c) Individual Assessments which are established or assessed pursuant to Section 8.05 below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, but subject to the provisions of Section 8.06(b) below, Lots owned by Developer or any Affiliate thereof shall not be subject to any Assessments by the Association, whether Annual Assessments, Special Assessments or Individual Assessments. All Assessments, together with late charges and interest at the Applicable Rate, as provided in Section 8.07(a) below, and all court costs and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Association to enforce or collect such Assessments shall be an equitable charge and a continuing lien upon each Lot for which the Owner thereof is responsible for the payment of the same, which lien may be enforced in the manner provided in Section 8.07(c) below. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the payment of all Assessments coming due while he or she is the Owner of a Lot and his or her grantee shall take title to such Lot subject to the equitable charge and continuing lien therefor, but without prejudice to the rights of such grantee to recover from his or her grantor

any amounts paid by such grantee to the Association which were the legal obligations of the grantor. All Assessments, together with late charges and interest at the Applicable Rate, as specified in Section 8.07(a) below, court costs and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred with respect thereto by the Association shall also be a personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of the Lot at the time such Assessments and other costs and charges were assessed or incurred. In the event of co-ownership of any Lot, all of the co-owners shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire amount of such Assessments. All Assessments shall commence as to each Lot as provided in Section 8.06 below and be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board. All Assessments shall be payable in all events without offset, diminution or abatement by reason of fire or other casualty or any taking as a result of, in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, condemnation or by private purchase in lieu thereof with respect to any Lot, Building, Common Areas or any other portion of the Property or any other cause or reason of any nature. The Annual Assessments and Special Assessments shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreational, health, safety, welfare, common benefit and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants of the Property and otherwise for the general upkeep and maintenance of the Property, including, specifically, the Common Areas thereto, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, each Owner and Occupant does hereby acknowledge and agree that certain portions of the Annual Assessments and the Special Assessments as well as certain Common Expenses to be incurred by the Association may not benefit all of the Owners and Occupants equally but that the levy of such Annual Assessments and Special Assessments and the incurrence of Common Expenses shall be deemed to be for the benefit of all of the Property.

8.02 UNIFORM RATE OF ASSESSMENTS.

(a) Both Annual and Special Assessments, as described in Sections 8.03 and 8.04 below, shall be assessed against each Lot at a uniform rate, with the Owner of each Lot being required to pay his or her prorata portion of such Annual Assessments and Special Assessments, as determined by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the total number of Lots owned by such Owner and the denominator of which shall be the total number of Lots within the Property at the time such Annual Assessments or Special Assessments are levied.

(b) Notwithstanding anything provided in Section 8.02(a) above to the contrary, in the event any Additional Property is added to the Property, then (i) each Lot within the Additional Property shall be subject to the same Annual Assessments and Special Assessments then being paid by the Owners of all other Lots in the Property, subject to proration for the actual number of days remaining in the calendar year in which such Additional Property was added to the Property, (ii) any Assessments which have been previously assessed by the Association to the Owners for the then applicable calendar year shall not be subject to recalculation and (iii) in no event shall the amounts previously paid as either Annual Assessments or Special Assessments during such calendar year by any Owners be subject to recalculation or refund as a result thereof.

(c) Each Owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed to such Lot, acknowledges and agrees that the Annual Assessments and Special Assessments payable by such Owner are subject to change, modification, increase or decrease, respectively, in the event that (i) any Additional Property is added to the Property or any Lots or Dwellings are combined, subdivided or resubdivided pursuant to Section 2.08 above or (ii) any portion of the Property becomes Common Areas.

8.03 COMPUTATION OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS.

(a) The Board shall determine and approve annually an annual budget covering the estimated Common Expenses for the Property for the upcoming year, such budget to include (i) a capital

contribution or reserve account, if necessary, for the capital needs of the Association and (ii) the amount of Annual Assessments which shall be payable by each Lot. The amount set forth in such budget shall constitute the aggregate amount of Annual Assessments for all of the Property for the then applicable year and each Owner shall pay his or her prorata share of the same as provided in Section 8.02 above. As used herein, the term "Annual Assessments" with respect to each Lot shall mean the prorata portion of the Common Expenses payable each calendar year by each Owner in accordance with the provisions of this Section 8.03. A copy of the budget setting forth the amount of Annual Assessments to be levied against the Lots and Dwellings for the following year shall be delivered to each Owner upon written request of any such Owner.

(b) If any budget or the amount of Annual Assessments collected by the Association at any time proves to be inadequate or insufficient for any reason to fully pay all costs and expenses of the Association and all Common Expenses, then the Board may call a meeting of the Association for the purpose of approving Special Assessments as provided in Section 8.04 below. If the actual amount of Annual Assessments collected in any one year exceeds the actual costs incurred for Common Expenses for such year, the excess shall be retained by the Association as a reserve for subsequent years' Common Expenses.

(c) The Common Expenses to be funded by the Annual Assessments may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(i) Salaries, fringe benefits and other compensation paid and out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed by the Association for its employees, agents, officers, members of the Board and any third party contractors;

(ii) Management fees and expenses of administration, including legal and accounting fees, incurred by or on behalf of the Association;

(iii) Utility charges for any utilities serving any of the Common Areas and charges for other common services for the Property, including, without limitation, street lighting, trash collection and security services;

(iv) The costs of any insurance policies purchased for the benefit of the Association as required or permitted by this Declaration, including, without limitation, fire, flood and other hazardous coverage, public liability coverage and such other insurance coverage as the Board determines to be in the best interest of the Association, including errors and omissions insurance, directors' and officers' liability insurance and any other liability insurance coverage for the benefit of the Association, the members of the Board, any officers, employees, agents or representatives of the Association (including members of the ARC);

(v) The expenses of maintaining, operating, repairing and replacing all portions of the Common Areas and any other amenities and facilities serving the Property which the Board, in its sole discretion, determines from time to time would be in the best interest of the Association to so maintain, operate, repair or replace;

(vi) Ad valorem real and personal property taxes assessed and levied upon any of the Common Areas;

(vii) The expenses of the ARC which are not paid in full by plan review charges;

(viii) The costs and expenses for conducting, promoting and advertising recreational, social, cultural or other related programs, as well as street fairs, festivals and other events for the benefit of the Owners and Occupants;

(ix) The costs and expenses of installing, maintaining, repairing, purchasing, replacing and operating seasonal and holiday decorations and lighting for any of the Property;

(x) All other fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Association in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Declaration or which the Board, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines to be appropriate to be paid by the Association, including, without limitation, taxes and governmental charges not separately assessed against Lots; and

(xi) The establishment and maintenance of a reasonable reserve fund or funds (1) for inspections, maintenance, repair and replacement of any portions of the Common Areas for which the Association is responsible to inspect, maintain, repair or replace on a periodic basis, (2) to cover emergencies and repairs required as a result of casualties which are not funded by insurance proceeds, (3) to cover unforeseen operating contingencies or deficiencies arising from unpaid Assessments as well as from emergency expenditures and other matters, all as may be authorized from time to time by the Board and (4) for the payment of future Common Expenses.

8.04 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. In addition to the Annual Assessments authorized in Section 8.03 above, the Board may levy in any year Special Assessments for Common Expenses or any extraordinary costs incurred or to be incurred by the Association, including, without limitation, costs which have been, are or will be incurred for capital improvements which are not paid for from Annual Assessments; provided, however, that any such Special Assessments must be approved by a majority of the Members of the Association who are "in good standing", as defined in the Bylaws, voting at a duly convened meeting of the Association or in a ballot vote by the members of the Association held in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws. As used herein, the term "Special Assessments" shall mean those assessments made to all Owners pursuant to this Section 8.04. The Board may make such Special Assessments payable in one lump sum or in installments over a period of time which may, in the Board's discretion, extend beyond the then fiscal year in which said Special Assessments are levied and assessed. Special Assessments shall be levied against and payable by each Owner in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.02 above.

8.05 INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS. The Association may, in its sole discretion, at any time and from time to time levy and assess as individual assessments (collectively, "Individual Assessments") against any Lot or Building: (a) Amenity Fees, as provided in Section 4.06 above (b) fines against an Owner and such Owner's Lot or Building in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Declaration, (c) any costs or expenses, including, without limitation, collection costs, professional engineering and architectural fees and expenses, attorneys' fees and expenses, court costs and any administrative costs and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the ARC or the Association as a result of the failure of any Owner, Occupant or their respective family members, agents, guests, servants, employees, invitees and contractors, to at all times observe and perform their respective duties and obligations under this Declaration, including, without limitation, any such costs and expenses incurred by the ARC or the Association pursuant to Sections 5.12, 6.11(g), 6.19, 7.02(b), 8.07, 11.01, 11.02 or 11.03 hereof, (d) any fees, charges and other costs incident to the use of any of the Common Areas for which a charge for the use thereof has been established by the Board, and (e) any costs, charges or other amounts payable by any Owner for any special services which the Association and such Owner may have contracted for which have been or will be provided to such

Owner by the Association. The Individual Assessments provided for in this Section 8.05 shall be levied by the Board and the amount and due date of such Individual Assessment shall be specified by the Board in a notice to such Owner, which due date shall, except as provided in Section 4.06 above, be no earlier than 30 days from the date of such notice or billing invoice for such Individual Assessment.

8.06 DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS BY DEVELOPER.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 8.06(b) below, Assessments shall commence as to each Lot on the day on which such Lot is conveyed by Developer to a Purchaser and shall be due and payable in such manner and on such schedule as may be established from time to time by the Board (as provided in Section 8.07(a) below), subject to proration for the remainder of the then calendar year in which such Lot was conveyed by Developer to a Purchaser. Assessments for Lots within any portion of the Additional Property hereafter submitted to the terms of this Declaration shall commence with respect to each such Lot on the day on which such Lot is conveyed by Developer to a Purchaser, subject to proration and adjustment according to the number of days then remaining in the calendar year in which such Additional Property was added to the terms of this Declaration.

(b) Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, Developer shall have the option, in its sole discretion, to either pay Annual Assessments on Lots owned by Developer or fund the actual cash deficits which may exist between the total amount of Annual Assessments assessed to all other Owners and the actual costs incurred by the Association for Common Expenses (exclusive of funding of reserves) in any particular year; provided, however, that Developer shall have no obligations to fund any reserves established from time to time by the Association or the Board. To the extent Developer elects to fund the actual cash deficits, then such funding may occur at any time during a calendar year (which may be at the end of any calendar year), as determined by Developer, in its sole and absolute discretion. At such time as Developer no longer has any interest in any Lot, Developer shall have no further obligation of any nature to pay any Assessments or otherwise fund any deficits relating to the Common Expenses or the maintenance of the Common Areas.

8.07 EFFECT OF NON-PAYMENT; REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

(a) Each Owner of a Lot is and shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association all Assessments provided for herein. The Association shall provide written notice or a billing invoice to each Owner setting forth the amount of the Assessments due and payable by such Owner and the due date for payment of such Assessments (which due date shall, with respect to Annual Assessments and Special Assessments only, be at least 30 days from the date of such notice or billing invoice). Any Individual Assessments levied or assessed against any Owner shall be separately assessed by a written notice or billing invoice sent directly by the Association to such Owner and such Individual Assessment shall be due and payable no later than 30 days from the date of such notice or billing invoice. In the event any Assessments or any portions thereof are not paid in full by the due date for such Assessments, then (i) the Owner of such Lot shall be deemed in default hereunder and (ii) a late fee in the amount of \$25.00 (which amount shall be subject to increase from time to time and at any time, as determined by the Board, in its sole discretion) shall automatically be levied and assessed against such Owner and such Owner's Lot or Building. In addition, if any Assessments or any portion thereof (including late fees) are not paid in full within 30 days following the due date for the payment of such Assessments, then the unpaid portion of the Assessment (including the late fee) shall accrue simple interest at the lesser of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or the highest rate which may be charged to said Owner by law (the "Applicable Rate") from and after the 30th day following the due date of such Assessments until the same has been paid in full. In the event the Association employs an attorney or otherwise takes any legal action in attempting to collect any amounts due from any Owner, such Owner agrees to pay all attorneys' fees and expenses, court costs and

all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association. The lien and equitable charge upon each Lot or Building for Assessments shall also include all late fee charges, interest at the Applicable Rate and all attorneys' fees, court costs and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association in attempting to collect any unpaid Assessments.

(b) In the event any Assessments are not paid by any Owner within 30 days following the due date for the payment of such Assessments, then, in addition to all other rights and remedies provided at law or in equity, the Association, acting through its Board or through any of its officers or authorized representatives, may at any time thereafter undertake any or all of the following remedies:

(i) The Association may commence and maintain a suit at law against an Owner for a personal money judgment to enforce such charges and obligations for Assessments and any such judgment rendered in any such action shall include the then applicable late fee charge and interest at the Applicable Rate, together with attorneys' fees and expenses, court costs and all other expenses paid and incurred by the Association in collecting such unpaid Assessments; and/or

(ii) The Association may enforce the lien created pursuant to Sections 8.01 and 8.07(c) hereof in the manner hereinafter provided.

(c) There is hereby created a continuing lien on each Lot, with power of sale, in favor of the Association, which secures the payment to the Association of any and all Assessments levied against or upon such Lot or Building, all late fees or charges, interest at the Applicable Rate and all attorneys' fees and expenses, court costs and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association in collecting any Assessments. If any portion of any Assessments remains unpaid for more than 30 days following the due date for the payment of such Assessments; then:

(i) At any time thereafter, the Association, through the Board or any officer or authorized representative thereof, shall provide written notice of the Assessment and lien to such defaulting Owner, which written notice shall state the date and amount of delinquency and shall be given by personal delivery or first-class United States mail, postage prepaid. Each default shall constitute a separate basis for a demand and claim of lien, but any number of defaults may be included in a single demand; and

(ii) At least thirty (30) days prior to recording a statement of lien, the Association shall give written notice (the "Lien Notice") to such defaulting Owner in the manner set forth in Section 12.15 below (except that such Lien Notice, shall be given by certified mail to such defaulting Owner) stating that the statement of lien will be recorded in the Probate Office. At any time after the expiration of thirty (30) days following the giving of the Lien Notice (but within the twelve (12) months from the date such Assessment was due), the Association shall file a statement of lien and perfect its lien against the Lot of such delinquent Owner, which statement of lien shall be executed by any member of the Board or any officer of the Association having personal knowledge of the facts, contain the following information and be recorded in the Probate Office:

(1) The name of the Association;

(2) The name of the defaulting Owner;

(3) The legal description and street address, if any, of the Lot upon which the lien claim is made;

(4) The total amount claimed to be due including the due date of any Assessments, together with late charges, interest at the Applicable Rate, collection costs and attorneys' fees and expenses incurred to date and a statement, if applicable, that such charges and costs shall continue to accrue and be charged until full payment has been received; and

(5) A statement that the claim of lien is made by the Association pursuant to this Declaration and is claimed against such Lot in an amount equal to that stated therein.

The lien provided for herein shall be in favor of the Association and may be foreclosed in the same manner as a foreclosure of a mortgage on real property containing a power of sale under the laws of the State of Alabama, as the same may be modified or amended from time to time. The Association shall have the right and power to bid at any such foreclosure sale and to purchase, acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, convey and sell any such Lot. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to any Lot or Building, shall be deemed to (1) grant to and vest in the Association and its agents, the right and power to exercise the power of sale granted herein and foreclose the lien created herein, (2) grant to and vest in the Association and its agents the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally for the collection of all amounts due from such Owner, (3) expressly waive any objection to the enforcement and foreclosure of the lien created herein and (4) expressly waive the defense of the statute of limitations which may be applicable to the commencement of any such suit or action for foreclosure.

(d) In addition to the other rights and remedies provided herein, in the event any Owner fails to pay any Assessments within 30 days from the statement billing date for such Assessments, then the Association shall have the right to suspend the privileges of such Owner, his or her Occupants, family members, guests and invitees from using any of the Recreational Facilities, if any.

8.08 SUBORDINATION OF LIEN. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the lien for Assessments and other charges authorized herein with respect to any Lot is and shall be subordinate to the lien of any Mortgage held by any Mortgagee, but only to the extent that the Mortgage held by any such Mortgagee is recorded in the Probate Office prior to the filing of a claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 8.07(c) above. When a Mortgagee exercises its foreclosure rights provided in its Mortgage and acquires title to or sells to a third party its interest in any Lot, then such Mortgagee or its purchaser or transferee at such foreclosure sale shall (a) not be liable for the then unpaid portion of any Assessments or other charges incurred prior to the date of transfer or acquisition of title by foreclosure so long as the Mortgage held by such Mortgagee was recorded in the Probate Office prior to the filing of a claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 8.07(c) above, but (b) be liable for all Assessments and other charges levied, assessed or incurred with respect to such Lot from and after the date of such foreclosure sale. The foregoing shall not relieve any Owner whose Lot has been foreclosed from the personal obligation to pay all Assessments and other charges levied, assessed or incurred by the Association and the Association shall have the right to pursue all rights and remedies against a defaulting Owner notwithstanding the foreclosure of a Mortgage by Mortgagee on such Owner's Lot.

8.09 CERTIFICATES. The Association (or any officer or authorized representative thereof) shall, within thirty (30) days from the date of written request and at such reasonable charges as may from time to time be adopted by the Board, furnish to any Owner or any prospective purchaser of a Lot a certificate in writing setting forth whether the Assessments for which such Owner is responsible have been paid and, if not paid, the outstanding amount due and other costs and expenses due from such Owner. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment of any Assessments stated therein.

8.10 TRANSFER FEES.

(a) Subject to the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 8.10, at the closing of the transfer of title of each Lot to the first Purchaser of such Lot, the Purchaser of such Lot or Building shall contribute and pay to the Association a transfer fee equal to two (2) months of the Annual Assessments then payable by such Lot for the then current calendar year. Such contribution shall be paid directly to the Association and may be utilized by the Association for the payment of any costs and expenses and shall **not** be considered to be a prepayment of any Annual Assessments.

(b) Subject to the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 8.10, at the closing of each subsequent conveyance of any Lot by any Owner (other than Developer or any Affiliates of Developer) to a third party purchaser (other than Developer or any Affiliates of Developer), each such third party purchaser of any Lot shall also be required to contribute and pay to the Association an amount equal to two (2) months of the Annual Assessment then payable by such Lot for the then current calendar year, which contribution may be utilized by the Association for the payment of any costs and expenses of the Association and shall **not** be considered a prepayment of any Annual Assessments.

(c) Notwithstanding anything provided in this Declaration to the contrary, the transfer fees specified in Sections 8.10(a) and 8.10(b) above shall not be applicable to (i) the Association, to the extent the Association purchases a Lot in any foreclosure proceeding pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.07 above or (ii) the transfer and conveyance of any Lots to Developer or any Affiliates of Developer.

8.11 EXEMPTIONS FROM ASSESSMENTS. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration, Developer may designate any Lot as being exempt from the payment of Annual Assessments and Special Assessments or may by deed, contract or other written instrument reduce the amount of Annual Assessments or Special Assessments which may be payable by any Lot or Building within the Property.

ARTICLE IX CASUALTY, CONDEMNATION AND INSURANCE

9.01 DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION TO COMMON AREAS.

(a) In the event of any damage or destruction to any of the Common Areas by fire or other casualty, then, subject to the terms and provisions of this Article IX, the Association shall promptly repair, replace and restore the damaged portions of the Common Areas to the condition to which they existed immediately prior to such fire or other casualty.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided in Section 9.01(a) above, in the event the amount of insurance proceeds, if any, recovered as a result of such damage or destruction is insufficient to fully repair, replace and restore the damaged portions of the Common Areas, and such deficiency cannot be appropriated from a reserve fund as may have been established for such purpose, then the Board may levy a Special Assessment against all Owners, subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Section 8.04 above, which such Special Assessments shall be (i) in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay the remaining costs necessary to repair, replace or restore the Common Areas to the condition as existed immediately prior to such fire or other casualty and (ii) levied against each Owner equally as provided in Section 8.02 above. Any and all insurance proceeds received by the Association on account of any damage to or destruction of any of the Common Areas or any sums paid to the Association under or by virtue of such Special Assessments shall be held by and for the benefit of the Association and shall be disbursed by the Association in payment for the costs of such repair or restoration in such manner as may be determined by the Board. In no event shall the Owner or Mortgagee of any Lot be entitled to

any portion of the proceeds of insurance payable as a result of the damage to or destruction of any portion of the Common Areas.

9.02 DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION TO LOTS AND BUILDINGS. In the event of any fire or other casualty which damages or destroys any portion of any Lot or any Building or other Improvements thereon, then the Owner of such Lot shall promptly repair and otherwise restore such Lot and any Buildings or other Improvements thereon to the condition to which the same existed immediately prior to such fire or other casualty; provided, however, that any such restoration or repair shall be subject to compliance with all of the terms and provisions set forth in Articles V and VI above and all then applicable rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances of the Governmental Authorities. Any such restoration or repair shall be commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days following the occurrence of such fire or other casualty and shall be diligently prosecuted to completion without further delay in accordance with all of the terms and provisions of this Declaration.

9.03 CONDEMNATION OF COMMON AREAS.

(a) In the event of the taking of all or any portion of any of the Common Areas as a result of, in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, condemnation or by private purchase in lieu thereof, then the award from such taking or sale in lieu thereof shall be paid to the Association and shall be disbursed or held as follows:

(i) To the extent the Common Areas subject to such taking can either be restored or replaced, then, to the extent practicable, the Board is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take such action, including the purchase of any remaining lands within the Property or the utilization of any other Common Areas within the Property, to restore, rebuild or replace, as the case may be, those portions of the Common Areas subject to such taking. If the award is insufficient to fully defray the cost of such repair or replacement and such deficiency cannot be appropriated from a reserve fund as may have been established for such purpose, then the Board may levy a Special Assessment against all Owners pursuant to Section 8.04 above, which such Special Assessments shall be (1) in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay the remaining costs of repair, restoration or reconstruction and (2) levied against each Owner equally as provided in Section 8.02 above; and

(ii) To the extent the Common Areas subject to such taking cannot be restored or replaced or additional lands within the Property cannot be purchased by the Association in order to repair, replace or restore the Common Areas so taken or if the Board shall determine that the portions of the Common Areas so taken should not be replaced or restored, then in any such event, the net award from such taking shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association.

(b) If any portion of the award from any taking remains after restoration or replacement of any of the Common Areas, the remainder of such award shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association, without any claim thereto by any Owner. Except as specifically provided in Section 9.03(c) below, no Owner or Mortgagee of any Lot shall be entitled to any portion of the award made to the Association as a result of the taking of any portion of the Common Areas.

(c) If any such taking or sale in lieu thereof includes all or any part of a Lot and also includes any part of the Common Areas, then the award from such taking shall be equitably apportioned in accordance with the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction and such award shall be disbursed separately to the Association and to the Owners so affected by such taking; provided, however, that the

Owners of any Lot which is subject to any such taking and the Board may mutually agree on the amount of such apportionment, which mutual agreement shall be binding on all Owners.

9.04 CONDEMNATION OF LOTS. In the event that all or any portion of a Lot is taken as a result of, in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right of eminent domain, condemnation or by private purchase in lieu thereof, then, to the extent practicable, the Owner of such Lot shall promptly repair, reconstruct, rebuild and otherwise restore the remaining portions of the Lot as nearly as practicable to the condition to which the same existed immediately prior to such taking; provided, however, that any such restoration shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in Articles V and VI above and all then applicable rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances of the Governmental Authorities. In the event the restoration of such Lot is impracticable or would otherwise violate any of the terms and provisions of this Declaration, then such Owner shall promptly clear away any remaining Improvements damaged or destroyed by such taking and shall leave such Lot and any remaining Improvements thereon in a clean, orderly, safe and slightly condition.

9.05 INSURANCE.

(a) The Board shall have the authority to obtain and maintain at all times any and all insurance coverages, in such form and with such insurance carriers as the Board may from time to time deem appropriate for the benefit of the Association including, without limitation, extended coverage, flood, vandalism, malicious mischief, public liability, workmen's compensation, employer's liability insurance, directors' and officers' liability insurance and any and all other types of insurance coverage as determined by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion.

(b) Each Owner shall be solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining public liability, property damage, title and all other types of insurance with respect to his or her Lot, Building and all other Improvements situated thereon. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of any interest in any Lot, does hereby waive and release the Association, the ARC, Developer and their respective agents, employees, representatives, partners, shareholders, members, officers and directors from any and all liabilities or responsibilities or any other claims by or through such Owner, by way of subrogation or otherwise, for any loss or damage covered by (or which should be covered by) broad form fire and extended coverage insurance (or homeowner's insurance coverage) and comprehensive public or general liability insurance coverage maintained or which should be maintained by any Owner as required herein, even if such loss or damage has been caused by the fault or negligence of the Association, the ARC, Developer or any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, partners, shareholders, members, officers or directors. Further, each Owner shall maintain the public liability insurance required by the Rules and Regulations.


ARTICLE X
TERM AND AMENDMENTS

10.01 TERM. The terms, covenants, conditions and restrictions set forth in this Declaration shall run with and bind all of the Property, shall inure to the benefit of all Owners and Mortgagees and their respective heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, and shall be and remain in effect for a period of fifty (50) years from and after the date hereof, after which time this Declaration shall be automatically renewed and extended for successive and continuous periods of ten (10) years each, unless, at any time after fifty (50) years from the date hereof, an agreement executed by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of those Owners "in good standing", as defined in the Bylaws, who are voting either in person or by proxy at either a duly constituted meeting of the Owners held in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Bylaws or in a ballot vote submitted to the Owners pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Bylaws, agreeing to terminate or modify this Declaration has been recorded in the Probate

Office; provided, however, that the rights of way and easements established, granted and reserved in Article III hereof shall continue and remain in full force and effect for the time periods and duration specified therein.

10.02 AMENDMENTS PRIOR TO TURNOVER DATE. Until the occurrence of the Turnover Date, Developer may, in its sole discretion, amend this Declaration by a written instrument filed and recorded in the Probate Office without obtaining the approval of the Association, any Owner, Occupant or Mortgagee; provided, however, that in the event any amendment proposed by Developer materially and adversely alters or changes the rights of any Owner to the use of his or her Lot, as determined solely by Developer, in its reasonable discretion, then such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent or ballot vote of both (a) Developer and (b) at least fifty-one percent (51%) of those Owners (including Developer who shall have the voting rights attributable to any Lots owned by Developer) who are "in good standing" and are voting either in person or by proxy at either a duly constituted meeting of the Owners held in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Bylaws or in a ballot vote submitted to the Owners pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Bylaws. Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Section 10.02, each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to any Lot, and each Mortgagee, by acceptance of a Mortgage encumbering any Lot, acknowledges and agrees that (i) the addition of Additional Property to this Declaration pursuant to Section 2.02 above and the amendment of this Declaration to add Additional Property to the terms and provisions hereof, (ii) any amendments to this Declaration made by Developer pursuant to Sections 2.03, 2.06 and 2.07 above and (iii) any amendments to this Declaration pursuant to Section 2.08 above, shall not and do not constitute a material and adverse alteration or change in or to the rights of any Owner to the use of his or her Lot and shall not require the consent or approval of the Association, any Owner, Occupant or Mortgagee. Any amendments to this Declaration made pursuant to this Section 10.02 shall be certified by Developer and shall be effective upon recording of the same in the Probate Office. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, and each Mortgagee, by acceptance of a Mortgage on any Lot, agrees to be bound by all amendments permitted by this Section 10.02. Except as specifically provided in Section 10.04 below and in this Section 10.02 (with respect to any amendments proposed by Developer which materially and adversely alter or change the rights of an Owner to the use of his or her Lot), at all times prior to the Turnover Date, only Developer shall have the right to amend this Declaration. Any amendments or changes to the Rules and Regulations shall not be governed by the provisions of this Section 10.02.

10.03 AMENDMENTS AFTER TURNOVER DATE. Subject to the provisions of Section 13.03 below, after the occurrence of the Turnover Date, amendments to this Declaration shall be proposed and adopted only by the affirmative vote of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of those Owners (including Developer who shall have the voting rights attributable to any Lots owned by Developer) who are "in good standing", as defined in the Bylaws, who are voting either in person or by proxy at either a duly constituted meeting of the Owners held in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Bylaws or in a ballot vote submitted to the Owners pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Bylaws. Any other attempt to amend this Declaration shall be deemed null and void. Any and all amendments which have been approved in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Section 10.03 shall be executed by all parties whose consent to the same is required; provided, however, that in the alternative, the sworn statement of the President of the Association or by the Chairman of the Board, if any, stating unequivocally that the agreement of the requisite number of Owners was lawfully obtained may be attached to and incorporated into such amendment without joinder of any of the Owners. Any such amendment shall be effective upon recording of the same in the Probate Office. Any amendments or changes to the Rules and Regulations shall not be governed by the provisions of this Section 10.03 but rather by the provisions of Section 6.18 above.


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10.04 RESTRICTIONS ON AMENDMENT. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, none of the terms and provisions of Articles II and III hereof may be amended or modified in any respect without the prior written consent and approval of Developer.

ARTICLE XI
DENIAL OF USE PRIVILEGES AND REPURCHASE OPTION

11.01 AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT. In addition to the other rights and remedies provided elsewhere in this Declaration, in the event any Owner or Occupant or their respective agents, contractors or invitees, violates any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Architectural Standards, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations or any other rules and regulations adopted by the Board from time to time, then the Board shall have the power and right, at its option, to (a) impose monetary fines which shall constitute an Individual Assessment, (b) suspend an Owner's right, if any, to vote in the Association and (c) suspend or terminate an Owner's or Occupant's privilege (and the privilege of such Owner's or Occupant's family members, guests and tenants) to use all or any of the Common Areas, including any of the Recreational Facilities, if any; provided, however, that access to the Owner's Lot may not be denied. Any action to be taken by the Board pursuant to this Section 11.01 shall be subject to the satisfaction of the terms and provisions of Section 11.02 below.

11.02 PROCEDURE.

(a) In the event any of the terms or provisions of this Declaration, the Architectural Standards, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws or the Rules and Regulations are violated by any Owner or Occupant, or the respective agents, contractors or invitees of any Owner or Occupant, the Board shall not impose a fine on any Owner pursuant to Section 11.01(a) above or suspend or terminate the privilege to use any of the Common Areas or Recreational Facilities pursuant to Section 11.01(c) above unless written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violation shall be served upon the Owner responsible for such violations setting forth the information required by Section 11.02(b) below and providing such Owner the opportunity to appear and be heard and be represented by counsel before the Board.

(b) Any notices required by Section 11.02(a) above shall specify:

(i) The alleged violation;

(ii) The action required to abate such violation;

(iii) A time period of not less than ten (10) days during which the violation may be abated and corrected by such Owner without further sanction if such violation is a continuing one or, if the violation is not a continuing one, a statement that any further violation of the same provision of this Declaration, the Architectural Standards, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws or any of the Rules and Regulations may result in the imposition of sanctions or fines; and

(iv) To the extent the Board proposes the imposition of a fine, such notice shall set forth the date, which shall be no earlier than ten (10) days from the date of such written notice, time and place at which such Owner may appear with counsel before the Board and be heard.

(c) The foregoing procedure set forth in this Section 11.02 shall only be applicable to the possible imposition of fines against an Owner (as provided in Section 11.01(a) above) or the suspension or termination of the privilege to use any of the Common Areas or Recreational Facilities (as provided in

Section 11.01(c) above) and shall not apply to the exercise of any of the rights and remedies specified in any other section or provision of this Declaration.

11.03 REPURCHASE OPTION.

(a) In the event (i) any Owner desires to sell, transfer, convey or exchange his or her Lot to (or with) any third party prior to the completion of the primary Building thereon or (ii) any Owner fails to commence construction or complete construction of the primary Building on such Owner's Lot within the time periods set forth in Section 11.03(b) below then, in either such event, Developer does hereby reserve the right, at its option (but without any obligation), to either (1) repurchase such Lot (the "Repurchase Option") in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 11.03(c) below or (2) elect to participate in any sales proceeds received by such Owner from the transfer, sale or conveyance of such Owner's Lot in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 11.03(d) below.

(b) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Developer, each Owner shall:

(i) Within thirty-four (34) months from the date on which such Owner purchases a Lot from Developer, submit to the ARC the plans and specifications required by the terms and provisions of Section 5.06(b) above for the primary Building to be constructed on such Owner's Lot;

(ii) Within thirty-six (36) months from the date on which such Owner purchases a Lot from Developer, Commence Construction, as hereinafter defined, of the primary Building on such Lot in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore which have been approved by the ARC;

(iii) Following Commencement of Construction, as hereinafter defined, diligently pursue such construction to completion; and

(iv) On or before eighteen (18) months following Commencement of Construction of the primary Building on such Owner's Lot, such Owner shall cause such primary Building, including all landscaping, to achieve Substantial Completion, as hereinafter defined, in accordance with the plans and specifications for the same which have been approved by the ARC.

As used herein, the term "Commence Construction" or "Commencement of Construction" shall mean the commencement by such Owner of construction of the primary Building on such Owner's Lot by substantially clearing, grading and excavating such Lot and otherwise commencing to make other Improvements to such Lot such as, but not limited to, pouring of footings and foundations (or a concrete slab) and commencement of framing work. If, at any time after Commencement of Construction, an Owner fails to make significant construction progress during any 30-day period, such failure shall be considered to be a failure to diligently pursue construction as required by the terms and provisions of Section 11.03(b)(iii) hereof. As used herein, the term "Substantial Completion" shall mean that (1) construction of the primary Building on a Lot has been completed as evidenced by the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy for such Building by the City and (2) all landscaping work for such Lot has been completed in accordance with landscaping plans approved by the ARC. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Section 11.03(b) to the contrary, all of the time periods specified in this Section 11.03(b) shall be extended for casualty, extreme material shortages, inclement weather conditions which are not normal or customary for the time of year during which construction of such Building is being undertaken and any other significant matters beyond the reasonable control of an Owner (or his or her builder); provided, however,

that no extension shall be granted as a result of any inability to obtain financing or funding for the construction of such Building.

(c) In the event any Owner fails to Commence Construction, diligently pursue construction to completion or cause Substantial Completion to timely occur in accordance with the requirements of Section 11.03(b) above, then Developer shall have the right, at any time after the expiration of any of the time periods set forth in Section 11.03(b) above, to provide written notice to such Owner exercising the Repurchase Option in accordance with the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 11.03(c). The consummation of the Repurchase Option by Developer shall occur no later than thirty (30) days after Developer has given written notice to such Owner of Developer's election to exercise the Repurchase Option. At the closing of the purchase and sale of any Lot which is being repurchased by Developer by virtue of the terms and provisions of this Section 11.03, the Owner of such Lot subject to such Repurchase Option shall transfer and convey the Lot subject to such Repurchase Option to Developer by statutory warranty deed, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and any other matters of title other than those matters of record in existence as of the date on which such Lot was originally conveyed by Developer to the first Owner of such Lot. Such Owner shall, at his or her sole cost and expense, be obligated to pay all sums and otherwise take all action necessary or required to remove any and all liens, encumbrances and other title matters and exceptions encumbering such Owner's Lot other than any such liens, encumbrances and other title matters and exceptions in existence as of the date on which Developer conveyed such Lot to the first Owner of such Lot. Contemporaneously with the delivery of the deed by such Owner to Developer, Developer shall pay to such Owner the Original Purchase Price, as defined in Section 11.03(d) below, paid by such Owner to Developer (or if such Owner has acquired his or her Lot from a previous Owner other than Developer, then Developer shall pay to such current Owner the Original Purchase Price paid to Developer by the first or original Owner of such Lot), in each case, without interest thereon. The Owner of such Lot subject to the Repurchase Option shall pay, prior to delivery of the deed to the Developer, any and all outstanding Assessments and any other charges due and owing under this Declaration. Real estate ad valorem taxes and any prepaid Assessments shall be prorated as of the date of delivery of such deed.

(d) In the event the Owner of any Lot desires to sell, transfer or convey his or her Lot to any third party prior to Substantial Completion, as defined in Section 11.03(b) above, of the primary Building thereon, then Developer shall have the right, at its option, to either (i) exercise the Repurchase Option and repurchase the Lot in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 8.04(c) above or (ii) elect, in writing, to waive its Repurchase Option, in which event Developer shall be entitled to receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the Net Profit, as herein defined, received by such Owner from the resale of such Lot, which amount will be due and payable in full upon the transfer and sale of any Lot by such Owner to any third party, which obligation shall be a personal obligation of the Owner of such Lot (the "Sales Participation Option"). As used in this Section 11.03(d), the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Gross Resale Price" means the total amount paid to such Owner by a third party purchaser in connection with the resale of such Owner's Lot, including compensation in any form paid to such Owner regardless of whether the same is reflected in the Gross Resale Price for such Lot, but without deduction for any costs of sale, prorations or other deductions from the Gross Resale Price received by such Owner in any such resale;

(ii) "Net Profit" means the Gross Resale Price, as herein defined, for such Lot, less the Original Purchase Price, as herein defined, for such Lot; and

(iii) “Original Purchase Price” means the gross amount originally paid to Developer by the first Owner of such Lot (increased by the costs or fair market value, whichever is less, of any Improvements made by the then current Owner to such Lot in accordance with plans approved by the ARC) but without deduction for any costs of sale, prorations or other adjustments to the Original Purchase Price paid to Developer by the first Owner of such Lot.

(e) The Repurchase Option retained and reserved by the Developer under the provisions of Sections 11.03(a) and 11.03(c) above shall be and are subject and subordinate to the rights of any Mortgagee under any Mortgage which was duly recorded in the Probate Office prior to the exercise of the Repurchase Option by Developer.

(f) The Repurchase Option and the Sales Participation Option of Developer set forth herein shall be binding on the first Owner of each Lot and all of the heirs, executors, successors and assigns of such Owner and may be enforced by Developer by an action for specific performance. In the event any Owner fails to timely and promptly perform all of such Owner’s obligations set forth in this Section 11.03 with respect to the exercise by Developer of the Repurchase Option or the Sales Participation Option, such Owner shall also pay to Developer any and all costs and expenses incurred by Developer in enforcing the terms and provisions of this Section 11.03 including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses and court costs. The Repurchase Option and the Sales Participation Option shall be and are covenants running with the land which shall be binding on the Owner of each Lot and such Owner’s heirs, executors, successors and assigns.

11.04 NON-EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES. Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, rights and remedies granted to Developer, the ARC and the Association pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Declaration upon the occurrence of any default by any Owner or the failure of any Owner to timely and completely perform all obligations required to be performed hereunder by any Owner are in addition to and shall not be deemed to limit the other rights and remedies set forth in this Declaration or which Developer, the ARC or the Association would have the right to exercise at law or in equity.

ARTICLE XII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12.01 CONTROL BY DEVELOPER. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING PROVIDED TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS Declaration, THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION, THE BYLAWS OR IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT OR INSTRUMENT RELATING TO THE PROPERTY, EACH OWNER, BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO ANY LOT, AGREES THAT UNTIL THE TURNOVER DATE, DEVELOPER SHALL HAVE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE RIGHT AND AUTHORITY TO (a) APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND (b) EXERCISE ALL VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION (EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OTHERWISE PROVIDED TO THE CONTRARY IN SECTION 10.02 ABOVE).

12.02 LEGAL EXPENSES. In addition to all of the other rights and remedies set forth in this Declaration, in the event either Developer, the Board, the Association, the ARC or any of their respective agents and representatives, undertake any legal or equitable action which any of them deem necessary to abate, enjoin, remove or extinguish any violation or breach of this Declaration, then all costs and expenses incurred by any of them, including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and court costs, in enforcing any of the terms, provisions, covenants or conditions in this Declaration shall be paid for by the Owner against whom such action was initiated. The Association and its agents and representatives, including the ARC, and the Board are each hereby authorized to take any and all legal or equitable action as may be necessary under the circumstances to restrain or enjoin any violation or breach of this Declaration or to otherwise seek

monetary damages as a result of any expenses incurred by the Association to cure any such violation or breach by any Owner.

12.03 SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Declaration or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Declaration or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby and each provision hereof shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12.04 CAPTIONS AND HEADINGS. The captions and headings contained in this Declaration are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in the construction or interpretation of any provisions of this Declaration. The table of contents, cover page and any index to this Declaration are for convenience of reference only and shall not define or limit any of the terms and provisions hereof.

12.05 PRONOUNS AND PLURALS. All personal pronouns used in this Declaration, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall include all other genders. The use of the singular tense shall include the plural and the use of the plural shall include the singular.

12.06 BINDING EFFECT. The terms and provisions of this Declaration shall be binding upon each Owner, Occupant and Mortgagee and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of Developer, the Association, the ARC, all of the Owners and their respective Mortgagees and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

12.07 CONFLICT OR AMBIGUITY. In the event of any conflict or ambiguity in the terms and provisions of this Declaration, the general rules of construction against one party as a result of that party having drafted this Declaration are hereby waived by each Owner and, to the fullest extent allowed by law, no conflicts or ambiguities shall be resolved in favor or to the advantage of one party as opposed to another in interpreting any ambiguity or conflict contained herein. In the event of any conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency between the *Code of Alabama*, any laws, regulations or ordinances of the City, this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws or any Rules and Regulations adopted from time to time by the Association, then the provisions of the *Code of Alabama*, any laws, regulations or ordinances of the City, this Declaration, the Certificate of Formation, the Bylaws and any Rules and Regulations adopted by the Association, in that order, shall prevail and each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot, covenants and agrees to vote in favor of and execute any amendments as may be necessary to remove or alleviate any such conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency.

12.08 NO REVERTER. No restriction or provision hereof is intended to be or shall be construed as a condition subsequent or a possibility of reverter in favor of Developer nor shall any provision be deemed to vest any reversionary interest in Developer; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be deemed to alter or affect the Repurchase Option and the rights of Developer created in Section 11.03 above.

12.09 INTERPRETATION. In all cases, the provisions set forth and provided for in this Declaration shall be construed together and given that interpretation or construction which, in the opinion of Developer or the Board, will best effect the intent of the general plan of development for the Property. The provisions hereof shall be liberally interpreted and, if necessary, they shall be so extended or enlarged by implication so as to make them fully effective. The provisions of this Declaration shall be given full force and effect notwithstanding the existence of any zoning ordinance or building codes which are less restrictive. The effective date of this Declaration shall be the date hereof. This Declaration shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama.

12.10 RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES. This Declaration shall be recorded for the benefit of Developer, the Association, the Owners and their respective Mortgagees and by such recording, no other adjoining property owner or third party shall have any right, title or interest whatsoever in the Property or its operation and continuation, in the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Declaration or the right to consent to or approve any amendment or modification to this Declaration.

12.11 NO TRESPASS. Whenever the Association, Developer, the ARC and their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, are permitted by this Declaration to enter upon or correct, repair, clean, maintain or preserve or do any other action within any portion of a Lot, the entering thereon and the taking of such action shall not be deemed a trespass.

12.12 NO PARTITION. Each Owner hereby waives any right to seek or obtain judicial partition of any portion of the Property.

12.13 STANDARDS FOR REVIEW. Whenever in this Declaration the ARC or the Association has the right to approve, consent to, or require any action be taken pursuant to the terms hereof, such approval, consent or required action shall, except as otherwise specifically provided herein to the contrary, be given or withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of the ARC or the Association, as the case may be.

12.14 ORAL STATEMENTS. Oral statements or representations by Developer, the Association, the ARC, or any of their respective employees, agents, representatives, successors or assigns, shall not be binding on Developer, the Association or the ARC.

12.15 NOTICES. Each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association, in writing, the address, if other than the Lot of such Owner, to which any notice to such Owner under this Declaration is to be given and, if no address other than such Lot shall have been designated in writing, then all notices and demands shall be mailed or delivered to the Lot of such Owner. Any Owner may, for the purposes of notices hereunder, specify in writing to the Association that all notices be submitted to such Owner by facsimile transmission or through the Internet utilizing a specific electronic mailbox address for that particular Owner. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.08(c) above, all notices required or permitted to be given to any Owner pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or served upon any Owner when either (a) deposited in the United States mail for first-class delivery with postage prepaid and addressed to the last address furnished by such Owner to the Association (or if no address has been furnished, then to the Lot of such Owner), in which case notice shall be deemed given upon deposit of same in the United States mail, (b) delivered to the street address for such Owner's Lot in which event notice shall be deemed given upon personal delivery of such notice to the mailbox or when attached to the front door of such Lot, (c) sent by facsimile transmission to a facsimile number provided in writing by such Owner to the Association, which notice shall be deemed to have been given upon transmission of such facsimile notice or (d) sent by Internet to an electronic mailbox address provided in writing by such Owner to the Association, which notice shall be deemed to have been given upon transmission of such electronic mail by the Association. All notices to the Association (or to the ARC) shall be delivered or sent to the following address:

Blackridge Residential Association, Inc.
3545 Market Street
Hoover, Alabama 35226
Attention: Mr. Jonathan Belcher

or to such other address as the Association (or the ARC) may from time to time specify in a notice to the Owners. All notices to Developer shall be sent or delivered to Developer at the above address or to such other address as Developer may notify the Association.

12.16 ASSIGNMENT. Developer shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to assign any and all of the rights, powers, reservations, easements and duties contained herein to any person or entity who shall thereupon have the same rights, powers, reservations, easements and duties as Developer hereunder. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, no sale, transfer, conveyance, lease, pledge, encumbrance or other hypothecation of any Lot by Developer to a third party shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a transfer of any of the rights reserved herein to Developer unless express reference is made in such instrument of conveyance to the specific rights created in this Declaration which Developer has transferred to any such third party.

12.17 FURTHER ASSURANCES. Each Owner covenants and agrees to execute, sign and deliver, or cause to be executed, signed and delivered and to otherwise do or make, or cause to be done and made, any and all agreements, instruments, papers, deeds, acts or things, supplemental, confirmatory or otherwise, which may be reasonably requested by Developer, the Association or the ARC for the purpose of or in connection with clarifying, amending or otherwise consummating any of the transactions and matters herein.

12.18 NO WAIVER. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to Developer, the Association and the ARC pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more of such rights, remedies or privileges shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same, or any other party, from pursuing such other and/or additional rights, remedies or privileges as may be available to such party at law or in equity. The failure by Developer, the ARC or the Association at any time to enforce any covenant or restriction set forth herein shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right thereafter to enforce such covenant or restriction.

12.19 DEEDS SUBJECT TO COVENANT. Each conveyance of a Lot shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration regardless of whether such conveyance contains a reference to this Declaration.

12.20 INDEMNITY FOR DAMAGES. Each and every Owner and future Owner, by accepting a deed to any Lot, agrees to indemnify Developer and the Association for any damage caused by such Owner, the Occupants of such Owner and any contractors, agents or employees or such Owner, to roads, streets, gutters, sidewalks, walkways or other aspects of public ways, including all surfacing thereon, or to water drainage or storm sewer lines, or sanitary sewer lines constructed by Developer within the Property, or for which Developer has responsibilities at the time of such damage. Upon the purchase of any Lot within said Property by an Owner, each Owner accepts knowledge of this Declaration, and ratifies the covenants contained herein and thus releases the right to prosecute Developer for the inconveniences the Owner deems inadequate or unbecoming of the Owner's needs or desires.

12.21 PERPETUITIES. If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of George Herbert Walker Bush, former President of the United States.

ARTICLE XIII **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

13.01 AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITHOUT LITIGATION.

(a) Developer, the ARC, the Association and their respective officers, directors, and committee members, all Lot Owners, and all persons subject to this Declaration (collectively, "Bound

Party”), agree that it is in the best interest of all concerned to resolve disputes involving the Subdivision, Developer, the ARC, the Association and/or the Owners without the emotional and financial costs of litigation. Accordingly, each Bound Party agrees not to directly or indirectly file suit in any court with respect to a Claim (hereinafter defined), and to submit such Claim to the alternative dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section 13.02.

(b) As used in this Article and subject to the remaining terms and provisions of this Section 13.01(b), the term “Claim” shall refer to any claim, grievance or dispute arising out of or relating to:

(i) The interpretation, application, or enforcement of this Declaration, the Architectural Standards, all Rules and Regulations adopted by the Association, the Certificate of Formation or the Bylaws (collectively, the “Governing Documents”); or

(ii) The rights, obligations and duties of any Bound Party under the Declaration or any Governing Documents.

Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Section 13.01(b), the following shall **not** be considered “Claims” unless **all** parties to the matter otherwise agree to submit the matter to the procedures set forth in Section 13.02:

(1) Any action, whether by suit or otherwise, by the Association to collect Assessments or other amounts due from any Owner;

(2) Any action, whether by suit or otherwise, by the Association to obtain a temporary restraining order (or emergency equitable relief) against any Owner and such ancillary relief as the court may deem necessary in order to maintain the status quo and preserve the Association’s ability to enforce the provisions of any of the Governing Documents;

(3) Any suit between Owners, which does not include Developer, the ARC, or the Association as a party, if such suit asserts a Claim which would constitute a cause of action Any suit in which any indispensable party is not a Bound Party; or

(4) Any suit as to which any applicable statute of limitations would expire within one hundred eighty (180) days of giving the Notice required by Section 13.02(a) unless the party or parties against whom the Claim is made agree to toll the statute of limitations as to such Claim for such period as may reasonably be necessary to comply with this Article XIII.

13.02 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES.

(a) Notice. The Bound Party asserting a Claim (“Claimant”) against another Bound Party (“Respondent”) shall give written notice (“Notice”) to each Respondent and to the Board stating plainly and concisely:

(i) The nature of the Claim, including the Persons involved and the Respondent’s role in the Claim;

(ii) The legal basis of the Claim (*i.e.*, the specific authority out of which the Claim arises);

(iii) The Claimant's proposed resolution or remedy; and

(iv) The Claimant's desire to meet with the Respondent to discuss in good faith ways to resolve the Claim.

(b) Negotiation. The Claimant and Respondent shall make every reasonable effort to meet in person and confer for the purpose of resolving the Claim by good faith negotiation. If requested in writing, accompanied by a copy of the Notice, the Board may appoint a representative to assist the parties in negotiating a resolution of the Claim.

(c) Mediation. If the parties have not resolved the Claim through negotiation within thirty (30) days of the date of the Notice described in Section 13.02(a) (or within such other period as the parties may agree upon), the Claimant shall have thirty (30) additional days to submit the Claim to mediation with an entity designated by the Association (if the Association is not a party to the Claim) or to an independent agency or individual providing dispute resolution services in the State of Alabama selected by both sides if the Association is a party. If the Claimant does not submit the Claim to mediation within such time, or does not appear for the mediation when scheduled, the Claimant shall be deemed to have waived the Claim, and the Respondent shall be relieved of any and all liability to the Claimant (but not third parties) on account of such Claim. If the parties do not settle the Claim within thirty (30) days after submission of the matter to mediation, or within such time as determined reasonable by the mediator, the mediator shall issue a notice of termination of the mediation proceedings indicating that the parties are at an impasse and the date that mediation was terminated. The Claimant shall thereafter be required to initiate arbitration proceedings on the Claim, as set forth in Section 13.02(e) below. Each party shall bear its own costs of the mediation, including attorneys' fees, and each party shall share equally all fees charged by the mediator.

(d) Settlement. Any settlement of the Claim through negotiation or mediation shall be documented in writing and signed by the parties. If any party thereafter fails to abide by the terms of such agreement, then any other party may file suit or initiate administrative proceedings to enforce such agreement without the need to again comply with the procedures set forth in this Section. In such event, the party taking action to enforce the agreement or award shall, upon prevailing, be entitled to recover from the non-complying party (or if more than one non-complying party, from all such parties in equal proportions) all costs incurred in enforcing such agreement or award, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs.


(e) Arbitration; No Trial by Jury. Any dispute between an Owner or the Association, as one of the parties, against Developer or any Affiliate thereof, as the other party ("Dispute"), and any Claims which remain after the conclusion of the dispute resolution procedures described in Section 13.02 above, shall be resolved by final and binding arbitration by a single arbitrator in Birmingham, Alabama in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect and shall not be submitted to a lawsuit or other proceedings in any Alabama state court or any federal court. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR SHE IS KNOWINGLY WAIVING THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL EITHER BEFORE A JUDGE OR A JURY RELATING TO ALL CLAIMS AND DISPUTES. All disputes concerning the arbitrability of any Claim or the enforceability or scope of this provision shall be subject to the same binding arbitration. The parties shall bear equally the cost of the arbitrator, and each party shall otherwise bear its own costs; provided, however, that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all of its costs in such arbitration, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses. The arbitrator shall follow the law applicable to any Claim and shall be empowered to award any damages or other relief

which would be available under law applicable to any such Claim. The determination of the arbitrator shall be final, binding on the parties, and non-appealable and may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce it. The parties acknowledge and agree that the transactions contemplated by, and relating to, the Property, which may include the use of materials and components which are obtained from out-of-state and which otherwise include the use of interstate mails, roadways and commerce, involve interstate commerce, as that term is defined in the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 2.

13.03 INITIATION OF LITIGATION BY ASSOCIATION. In addition to compliance with the foregoing alternative dispute resolution procedures, the Association shall not initiate any judicial or administrative proceedings unless first approved by the affirmative vote of the Members in “good standing”, as defined in the Bylaws, entitled to cast at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of all votes in the Association, except that no such approval shall be required for actions or proceedings involving the following:

- (a) Initiated to enforce the provisions of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, collection of Assessments and foreclosure of liens;
- (b) Initiated to challenge taxation or condemnation proceedings involving the Common Areas;
- (c) Initiated against any contractor, vendor, or supplier of goods or services arising out of a contract for services or supplies; or
- (d) To defend claims filed against the Association or to assert counterclaims in proceedings instituted against it.

This Section 13.03 shall not be amended unless such amendment to this Declaration is approved by the same percentage of votes necessary to institute proceedings.


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Developer has caused this Declaration to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

BLACKRIDGE PARTNERS, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company

By: [Signature]
Printed Name: Jonathan Belcher
Title: President


STATE OF ALABAMA)
 :
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county, in said state, hereby certify that Jonathan Belcher whose name as President of Blackridge Partners, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, he, as such President and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of the aforesaid limited liability company.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 30 day of November, 2017.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 04-18-2020

LINDA S MAYO
Notary Public, Alabama State At Large
My Commission Expires April 18, 2020


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CONSENT OF ASSOCIATION

The undersigned, Blackridge Residential Association, Inc., an Alabama nonprofit corporation, has joined in the execution of this Declaration in order to consent to and agree to be bound by all of the terms and provisions of this Declaration, including, without limitation, the provisions of Sections 4.10 and 4.11 of the Declaration.

Dated as of the 30 day of November, 2017.

**BLACKRIDGE RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION,
INC., an Alabama nonprofit corporation**

By: [Signature]
Its: President

STATE OF ALABAMA)

JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county in said state, hereby certify that Jonathan Belcher, whose name as President of Blackridge Residential Association, Inc., an Alabama nonprofit corporation, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said nonprofit corporation.


Given under my hand and official seal this 30 day of November, 2017.

[Signature]
Notary Public

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

My commission expires: 04-18-2020

LINDA S MAYO
Notary Public, Alabama State At Large
My Commission Expires April 18, 2020


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CONSENT OF LENDER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned Mortgagee hereby joins in and consents to the terms and provisions of the foregoing Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the Blackridge Phase 1A Residential Subdivision and agrees that the Property is subject to all terms and conditions of the Declaration for all purposes.

Dated as of the 15th day of December, 2017.

MORTGAGEE:

Daryl Spears

By: Daryl Spears/USAmeriBank

Its: SVP

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Daryl Spears, whose name as SR. V.P. of, USAmeriBank whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of said instrument, he, as such officer, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said Bank.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of December, 2017.

Lisa S. Pate

Notary Public

My commission expires:



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EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of Property

Final Plat of the Residential Subdivision of Blackridge Phase 1A, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate for Shelby County, Alabama in Map Book 48, Pages 83A and 83 B.

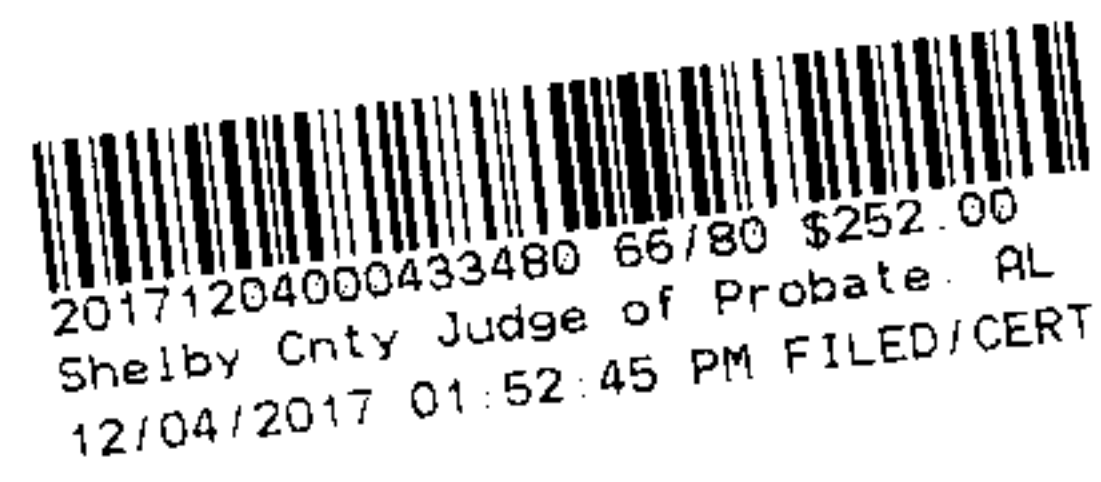


EXHIBIT B

BLACKRIDGE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Developer and the Board of Directors of Blackridge Residential Association, Inc. have adopted these Rules and Regulations (the "Rules and Regulations") in order to maintain the aesthetics and lasting quality of the Property as well as to ensure the long-term viability and the value of all Buildings and other improvements constructed within the Property. These Rules and Regulations do not anticipate all acceptable or unacceptable behavior in advance and are subject to amendment and modification from time to time and at any time by action of the Board. These Rules and Regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Board in the manner set forth in Section 6.18 of the Declaration, as hereinafter defined, will be binding upon all Owners and Occupants of any Lots within the Property.

These Rules and Regulations are referred to in, and constitute a part of, the Blackridge Residential Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (the "Declaration"). *Capitalized terms not otherwise expressly defined herein shall have the same meanings given to them in the Declaration.* These Rules and Regulations are in addition to all of the terms and provisions set forth in the Declaration, including, specifically, the provisions of Articles V and VI of the Declaration. In the event of any conflict or ambiguity between the terms and provisions set forth herein and those set forth in the Declaration, then, except as otherwise expressly provided herein to the contrary, the terms and provisions of the Declaration shall at all times control. These Rules and Regulations may be amended at any time and from time to time by the Board in the manner provided in Section 6.18 of the Declaration and variances to these Rules and Regulations may be granted as provided in Section 1.29 below.

1.01 TRASH, RUBBISH AND NUISANCES.

(e) No trash, garbage, rubbish or debris of any kind shall be dumped, placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of the Property nor shall any nuisance or odors be permitted to exist or operate upon or arise from any Lot which would render any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to persons using, occupying or owning any other Lots, Buildings, Common Areas, the Lake or any other real property in close proximity to the Property. Any Owner or Occupant who dumps, places or allows trash or debris to accumulate on his or her Lot or on any other portion of the Property shall be liable to the Association for all costs incurred by the Association to remove the same. Noxious or offensive activities shall not be carried on in or from any Lot or in any part of the Common Areas, and each Owner and Occupant shall refrain from any act or use of a Lot which could cause disorderly, unsightly or unkept conditions, result in the cancellation of or increase in insurance coverage or premiums for any portion of the Property or be in violation of any law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or requirement of any Governmental Authority. Each Owner and Occupant shall comply with all noise and nuisance ordinances of all applicable Governmental Authorities. To the extent any Owner or Occupant violates any noise or nuisance ordinances of any Governmental Authorities, enforcement of such noise or nuisance ordinances shall be solely by the applicable Governmental Authority and not by the Association.

(f) Trash, garbage and any other refuse or waste shall not be kept on any Lot except in sanitary containers or garbage compactor units. Trash cans and containers shall at all times be kept at the rear of or inside a Building and shall be screened from view from all roadways within or adjacent to the Property, the Lake, and all adjacent Lots and Buildings by appropriate landscaping or fencing approved by the ARC; provided, however, that trash cans and containers may be moved to the side or front yard of any Building on trash collection days so long as such trash cans and containers are removed from the front and side yard promptly after trash has been collected.

(g) No outdoor burning of trash, garbage, leaves, wood, shrubbery or other materials shall be permitted on any Lot. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, to the extent any Owner or Occupant violates any laws, ordinances, statutes, code provisions, rules, regulations or requirement of any Governmental Authority with respect to the outdoor burning of trash, garbage, leaves, wood, shrubbery or other materials, then enforcement of such laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations shall be solely by the applicable Governmental Authority and not the Association.

1.02 **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.**

(h) Mobile homes, motor homes, trailers of any kind, campers, vans, motorcycles, bicycles, motorized carts and all-terrain vehicles, lawnmowers, tractors, tools, construction machinery and equipment of any type or nature, boats and any other type of watercraft, including boat trailers, and any other similar types of vehicles, machinery or equipment shall not be permitted, parked, stored or allowed to remain on any of the streets within the Property or on any Lot unless the same is placed, stored and maintained within a wholly-enclosed structure, with roofing and doors, on such Lot. Any such enclosed structure must be approved by the ARC. Neither the Common Areas nor the roadways within the Property shall be utilized for the parking or storage of any of the foregoing vehicles, recreational vehicles, machinery or equipment.

(i) Vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors are prohibited from being parked on or within any portion of the Property, including any Lots or Buildings, except as follows: (i) not more than one (1) pick-up truck or one (1) mini-van containing commercial writings on their exteriors may be parked on any Lot (but only on or within paved parking surfaces of such Lot) and (ii) any other trucks, vans, commercial vehicles and vehicles with commercial writings on their exteriors shall be allowed temporarily within the Property only if (1) such vehicles are necessary in connection with the construction of any Improvements on a Lot or are providing repair or maintenance services on any Lot and (2) such vehicles are not parked overnight on a Lot .

(j) Any vehicle which is inoperable shall be immediately removed from the Property. No Owner or Occupant shall repair or restore any vehicle, machinery or equipment of any kind upon or within any Lot, within or on any roadway within the Property or within any portion of the Common Areas, except (i) within enclosed garages or workshops or (ii) for emergency repairs and then, only to the extent necessary to enable the immediate movement thereof to a proper repair facility located outside of the Property.

(k) The Board shall have the right at any time and from time to time to adopt rules and regulations with respect to the keeping, storage, parking, operation, use or maintenance of mobile homes, motor homes, tractors, equipment, machinery, trailers (with or without wheels), trucks (other than pick-up trucks), vans (other than mini-vans used solely for passenger uses), commercial vehicles of any type, campers, motorized campers or trailers, boats or other water craft, boat trailers, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, motorized go-carts and other forms of transportation. Without limiting the foregoing, the Board shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to elect from time to time to authorize the use and parking of any of the following within the Property: electric golf carts, electric carts, electric vehicles, neighborhood electric vehicles or other types of vehicles which are powered solely by electricity or solar energy (collectively, "NEVs").

(l) To the extent the use of NEVs has been approved by the Board and all applicable Governmental Authorities, then:

(i) The Board shall have the right (but not the obligation) to designate the manufacturer, color, size and type of NEVs which may be utilized within the Property,

including, specifically, designating the source from which such NEVs may be either purchased or leased;

(ii) The Board reserves the right, from time to time, to require that the operator of such vehicles be limited to drivers who are a minimum age (which may be higher than sixteen (16) years of age) and who possess a valid driver's license;

(iii) No personalization of NEVs shall be authorized or permitted;

(iv) The Board reserves the right, from time to time, to limit and restrict the number of NEVs which any Owner or Occupant of a Lot may utilize on or within the Property; and

(v) The Board shall have the right at any time and from time to time to adopt additional rules and regulations with respect to the keeping, storage, parking, operation, use or maintenance of NEVs within the Property.

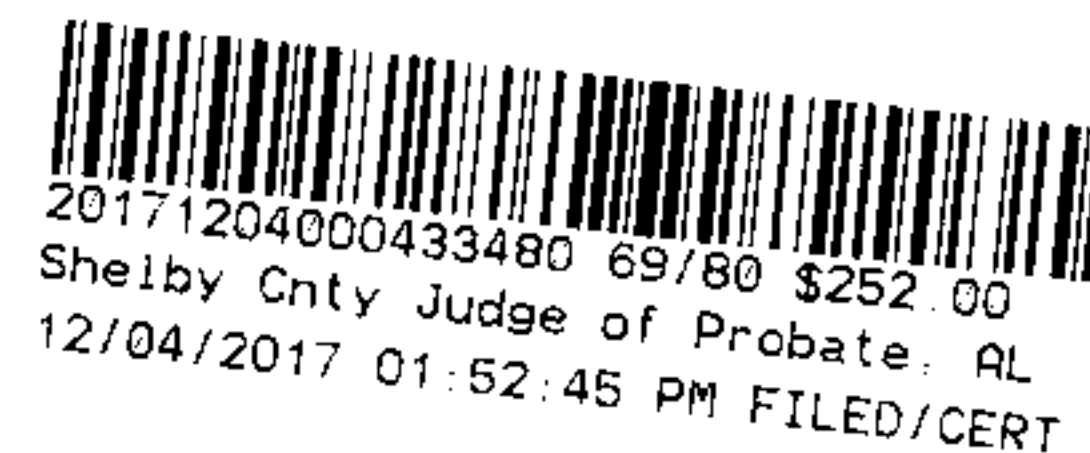
1.03 **SWIMMING POOLS AND TENNIS COURTS.** Swimming pools, outdoor hot tubs, reflecting ponds, saunas, whirlpools, lap pools and tennis courts may be constructed, installed and maintained on any Lot but only to the extent that the ARC has approved the same in writing and the construction of the same satisfy all restrictions and requirements imposed by the ARC with respect thereto. Above-ground pools shall not be permitted. The ARC shall have the right to adopt further rules and regulations governing the construction of swimming pools, other outdoor water facilities and amenities and tennis courts within the Property. Swimming pools and tennis courts shall be fenced as may be required by any of the Governmental Authorities, which fencing must also be approved by the ARC. All pool equipment shall be screened from view from outside the Lot.

1.04 **GARAGES, DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING.**

(m) Each Building shall provide for off-street parking for at least two (2) automobiles in enclosed garages (which must be equipped with garage doors). All driveways and sidewalks shall be paved; chert, gravel and loose stone driveways and sidewalks are prohibited; provided, however, that, with ARC approval (i) driveways may utilize concrete or asphalt ribbons with grass or other surfaces as approved by the ARC and (ii) gravel and loose stone walkways at the rear of a Building and which are not visible from any roadways within or adjacent to the Property may be allowed. Garage doors shall be constructed of such materials as are approved by the ARC.

(n) Garages must be wholly-enclosed. Garage doors shall be kept closed at all times except when in use. No garage shall be converted to any use other than for the parking of vehicles therein without the approval of the ARC. All automobiles owned or used by the Owner or Occupant of any Building and their respective family members shall be parked in such garages and garages shall not be used for storage or for any other purposes or uses which would result in the garage being unavailable for the parking of vehicles therein. Non-operable vehicles shall not be stored in any garages if the same would result in any vehicles being parked outside and not in a garage.

(o) In no event shall any automobiles or other vehicles, machinery or equipment be parked or left unattended on or within (i) any areas of a Lot which are not within or part of the driveways or enclosed garages for such Lot or (ii) any Common Areas. Vehicles shall be parked only in driveways or in garages. Vehicles shall not be parked on any landscaped or natural areas of a Lot or within any of the Common Areas. No vehicles, machinery or equipment shall be (1) repaired or restored outside an enclosed



structure (e.g., a garage) on any Lot or (2) placed on any types of blocks or other types of fixtures or personal property which are located outside of an enclosed garage.

(p) No portion of any Lot may be utilized to provide access, ingress to or egress from any property outside the boundaries of the Property without the express prior written consent of the ARC, which consent may be withheld by the ARC in its sole and absolute discretion.

(q) To the extent any Owner or Occupant or any of their respective builders, contractors, subcontractors, agents, employees, guests or invitees damage or destroy any of streets and roads or any sidewalks, curbing or retaining walls within the Property, then the Owner of such Lot shall promptly cause, at his, her or its sole cost and expense, such damaged streets and roads, sidewalks, curbing or retaining walls to be repaired and replaced in accordance with any and all requirements of the Association and all applicable Governmental Authorities.

1.05 OUTDOOR FURNITURE, BASKETBALL GOALS, GRILLS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND CLOTHESLINES.

(a) One (1) bench is allowed in the front of a Building as long as it is located on the front porch or along the walkway to the front door of such Building. Benches should be constructed of wood, wood and wrought iron, or concrete and be of a color in keeping with the color of the Building. All benches shall be maintained in good repair and condition at all times.

(b) No interior furniture or furnishings (*i.e.*, sofas, appliances, etc.) shall be allowed on the front porches of any Building; however, except as set forth below, porch swings, rocking chairs, gliders and other types of outdoor furniture, including wicker furniture, shall be allowed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no molded plastic furniture or furnishings shall be allowed on the front porches of any Buildings. All front porches must be kept in a neat and orderly condition at all times. The color of all furniture or furnishings allowed on or within the front porches of any Building must be approved in writing by the ARC.

(b) Wood piles, free-standing playhouses, treehouses, children's toys, swing sets, jungle gyms, trampolines, batting cages and other outdoor and recreational or play equipment and appurtenances shall be located (*i*) so that the same are not visible from any streets and roads within the Property or the Lake and (*ii*) in a location approved in writing by the ARC.

(c) Basketball backboards and goalposts shall generally be located at the back of the driveway on a Lot or in an area on a Lot which, to the extent practicable, is inconspicuous from view from the street. Basketball goal backboards shall be of clear plexiglas or acrylic and both the poles and backboards should be maintained in good condition and appearance at all times. Portable basketball goals are encouraged.

(d) Outside clotheslines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes are prohibited on any Lot. No clothing, rugs or other items shall be hung, placed or allowed to remain on any railing, fence or wall.

(e) Barbecue grills or other types of outdoor cooking equipment and apparatus shall be located only at the side or rear of a Building but only to the extent that the same is not visible from any streets and roads within the Property. No commercial barbecue equipment, including, without limitation, commercial grade smokers and grills, shall be placed, stored or operated on any Lot. The foregoing shall not prohibit or preclude any Owner from constructing an outdoor fireplace on such Owner's Lot so long as the location of the same has been approved by the ARC.

(f) Up to three (3) items consisting of bird baths, statuary, fountains and/or yard art are permitted on a Lot which may be visible from any street subject to the following: statues shall be no taller than 18 inches; bird baths shall be located in the back yard and not visible from any street; statues and yard art shall be of a subdued color; and fountains must be submitted to and approved by the ARC.

(g) One (1) sixteen (16) square foot or smaller flag may be displayed on a Building. Flags may include (1) American flag, a service flag, a university flag or a seasonal flag. Seasonal flags may be displayed in the appropriate season only. All flags shall be maintained in good repair and condition at all times and in accordance with any requirements of any Governmental Authority. Free standing flag poles should be less than sixteen (16) feet in height and not visible from any street unless approved by the ARC.

(h) Any weathervanes to be installed on a Building must be approved by the ARC.

1.06 **YARD AND GARAGE SALES.** The Association shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to limit, restrict and prohibit any yard, garage, basement or other types of sales within the Property and to adopt additional rules and regulations, as well as charging fees, for any such sales.

1.07 **LANDSCAPING AND TREES.**

(a) **Cutting of Trees and Other Plant Life.** No trees having a trunk diameter of two (2) inches or more at a point six (6) inches above ground level may be cut, removed or mutilated without first obtaining the prior approval of the ARC; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be (i) applicable to the cutting and removal of any trees situated within ten (10) feet of the foundation of any Building, any driveways for a Lot or any decks or patios on a Lot, (ii) deemed to prohibit the cutting and removal of any dead or diseased trees on a Lot or (iii) applicable to Developer. The provisions of this Section 1.07 shall be applicable at all times, including, without limitation, at the time of construction of a Building on a Lot and after completion of construction of a Building on a Lot.

(b) **Obstructions.** No plant materials shall be placed or permitted to remain on any Lot if the same would interfere with or obstruct traffic sight-lines for any of streets or roads. The determination of whether any such obstruction exists shall be made by the ARC, whose determination shall be final, conclusive and binding on all Owners.

(c) **Rocks and Rock Walls.** No rocks, rock walls or other substances shall be placed on any Lot as a front or side yard border to prevent vehicles from parking on or pedestrians from walking on any portion of such Lot or to otherwise impede or limit access to the same unless otherwise approved in writing by the ARC. Any walls, including retaining walls, to be constructed on any Lot must be approved by the ARC.

(d) **Native Plants.** Each Owner shall, to the extent practicable, attempt to incorporate into the landscaping plan for his or her Building the natural plant life existing on such Lot and shall otherwise take such steps which would, to the extent practicable, preserve the existing trees, plant life, wild flowers and natural environment, including natural drainage channels, which exist on such Lot. The ARC may from time to time promulgate rules and regulations adopting an approved list of plant life which must be utilized on any Lot, which rules and regulations may also prescribe that a minimum dollar amount be established and utilized as a landscaping budget for each Lot.

(e) **Turf Grass Height.** The Board has the right to adopt turf grass guidelines which, among other things, may mandate that the height of specific types of turf grass not exceed specified heights. All Owners shall abide by any such guidelines.

(f) Decorations. Seasonal or holiday decorations (e.g., Christmas trees and lights, pumpkins, Easter decorations) may not be placed on any Lot more than 30 days prior to such holiday and shall be promptly removed from each Lot no later than 20 days following the date of such holiday.

(g) Maintenance Requirements. Except as provided in Section 5.06 of the Declaration, approval of the ARC should be obtained prior to making landscape changes. All Owners are responsible for properly maintaining a neat appearance of all landscaping visible to the public from any streets or roadways. Regular maintenance includes:

- (i) Regular mowing of grass and removal of grass clippings;
- (ii) Treatment to control weeds;
- (iii) Pruning of trees and shrubbery;
- (iv) Edging grass along curb or gutter, drives, walks and natural areas;
- (v) Regular removal of leaves from all areas of a Lot;
- (vi) Regular refreshing of mulch in natural areas and/or planting beds;
- (vii) Replacing any dead shrubs or trees, which were part of an approved landscape plan. Replacements should be of the same type as the original and of an appropriate size; and
- (viii) Maintaining all irrigation and the landscaping (other than pavement and curb and gutters) located within the right-of-way of any roads adjacent to such Owner's Lot.

(h) Curb and Gutter. Rocks and other similar items are not permitted on, in or adjacent to the curb or gutter. Painted house numbers are not permitted on the curb or gutter.

(i) Edging (Border). Edging is permitted only if properly installed and maintained. Acceptable edgings are black plastic, steel, or aluminum. Brick, stone and concrete products are permitted if they repeat materials and colors of the house, while blending with surroundings and having a maximum height of six inches. Poured in place concrete edging is not permitted.

(j) Foundation Plantings. All Buildings should have shrubs planted along the front foundation. The size, type, spacing and quantity of shrubs required will be evaluated based on the height of the foundation wall (from the ground up to the first floor). Approval of the ARC is required prior to making changes to foundation plantings.

(k) Gardens. All gardens designed for the production of vegetables and flowers for cutting should be located in the rear yard. These gardens are not permissible in front yards. Approval of the ARC is required if a garden will be visible from any street or from the Lake.

(l) Garden Hoses. Garden hoses should be of a subdued color and stored neatly on a hose reel or similar container when not in use.

(m) Landscape Timbers. Landscape timbers and railroad ties should not be used in the front yard, including construction of planters or around trees. Planters should be constructed of masonry

to match the house. Neither railroad ties nor landscape timbers should be used for construction of retaining walls in highly visible areas.

(n) Natural Areas and Planting Beds. A fresh layer of pine straw or naturally colored pine bark should be maintained and weed-free in areas not covered with sod, Mondo, Pachysandra, Ivy, or another approved ground cover in the front and side yards of all Buildings. White rock or other light colored materials are not permitted. A distinction should be maintained between sod or ground cover and natural area by regularly edging along the boundary. The size and location of planting beds should be maintained according to their original condition or subsequently approved landscape plan approved by the ARC.

1.08 ANIMALS AND PETS. No animals, livestock, reptiles, birds or poultry of any kind shall be kept, raised or bred by any Owner upon any Lot or any other portion of the Property; provided, however, that dogs and cats are allowed on a Lot or within a Building so long as the same (a) do not become a nuisance to other Owners or Occupants and (b) are not kept for breeding or commercial purposes. Pets such as snakes, alligators and other reptiles are prohibited. The Board may adopt from time to time a specific listing of permitted and prohibited pets, including species or types of dogs or other animals which will not be allowed or which will be permitted within the Property. No pet shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise or become a nuisance. Any structure or area for the care, housing or confinement of any pet (including, without limitation, dog houses, dog runs and other confined areas and spaces) shall be located only at the rear of a Building, shall not be visible from any roadways within or adjacent to the Property or from the Lake and shall be constructed of materials and of a size approved by the ARC. Dogs and cats shall not be allowed to roam unattended within the Property; all dogs shall be kept and maintained within fenced or walled areas on a Lot which are screened with appropriate landscaping approved by the ARC or otherwise under leash. Pets shall not be permitted to leave excrement on the Lot of any other Owner, within any street right-of-way or any portion of the Common Areas or on the Lake and the Owner of such pet shall immediately remove the same. Each Owner shall be liable to the Association for the costs of repairing any damage to the Common Areas caused by the pet of such Owner or Occupant. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, to the extent any Owner or Occupant violates any requirements of any Governmental Authority with respect to any pets or other animals maintained by such Owner or Occupant on or within any Lot or within any portion of the Property, then enforcement of such governmental requirements shall be solely by the applicable Governmental Authority and not the Association. Each Owner of any pets within the Property shall and does agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Association, the ARC and Developer harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, losses, liabilities and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, suffered paid or incurred by the Association, the ARC or Developer as a result of any violation by such Owner of any of the terms and provisions of this Section 1.08 or the actions of such Owner's pets which may cause injury of damage to person or property.

1.09 EXTERIOR LIGHTING. Exterior landscape lighting along the driveway, walkways and landscaping beds adjacent to a Building is permitted. All lighting fixtures should be low voltage and no taller than eighteen (18) inches in height. The color of the light fixtures should blend with the surrounding areas (*i.e.*, black, bronze, copper or green). The ARC reserves the right to determine the appropriate number and spacing of any such landscape lighting. Lighting should not produce a glare onto any adjoining Lots or streets.

1.10 FENCES. No chain link or vinyl coated fences shall be allowed on any Lot. All fences, including the height, materials to be used, paint colors, style or architectural features of such fences and the location of any fences, must be approved in writing by the ARC.

1.11 **WINDOWS, WINDOW TREATMENTS AND DOORS.**

(r) Reflective glass shall not be permitted on the exterior of any Building. Appropriate window treatments shall be used on all windows. No foil or other reflective materials shall be installed on any windows or used for sunscreens, blinds, shades or other purposes. Sheets, bed linens, blankets and paper or plastic bags or similar items are not appropriate window treatments. Outdoor curtains or draperies for patios or other outdoor areas on any Lot must be approved in writing by the ARC.

(s) The ARC may adopt guidelines for the types of windows and materials from which windows may be constructed on any Building. All exterior doors on any Building or other Improvements on a Lot must be approved by the ARC as to style, materials used, color, size and types of door hardware to be utilized. Burglar bars on windows and doors shall not be permitted. Screen doors shall be authorized only on the rear of a Building. No aluminum or metal doors with glass fronts (e.g., storm doors) shall be allowed on the front of any Building.

1.12 **MAILBOXES.** Each Lot shall have only one (1) mailbox; provided, however, that the ARC may authorize and require that double mailboxes containing only one post be located at or near the common property line of two (2) Lots which will serve both Lots. All mailboxes shall be of the type, design, color and location as may be established in the Architectural Standards or approved by the ARC. Mailboxes shall contain only the house number of the Lot as approved by the ARC, but no further inscription, paintings, ornaments or artistry shall be allowed.

1.13 **HVAC EQUIPMENT.** No window mounted heating or air conditioning units or window fans shall be permitted. The location of all heating, ventilating, and air conditioning ("HVAC") equipment must be approved as part of the plans to be submitted to and approved by the ARC. All HVAC equipment must be appropriately screened with landscaping, which screening must be approved by the ARC.

1.14 **SATELLITE DISHES AND ANTENNAE.** Two (2) satellite dishes no more than two (2) feet in diameter may be installed on a Building so long as any such satellite dishes (a) are not installed in the front yard of any Lot (whether on the ground or on any pole or other improvement), (b) are installed on a Building in a location which, to the greatest extent possible, will not be visible from the street adjoining such Lot, (c) if mounted on the rear or side roof of a Building, then such satellite dishes and their respective supports shall blend with the color of the roof, and (d) do not violate any other terms and provisions of the Declaration or these Rules and Regulations, including, but not limited to, the removal of any trees from such Lot. Any additional antennas that are required in order to receive local television stations should be installed internally (in an attic space); otherwise, the location of any such additional antennas outside a Building must be approved by the ARC. No radio or television signals or any other form of electromagnetic radiation or transmission shall be permitted to originate from any Lot which may interfere with the reception of radio or television signals within the Property or any other real property situated in close proximity to the Property.

1.15 **SIGNAGE.** Subject to the provisions of Section 6.12(b) of the Declaration, no signs or advertising posters of any kind (other than one (1) "for sale" or "for rent" sign in size and color approved by the ARC) shall be maintained or permitted within any windows or on the exterior of any Lot or elsewhere on any portion of the Property without the express written permission of the ARC. The approval of any signs and posters, including, without limitation, political campaign signs and name and address signs, shall be upon such conditions as may from time to time be determined by the ARC, in its sole and absolute discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restrictions set forth in this Section 1.15 shall not be applicable to any signs erected pursuant to Section 6.12(b) of the Declaration.

1.16 **BULLETIN BOARDS.** No notices, flyers or advertisements shall be posted on or within the Common Areas or any streets and roads of the Property, including any bulletin boards within or on any of the Common Areas of the Property, without the prior written approval of the Board.

1.17 **COMPLAINTS.** Complaints regarding any services or the condition of any portion of the Property shall be made in writing to the Board.

1.18 **DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.** All Owners will be held responsible for the conduct of their immediate family members and Occupants while on or within any portion of the Property and for their adherence to all of these Rules and Regulations. Each Owner shall be responsible and reimburse the Association or third parties for any damage to any of the Common Areas or to the property of any third party caused by such Owner or any Occupants of the Building of such Owner.

1.19 **FLAMMABLE AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES.** No Owner or Occupant shall at any time bring into or keep on or within any portion of the Property any flammable, combustible, explosive or other harmful fluids, chemicals or substances or any toxic or hazardous waste or substance except as shall be necessary and appropriate for permitted uses of a Lot or any Improvements thereto; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be applicable to (a) the Association in connection with the maintenance and operation of any of the Property or to Developer in connection with the development of any portion of the Property or any real property owned by Developer situated adjacent thereto or in close proximity therewith or (b) the use of propane, natural gas or lighter fluid for outdoor grills (which satisfy the requirements of Section 1.05(e) above).

1.20 **RADIOS AND STEREOS.** No Owner or Occupant shall play upon or cause to be played upon any musical instrument or otherwise operate or permit to be operated any radio, stereo, compact disk or tape player, television, loudspeaker or other sound amplification device in or upon any Lot or any Improvements thereto or any of the Common Areas if the same would violate any governmental requirements or any noise or nuisance ordinances of any applicable Governmental Authority. The enforcement of any governmental requirements and any noise or nuisance ordinances shall be undertaken by the applicable Governmental Authority and not the Association.

1.21 **LAWNMOWERS AND YARD MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.** No Owner or Occupant shall operate a lawnmower, edger, trimmer, leaf blower, chain saw or similar yard maintenance equipment prior to 7:00 a.m. or after dusk.

1.22 **OBSTRUCTIONS.** No walkways, sidewalks, entrances or streets and roads within the Property shall be obstructed or encumbered or used for any purposes other than ingress or egress nor shall such areas be used for the storage of any personal property. Any personal property of an Owner or Occupant (other than vehicles and personal property located outside a Building which is specifically allowed by these Rules and Regulations or which have been approved by the ARC) must be stored within (inside) the Improvements situated on a Lot.

1.23 **ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.**

(a) The use of accessory buildings (*i.e.*, gazebos, storage buildings, gazebos, pavilions and other similar buildings which are detached from a Building), in general, is discouraged (other than for garages which are allowed as accessory buildings, subject to the provisions of Section 1.23(c) below) and will be subject to strict review and scrutiny by the ARC. Greenhouses, storage sheds or buildings, storage spaces and other structures, if any, must be incorporated into the design of the Building and plans and specifications for any such accessory buildings must be submitted to, reviewed by and approved by the ARC. No accessory building shall be constructed on a Lot prior to construction of a Building on such Lot.

Any structure or area for the care, housing or confinement of any pet (including, without limitation, dog houses, dog runs and other confined areas and spaces) shall be located only at the rear of a Building, shall not be visible from any roadways within or adjacent to the Property and shall be constructed of materials and of a size approved by the ARC. No metal, aluminum, fiberglass, plastic or canvas barn carport, garage, utility building, storage building or other structure shall be erected or placed on any Lot.

(b) No temporary housing or shelters and no trailer, shack, tent, barn, shed, storage shed, tool shed, utility building, portable building, storage building, portable storage building, stable, poultry house or yard, rabbit hut, treehouse, dollhouse or other outbuilding or structure of any kind, shall be permitted, constructed, installed or allowed to remain on any Lot; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to prohibit (i) any detached garages or other structures which are approved in writing by the ARC, subject to the provisions of Section 1.23(c) below, (ii) to the extent approved by the ARC, dog houses for not more than three (3) dogs so long as such dog houses are visibly screened with landscaping from view from all roadways within or adjacent to the Property, (iii) to the extent approved by the ARC, temporary structures for social functions as may be permitted by the rules and regulations of the Board or (iv) construction trailers and/or sales offices of Developer.

(c) Garages are approved accessory buildings so long as the same are used for the storage of not more than three (3) passenger vehicles.

1.24 **PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZATION.** The Board may adopt rules and regulations regarding the types of pesticides and fertilizers which may be used whether the Property, including prohibiting or limiting the uses of certain pesticides and fertilizers along, around or near any wetlands, streams, creeks, ponds, lakes or rivers which flow through any portion of the Property.

1.25 **LAKE USAGE.**

(a) The Owner of each Lot and the respective Occupants of such Owner shall be permitted to use the Lake for canoeing, swimming, fishing, and other recreational purposes subject to these Rules and Regulations and any amendments thereto established by the Board from time to time. With respect to those Owners and Occupants of Lots which are not Lake Lots, access to the Lake shall be limited to those Common Areas designated by the Association from time to time and shall not be over, across or upon any of the Lake Lots.

(b) Only Owners of Lake Lots shall be entitled to use motor-powered watercraft on the Lake. Owners of Lots which are not Lake Lots may use canoes, kayaks, and other non-motorized watercraft on the Lake. The Board shall have the right to establish restrictions on the size and horsepower of motor-powered watercraft on the Lake as well as the size and types of non-motorized watercraft which may be used on the Lake.

(c) No boat canal shall be constructed upon any Lot nor shall any facility or device be constructed or installed upon any Lot which shall alter in any way the course, boundaries or elevation of the Lake or which shall involve or result in the removal of water from the Lake without the prior written approval of the ARC.

(d) Owners of Lake Lots may construct one (1) pier or dock which extends from the Lake Lot of such Owner into the Lake Buffer Area and the Lake, subject to ARC written approval of such pier or dock, which approval shall also establish the location, size and location of the same. Any such pier or dock shall have a low profile, open design to minimize obstruction of views from other Lake Lots. Enclosed docks or boat houses are not allowed either on the Lake or adjacent to the Lake unless the same

have been approved in writing by the ARC. All requests for docks and piers shall be reviewed by the ARC on a case-by-case basis, based on the slope, grade and topography of the Lake Lots.

(e) Boat ramps on any Lake Lot or within any Lake Buffer Area on any Lake Lot shall not be permitted unless the same have been approved in writing by the ARC. If a boat ramp has not been approved in writing by the ARC on a Lake Lot, then no boat shall be placed in (or removed from) the waters of the Lake from any Lake Lot; provided, however, that small watercraft such as canoes, dinghies or other boats and watercraft approved by the Board may be launched from any Lake Lot if launched without a ramp. Owners of Lots which are not Lake Lots shall utilize the Common Areas, if any, which are provided for the launch of boats or other watercraft.

(f) No boats or other watercraft shall be stored or allowed to remain along the banks of the Lake (unless tied to an approved dock or pier) or within any portions of the Lake Buffer Area of any Lake Lot (unless tied to an approved dock or pier).

(g) Swimming by Owners and Occupants is allowed within the Lake; provided, however, that no lifeguards or other supervisory personnel shall be provided by Developer, the ARC, the Association or any Governmental Authority in connection with any swimming within the Lake. Each Owner, for such Owner and any Occupant of such Owner's Lot or Building and their respective heirs, executors, personal representative, administrators, successors and assigns, by acceptance of a deed to such Lot or any entry onto any portion of the Lake, and each Mortgagee by acceptance of Mortgage encumbering such Lot or the Building situated thereon, for themselves and their respective successors and assigns, do hereby:

(i) Irrevocably and unconditionally waive, release and forever discharge Developer, the ARC, the Association and each Governmental Authority and their respective officers, directors, members, managers, partners, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, agreements, covenants, suits, obligations, controversies, accounts, damages, costs, expenses, losses and liabilities of every kind or nature, known or unknown, arising out of or on account of: (1) any loss, damage or injury to person or property, including death, as a result of any entry onto the Lake or the Recreational Facilities, if any, by any such Owner, Occupant, Mortgagee or any of their respective family members, guests, invitees, heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns; and (2) the rise and fall of the water level of the Lake, including, without limitation, the flow of water onto and out of the Lake, which could result in or cause damage, by flooding or otherwise, to any Improvements or any other personal property situated on any portion of any Lot, or which would result in or cause any Improvements situated on or adjacent to the Lake to be unusable due to low or high water levels; and

(ii) Acknowledge and agree that: (1) neither Developer, the ARC, the Association, any Governmental Authority nor any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, shall provide any lifeguard or any other supervisory personnel or assistance in the conduct of any activities on or about the Lake or the Recreational Facilities, if any; (2) neither Developer, the ARC, the Association, any Governmental Authority nor any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, shall be responsible for the removal of, or providing any additional inspections or warnings for, any reptiles, snakes, other animals or insects on or within the Lake; (3) the use of the Lake and the

Recreational Facilities, if any, by any such Owner or Occupant or any of their respective family members, guests, invitees or heirs, executors, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, shall be at the sole risk and expense of the person or entity using the Lake and Recreational Facilities, if any; (4) neither Developer, the Association, the ARC, any Governmental Authority nor any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, successors or assigns, shall be obligated to take any action to maintain a specific water level for the Lake; and (5) the Lake and the Recreational Facilities, if any, as with any other body of water, pose a potential threat of life threatening harm and each Owner or Occupant and their respective family members, guests and invitees should exercise utmost care and safety precautions in and around the Lake and the Recreational Facilities, if any.

1.26 **STORM DRAINS.** Developer has installed, or will cause to be installed, pipes, swales, headwalls, flumes, surface inlets, and other structures necessary for control of storm drainage and runoff for the Property. No Owner or Occupant or any of their respective licensees, invitees or contractors shall alter, modify, or in any way interfere with the functionality of these structures. Additionally, no Owner or Occupant or any of their respective licensees, invitees or contractors shall allow debris, grass clippings, fences, or any other items to impede or impair the function of any drainage structure and shall maintain the same if located on such Owner's Lot.

1.27 **SANITARY SEWER REQUIREMENTS.** All Owners shall strictly comply with (a) all of the terms and provisions of Section 6.11 of the Declaration regarding the installation and operation of the sanitary sewer system equipment on such Owner's Lot and (b) all rules, regulations and requirements of the Sewer Service Company which may be promulgated by the Sewer Service Company from time to time.

1.28 **ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.** These Rules and Regulations are subject to change, modification, amendment, rescission and enlargement at any time and from time to time by action of the Board of Directors of the Association, without the consent or approval of the Owners or Mortgagees of any Lot. All Owners and Occupants shall be bound by and agree to comply with all additional Rules and Regulations adopted from time to time by the Board as well as any and all changes, modifications, amendments, rescissions and enlargements of these Rules and Regulations.

1.29 **VARIANCES.** The ARC (with the consent and approval of the Board) shall have the exclusive right to grant variances with respect to any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations. Any variance request shall be in writing and, upon approval of the same by the ARC (and the Board) shall be evidenced by a written variance executed by the ARC and the Board.

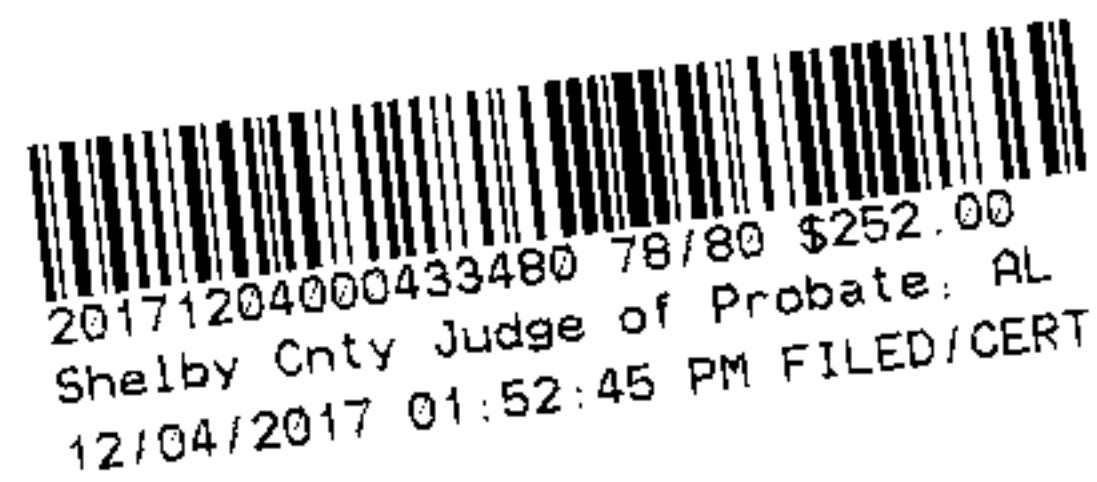
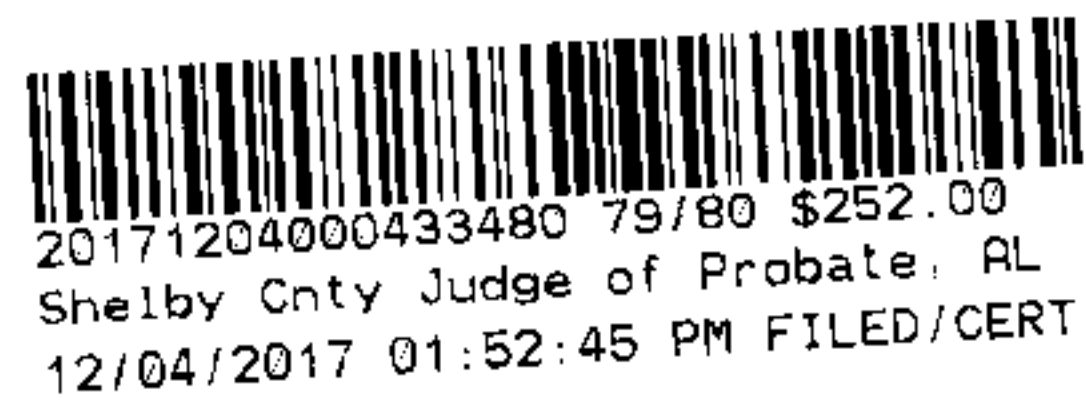


Exhibit C

Illustration of Owner LPS System

See Attached.

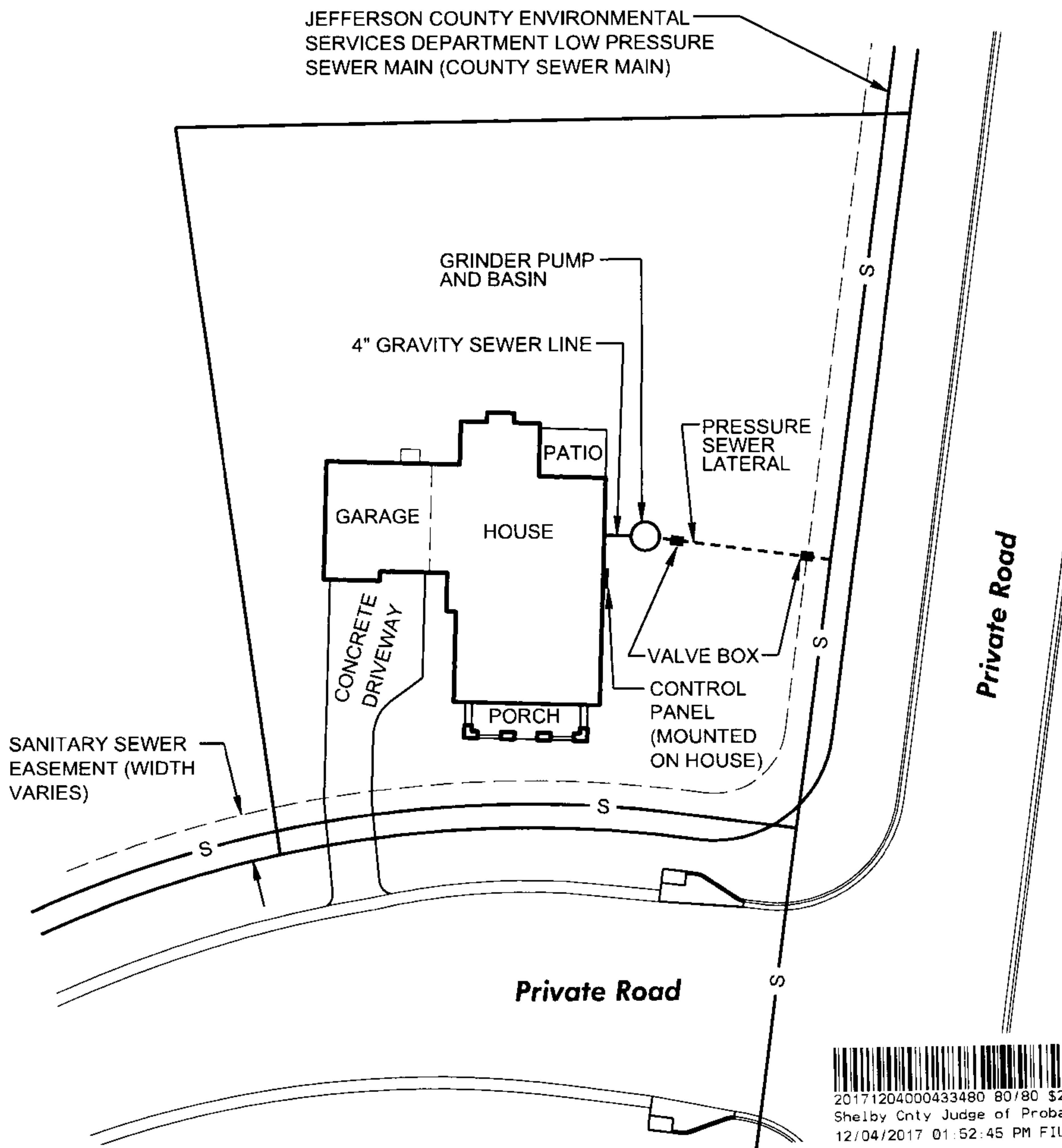


TYPICAL LOT - SEWER PLAN
BLACKRIDGE

NOTE:

THE HOME OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
MAINTENANCE OF THE GRAVITY SEWER
LINES IN THE HOUSE.

THE LOCATION OF THE PUMP, CONTROL
PANEL AND VALVE BOXES MAY VARY
FROM THIS TYPICAL EXAMPLE.



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