

**THE WOODLANDS RESIDENTIAL  
DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS  
AND RESTRICTIONS**

**THIS THE WOODLANDS RESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,  
CONDITIONS**

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**RECITALS:**

Developer is the owner of the Property and desires to own, develop, improve, lease and sell the Property for single family attached and detached 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 administration and maintenance of the Property.

Developer has heretofore caused the Association, as defined in Section 1.06 below, to be formed as an Alabama nonprofit partnership for the purposes of managing and maintaining the Common Areas, as defined in Section 1.10 below, establishing annual budgets for maintaining the Common Areas and paying all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in connection therewith, making Assessments, as defined in Section 1.05 below, and otherwise taking all action which the Association is authorized to undertake hereunder.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** Developer does hereby declare that all of that certain real property situated in Shelby 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, changes, 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, as described in Section 1.01 below (but only to the extent Developer submits any portion of the 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

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the Property (but which does not presently comprise any part of the Development) 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 ARC.** The term or letters "ARC" shall mean the Architectural Review Committee appointed pursuant to Section 5.02 hereof with the rights and obligations conferred upon such architectural review committee pursuant to this Declaration.

**1.03 Architectural Standards.** The term "Architectural Standards" shall mean the standards prepared, issued and amended from time to time by the ARC pursuant to Section 5.04 below for the purpose of reviewing and approving all exterior improvements, landscaping and any other Improvements which may be made to any Lot, Dwelling, or Common Area.

**1.04 Articles of Incorporation.** The term "Articles of Incorporation" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Oak Park Residential Association, Inc. and all Amendments thereto.

**1.05 Assessment.** The term "Assessment" shall mean the annual and special assessments and any other charges assessed against an Owner by the Association pursuant to Sections.

**1.06 Association.** The term "Association" shall mean Oak Park Residential Association, Inc., an Alabama nonprofit corporation. The residents in The Woodlands will be members in the Oak Park Residential Association previously recorded at Instrument #1998-10002 and will be required to pay the same dues and assessments as provided in the Oak Park Residential Association's Articles and Bylaws and therefore exercise the same rights and privileges therein.

**1.07 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 Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

**1.08 Bylaws.** The term "Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the Bylaws of Oak Park Residential Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**1.09 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. The Common Areas shall include:

(a) all private roadways or easements upon which private roadways providing ingress to and egress from the Development have been constructed within the boundaries of the Development,

(b) all private roadways or easements upon which private roadways providing ingress to and egress from the Development have been constructed which may be adjacent to or in close proximity with (but otherwise outside of the Development which provide ingress to or egress



from any portion of the Development (other than any such private roadways which are located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot or Dwelling),

(c) all signage, street lights, lighting, walkways, sidewalks, school bus stops, gates, walls, fences, improvements, landscaping and landscaped or other areas immediately adjacent to any public or private roadways, including all medians within any public or private roadways, whether the same are located within the Development or on any public or private roadways which may be adjacent to or in close proximity with the Development which provide ingress to and egress from any portion of the Development (other than any such areas located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot or Dwelling,

(d) all lakes, water features, storm drains and sewers, drainage and/or watershed protection or retention ponds, lakes, basins or other areas and facilities located within the Development (other than such areas located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot or Dwelling) or, all maintenance areas and parking areas located on any portion of the Development (other than such areas located solely within the boundary lines of any Lot or Dwelling,

(e) all utility lines, pipes, ducts, conduits, equipment, machinery and other apparatus and appurtenances which are located in or serve any portion of the Common Areas and

(f) all parks, nature trails, recreational facilities and areas and any other areas or Improvements on or within the Development which are designated as Common Areas by Developer 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.

**1.10 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 S.04(e) below, together with all funds assessed for the creation or maintenance of reserves pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration.

**1.11 Declaration.** The term "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this The Woodlands at Oak Park Residential Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and all amendments thereto.

**1.12 Developer.** The term "Developer" shall mean Genesis Group L.L.C., an Alabama Limited Liability Company, its successors and assigns.

**1.13 Development.** The term "Development," with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to the Property and all Improvements thereon and any of the Additional Property submitted to the provisions of this Declaration pursuant to Section 2.02 hereof.

**1.14 Dwelling.** The term "Dwelling", with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to any improved Lot intended for use as single-family attached or detached residential housing units.

**1.15 Governmental Authority.** The term "Governmental Authority" shall mean 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 Development.

**1.16 Improvement.** The term "Improvement," with an initial capital letter shall mean and refer to all Dwellings, any building, structure or device constructed, erected or placed upon any Lot or Common Area which in any way affects the exterior appearance of any Lot, Dwelling, or Common Area. Improvements shall include, by way of illustration and not limitation, buildings, sheds, foundations, covered patios, underground utilities, roads, driveways, walkways, paving, curbing, parking areas, trees, shrubbery, landscaping, fences, screening, walls, signs and any other artificial or man-made changes or alterations to the natural condition of any Lot or Dwelling. Improvement shall also mean any grading, any excavation or fill, the volume of which exceeds eight (8) cubic yards.

**1.17 Living Space.** The term "Living Space" shall mean and refer to the enclosed and covered areas within a Dwelling which are heated and cooled by heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment, exclusive of garages, carports, porches, terraces, balconies, decks, patios, courtyards, greenhouses, atriums, attics and basements.

**1.18 Lot.** The term "Lot" shall mean and refer to any unimproved portion of the Property upon which it is intended that a Dwelling be constructed thereon. Upon the recordation of any subdivision plot for any portion of the Property, each lot indicated thereon shall be deemed a Lot for purposes of this Declaration. A parcel of land shall be deemed unimproved and thus considered to be a Lot rather than a Dwelling, until the Improvements constructed thereon are sufficiently complete to reasonably permit habitation thereof. Upon such completion, such Lot and the Improvements thereon shall collectively be considered to be a Dwelling for purposes of this Declaration. In the event any Lot is resubdivided by Developer, the resubdivided Lots shall constitute the number of Lots which remain after such division or combination of Lots.

**1.19 Occupant.** The term "Occupant" shall mean and include any Owner, the 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 Dwelling within the Development. All actions or omissions of any Occupant is and shall be deemed the action or omission of the Owner of such Dwelling.

**1.20 Owner.** The term "Owner", with an initial capital letter, shall mean and refer to the record owner, including Developer, of fee simple title to any Lot or Dwelling whether a corporation, partnership, proprietorship, association or other entity of any nature, including natural persons, but shall not include:

(i) any Mortgagee unless and until such Mortgagee has foreclosed on its Mortgage and purchased such Lot, Dwelling or 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, Dwelling or solely by virtue of a lease, contract, installment contract or other agreement.



**1.21 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.

## **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, Dwelling, 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 upon all Owners and Occupants of the Property and any Lot, Dwelling and Common area thereof.

**2.02 Additional Property.** Developer and/or Member thereof reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time during the pendency of this Declaration, 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 or any of its Members in the manner required for the execution of deeds and recorded in the Probate Office of by Shelby County, Alabama, which instrument shall be deemed an amendment to this Declaration (which need not be consented to or approved by any Owner, Occupant or Mortgagee of any Lot or Dwelling and shall

(a) refer to this declaration stating the book and page number in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama where this Declaration is recorded,

(b) contain a statement that such Additional Property is conveyed subject to the provisions of this Declaration or only specified portions thereof,

(c) contain an exact description of such Additional Property and

(d) state such other or different covenants, conditions and restrictions as the Developer, or any of its Members, in its sole discretion, shall 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 of Shelby County, Alabama 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 or Dwellings within the Additional Property which are added and submitted to the Declaration so that there shall continue to be one vote in the Association per Lot or Dwelling within the Development. 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 Development. Notwithstanding anything provided in this Declaration to the contrary, (1) 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 and (2) the rights reserved by Developer pursuant to this Section 2.02 shall not be deemed to inure to the benefit of any transferee or purchaser of 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 Section 2.02 of this Declaration.

**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; provided, however, that this Declaration may not be modified or amended to

(a) increase or decrease the voting rights in the Association attributable to such Lot any Dwellings situated thereon or

**2.04 Mutuality of Benefit and Obligation.** The provisions of this Declaration are made

(a) for the mutual and reciprocal benefit of each Lot, Dwelling and Common Area within the Property and are intended to create mutual, equitable servitude upon and in favor of each Lot and Dwelling

(b) to create reciprocal rights and obligations between the respective Owners and all future and subsequent Owners of any Lot or Dwelling within the Development and

(c) to create a privity of contract and estate between the Owners, their respective heirs, successors and assigns.

**2.05 Development of Property.** Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, for so long as Developer owns any Lot or Dwelling in the Development, to make improvements and changes to all Common Areas and to all Lots or Dwelling owned by Developer, including, without limitation,

(i) installation and maintenance of any Improvements in or to the Common Areas,  
(ii) changes in the location of the boundaries of any Lots or Dwellings owned by Developer or of the Common Areas, a  
(iii) installation and maintenance of any water, sewer and any other utility systems and facilities within the Common Areas and

(iv) installation of security and trash and refuse facilities.



**2.06 Subdivision Plat.** Developer reserves the right to record, modify, amend, revise and otherwise add to, at any time and from time to time, a subdivision Plat setting forth such information as Developer may deem necessary with regard to the Development, including, without limitation, the locations and dimensions of all Lots, Dwellings, Common Areas, Additional Property, 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 or 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, Developer may at any time or from time to time divide and redivide, combine and resubdivide any Lots owned by Developer.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **EASEMENTS**

##### **3.01 Grant of Nonexclusive Easements to Owners.**

(a) *Common Areas.* Subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration and the rules, regulations, fees and charges from time to time established by the Board, Developer does hereby grant to each Owner and Occupant the nonexclusive 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 and Occupants. Subject to the provisions of Sections 3.03(a), 3.03(b) and 3.03(c) below, the easement and rights granted pursuant to this Section 3.01 (a) are and shall be permanent and perpetual, are nonexclusive, are appurtenant to and shall pass and run with title to each Lot and Dwelling. The easements and rights granted pursuant to this Section 3.01(a) are expressly subject to the rights reserved by Developer to restrict access to the Development as provided in Sections 3.03(a) and 3.03(b) below and to take any action necessary or desired in order to cause any of the private roadways within the Development to be dedicated to and accepted as a public roadway by any Governmental Authority, as provided in Section 3.03(c) below.

**3.02 Grant of Easement to Governmental Authorities.** Subject to the provisions of Sections 3.03(a) and 3.03(b) 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 nonexclusive easement over, across, through all of the private roadways within the Development forming a part of the Common Areas 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 Easement.**

(a) *Waiver of Unlimited Access.* Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in any Lot or Dwelling, does hereby waive all rights of uncontrolled and unlimited access, ingress to and egress from such Lot or Dwelling and acknowledges and agrees that (i) in order to provide a secure and safe environment, access and ingress to and egress from the Development may be controlled, restricted and limited to exclude the general public therefrom and (ii) access, ingress to and egress from such Owner's Lot or Dwelling shall be limited to the roads, designated as Common Areas by Developer; provided, however, that, subject to the terms and provisions of the Declaration, vehicular and pedestrian access to and from all Lots and Dwellings and shall be provided at all times.

b) *Right to Install Security.* Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, the Association and their respective 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 Development. Any guest, family member, invited employee, agent or any other person or persons shall be afforded access to those portions of the Development necessary or required for access, ingress to or egress from, maintenance, operation of the Property, any of the Governmental Authorities or their designated agents and representatives or Developer and those individuals designated from time to time by Developer to be afforded access to the Development.

c) *Power of Attorney.* 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 portion and/or any of the private roadways within the Development as public roadways to any Governmental Authority designated by Developer without requirement that the approval or consent of 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 portion thereof and/or any of the private roadways within the Development are submitted for dedication as public roadways. Each Owner, by acceptance of any deed to a Lot or Dwelling and each Mortgagee, by the acceptance of any Mortgage on any Lot or Dwelling 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 Development 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, Dwelling, or 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) *Recreational Facilities*. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Declaration and the rules, regulations, fees and charges from time to time established by the Board, each Owner and Occupant shall have the nonexclusive right, privilege and easement of access to and the use and enjoyment of the recreational areas, facilities and amenities now or hereafter located in the Common Areas. The easement and rights granted herein are and shall be permanent and perpetual, are nonexclusive, are appurtenant to and shall pass and run with title to each Lot and Dwelling.

(e) *Benefit of Easements*. The easements, rights and privileges granted in Sections 3.01 and 3.03 shall pass with each Lot and Dwelling as an appurtenance thereto and may not be severed, transferred, assigned or otherwise alienated separate or apart from a Lot or Dwelling.

**3.04 Reservation of General Access Easement.** Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, the ARC, the Association and their respective agents, employees, representatives, invitees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual nonexclusive easement appurtenant over, across, through and upon each Lot and Dwelling and for the purpose of providing ingress to and egress from each Lot and Dwelling and for (a) inspecting each Lot and Dwelling and any Improvements thereon in order to determine compliance with the provisions of this Declaration and (b) 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 Dwelling, then except in the event of emergencies, the foregoing easement shall be utilized only during normal business hours and then, whenever practicable, only upon advance notice to the Owner or Occupant of such Lot or Dwelling directly affected thereby.

**3.05 Reservation of Easements With Respect to Common Areas.**

a) *Easement Upon Common Areas*. Developer does hereby establish and reserve, for itself, the ARC, the Association and their respective agents, employees, representatives, invitees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual nonexclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through and upon all of the Common Areas for the purpose of

(i) constructing Dwellings and other Improvements in and to any Lots and Dwellings,

(ii) installing, maintaining, repairing and replacing any other Improvements to the Property or to the Common Areas and

(iii) doing all other things reasonably necessary and proper in connection therewith; provided, however, that in no event shall Developer have any obligation to undertake any of the foregoing. In addition to the other rights and easements established and reserved herein and regardless of whether Developer continues to own a Lot or Dwelling within the Development, Developer hereby establishes and reserves for itself and its successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual, nonexclusive easement to have access, ingress to and egress from and the right and privilege to use and enjoy the Common Areas and all Improvements thereon for such purposes as

Developer deems appropriate; provided, however, that Developer should not exercise such rights so as to unreasonably interfere with the rights of the Owners to use the Common Areas.

(b) *Changes in Common Areas.* Developer does hereby establish and reserve unto itself and its successors and assigns the permanent right to change, modify and realign the boundaries of any of the Common Areas, any Lots or Dwellings owned by Developer. 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 of Easement for Utilities.** Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself and the Association and their respective successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual nonexclusive easement appurtenant over, across, under, through and upon all portions of the Common Areas and all Lots and Dwellings which are reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing, erecting, replacing, relocating, maintaining and operating master television and/or cable systems, security and similar systems and all utilities necessary or convenient for the use of any portion of the Development, including, without limitation, publicly or privately owned and operated electrical, gas, telephone, water and 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 Development. The easements established and reserved herein shall include the right to cut and remove trees, undergrowth and shrubbery, 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 and reserved pursuant to this Section 3.06 shall not unreasonably interfere with the use or occupancy of any Dwelling situated on any Lot and

(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 and reserved herein.

### **3.07 Reservation of Easements for Signs, Walks, Trails, Walls and Fences.**

(a) *Easement for Walks, Trails and Signs.* Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself and the Association and their respective 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 or Dwelling and any public or private roadway which is directly adjacent to and abuts such Lot, Dwelling or for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining, repairing, operating, replacing and the use of sidewalks, walkways, trails, 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) *Easement for Entry Walls.* Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself and the Association and their respective 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 or Dwelling which constitutes the perimeter boundary of the Development for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining, repairing, operating and replacing a perimeter wall, fence, mound or berm around the perimeter boundary of the Development; provided, however, that neither Developer nor the Association shall have any obligation to construct any such perimeter wall, fence, mound or berm.

**3.08 Reservation of Maintenance Easement.** Subject to the terms and provisions of Section 7.02(b) below, Developer does hereby establish and reserve for the Association and its agents, employees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual right and easement to enter upon any Lot or Dwelling for the purpose of 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 Development; provided, however, that such easement shall not impose any duty or obligation upon Developer or the Association to perform any of the foregoing actions.

**3.09 Reservation of Environmental Easement.** Developer does hereby establish and reserve for itself, the ARC, the Association and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, a permanent and perpetual right and easement on, over, across and upon all Lots and all unimproved portions of any Dwellings for the purpose of taking any action necessary to effect compliance with the Architectural Standards or any watershed, soil erosion or environmental rules, regulations and procedures from time to time promulgated or instituted by any Governmental Authorities or the Board. The easement and right established and reserved 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. Except in the case of an emergency situation or a perceived emergency situation, the exercise by Developer or the Association of the rights reserved in this Section 3.09 shall not unreasonably interfere with the use or occupancy of any Dwelling situated on any Lot.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ASSOCIATION**

**4.01 Membership.** The Owner of each Lot or Dwelling shall be a member of the Association. For purposes of determining membership in the Association, each dwelling unit shall be deemed a separate individual Dwelling. Membership in the Association shall be appurtenant to and & may not be separated from ownership of any Lot or Dwelling; provided, however, that

(a) Developer shall be deemed a member of the Association and shall have one (1) vote for each Lot or Dwelling owned by Developer in the Development,

(b) in the event any Lot or Dwelling 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 who shall exercise all voting rights attributable to the Lot or Dwelling 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 or Dwelling is vested in Mortgagee pursuant to a duly recorded deed. The transfer or conveyance of fee title to any Lot or Dwelling (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 or Dwelling transferred and conveyed, notwithstanding any failure of the transferee to endorse to his transferee any certificates, assignments or other evidence of such membership. Membership or the rights and benefits in the Association may not be transferred, assigned, conveyed or otherwise alienated in any manner separately and apart from the ownership of a Lot or Dwelling. (Each member of the Association shall at all times comply with the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, 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 Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. Developer hereby retains and shall have the right to appoint or remove, with or without cause, any member or members of the Board and any officer or officers of the Association until such time as Developer no longer is the Owner of any Lot or Dwelling within the Development. Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot or Dwelling, vests in Developer such authority to appoint and remove members of the Board and officers of the Association as provided by this Section 4.02.

**4.03 Voting Rights.** Subject to the rights reserved to Developer in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (which, among other things, provide that only Developer, for so long as Developer owns any Lot or Dwelling in the Development, shall be exclusively entitled to take various actions and vote on all matters to be voted on by the members of the Association) and the rights of the Association to suspend any Owner's voting rights or privileges in the Association pursuant to Section 11.01 below, the Owner of each Lot or Dwelling shall be entitled to one (1) vote in any matters 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 or Dwelling. Such voting rights shall continue to apply to each Lot or Dwelling upon the addition of any of the Additional Property to this Declaration.

**4.04 Duties and Powers of Association.** 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 Articles of Incorporation 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. In the event of any conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency between the Code of Alabama, this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or any rules and regulations adopted from time to time by the Association, then the provisions of the Code of Alabama, this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, 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 or Dwelling, 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. The powers of the Association shall include, but not be limited to,

(i) the power to purchase one or more Lots and/or Dwellings and any other real or personal property, whether tangible or intangible, and to hold, lease, mortgage, sell and otherwise convey the same,

(ii) subject to the provisions of this Section 4.04, the right to borrow money for the purpose of acquiring additional Common Areas, for constructing, repairing, maintaining or improving the Common Areas or any portion thereof or for providing any of the services authorized herein,

(iii) subject to the provisions of this Section 4.04, the right to give Mortgages or other security instruments encumbering all or any part of the Common Areas as security for any loan obtained by the Association; provided, however, that the lien and encumbrance of any such Mortgage shall be subject and subordinate to all of the rights, interests, privileges, easements, licenses, and options reserved or established herein for the benefit of Developer, the Club Owner, the ARC, the Association and all Owners and Occupants,

(iv) the right to grant and accept easements,

(v) the right to dedicate or transfer fee simple title to all or any portion of the Common Areas to any Governmental Authority; provided, however, that except as provided in Section 3.03(c) above and in Section 9.03 below, the dedication or transfer of title to any of the Common Areas must be approved by a majority of those Owners present in person or by proxy at a duly held meeting of the Association called for such purpose and

(vi) the right to arrange with any of the Governmental Authorities or any public or private utilities or others, for the furnishing of trash collection, water, sewer and/or security services for the Common Areas and/or the Lots and Dwellings. For so long as Developer shall own any Lot or Dwelling, the Association shall not, without the consent of Developer, borrow money or pledge, mortgage, encumber, sell or otherwise convey any interest it may have in the Common Areas. Except as otherwise specifically provided to the contrary herein, in the Articles of Incorporation or in the Bylaws, the powers and authority granted to 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.

**4.05 Agreements.** 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 Development. In performing its

responsibilities hereunder, the Association, through the Board, shall have the right and authority to delegate to such persons of its choice 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 Development, whether such personnel are furnished or employed directly by the Association or by independent contract with the Association. All costs and expenses incurred incident to the employment of a manager of the Development or any of the Common Areas shall be a Common Expense. 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 and exclusively reserved to the Board or the officers of the Association by the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws. Such manager may be an individual, corporation or other legal entity and may be bonded in such manner as the Board may require, with the costs of such bond to be a Common-Expense. In addition to the foregoing, the Association may pay for and the Board may hire and contract for such legal and accounting services as are necessary or desirable in connection with the operation of the Development, or the enforcement of this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or any rules and regulations of the Association.

**4.06 Management by Developer or its Affiliates.** Developer or any affiliate thereof may be employed as the manager of the Association and the Development for so long as Developer owns any Lot or Dwelling within the Development, 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 the Development. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot or Dwelling, shall be deemed to have read the provisions of this Section 4.06 and specifically be deemed to have approved any such management agreement entered into by the Association Developer or any affiliate thereof.

**4.07 Rules and Regulations.** The Board may establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of all Lots, Dwellings, and Common Areas. Without limiting the foregoing, the Board may adopt rules and regulations which shall govern the use of any of the Common Areas (including, specifically, the use of any of the recreational facilities, if any, situated within the Common Areas), the establishment of bird sanctuaries, wildlife and wild flower areas, the enforcement of all of the terms and provisions of this Declaration and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board and such other matters, including, without limitation, the limitation, restriction or prohibition of application of fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals within the Development. Copies of such rules and regulations shall be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless such rule or regulation is specifically overruled, canceled or modified by the Board or by the majority vote of the total votes of the Association at any regular or special meeting of the Association; provided, however, that no such rules or regulations may be overruled, canceled or modified unless such action is also approved by Developer for so long as Developer owns Lot or dwelling in the Development.



**4.08 Indemnification.** The Association shall and does hereby indemnify defend and agree to hold each and every officer, agent, representative and member of the Board of the Association harmless from and against any and all expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, suffered, paid or incurred by any such officer, agent, representative or member of the Board in connection with any action, suit or other proceedings (including the settlement of any suit or proceedings if approved by the Board) to which such person may be made a party by reason of being or having been an officer, agent, representative or member of the Board of the Association. The officers, agents, representatives and members of the Board of the Association 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 officers, agents, representatives and members of the Board of the Association 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 officer, agent, representative and member of the Board harmless from 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 officer, agent, representative or member of the Board of the Association may be entitled, including anything provided to the contrary contained in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and officers and directors liability insurance in order to fulfill its obligations under this Section 4.08 and the costs of such insurance shall constitute a Common Expense.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT AND ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS**

**5.01 Committee Composition.** The ARC shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than seven ( 1 ) persons, each of whom shall be appointed or elected as provided in Section 5.02 below. The members of the ARC may, but shall not be required to be, members of the Association of Owners of any Lot or Dwelling. The regular term of office for each member of the ARC shall be one (1) year, coinciding with the fiscal year of the Association. Any member appointed or elected as provided in Section 5.02 below may be removed with or without cause in the manner provided in Section 5.02 below. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance to a Lot or Dwelling, shall be deemed to ratify the provisions of Section 5.02 below.

#### **5.02 Appointment and Removal of ARC Members.**

(a) For so long as Developer is the Owner of any Lot or Dwelling within the Development, Developer shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint and remove all of the members of the ARC.

(b) At such time as Developer is no longer the Owner of any Lot or Dwelling within the Development or, upon Developer's written notice to the Association that it no longer desires to

exercise the right to appoint and remove members of the ARC as provided in Section 5.02(a) above, then the members of the ARC shall be appointed by the Board of the Association.

(c) Any member of the ARC-may be removed, with or without cause, by

(i) Developer, in its sole discretion, during the period of time that the provisions of Section 5.02(a) above are in effect or

(ii) the Board, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(b) above are in effect. In the event of death or resignation of a member of the ARC, then Developer, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(a) above are applicable, or the Board, in the event the provisions of Section 5.02(b) above are applicable, as the case may be, shall appoint a substitute member of the ARC to fill the vacancy of such deceased or resigning member for the remainder of the term of such former member.

**5.03 Procedure and Meetings.** The ARC shall elect a chairman and he, or in his absence, the vice-chairman, 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. 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. Each member of the ARC may be paid a stipend or honorarium as may from time to time be determined by the Board of the Association 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 Developer. 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.

**5.04 Architectural Standards.** The ARC is hereby authorized to promulgate and amend or 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 Dwellings and other Improvements on any Lot. The content and manner in which plans and specifications and other documentation and information concerning the construction of any Dwelling 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 Dwelling or other Improvements on any Lot. The Architectural Standards adopted 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 DEVELOPMENT, TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE A HARMONIOUS DESIGN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, THE LOTS, THE DWELLINGS, 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 OR DWELLING BY ANY OWNER, OTHER THAN DEVELOPER, WHICH AFFECT THE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE OF ANY LOT OR DWELLING UNLESS PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREFOR 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 DWELLINGS, SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKING LOTS, MAILBOXES, DECKS, PATIOS, COURTYARDS, SWIMMING POOLS, TENNIS COURTS, GREENHOUSES, PLAYHOUSES, PLAY EQUIPMENT, AWNINGS, WALLS, FENCES, EXTERIOR LIGHTS, GARAGES, GUEST OR SERVANT'S QUARTERS, GARAGES OR ANY OTHER OUTBUILDINGS, SHALL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN, NOR SHALL ANY EXTERIOR ADDITION TO OR CHANGE OR ALTERATION BE MADE (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAINTING OR STAINING OF ANY EXTERIOR SURFACE) TO ANY DWELLING OR IMPROVEMENTS, 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.**

**(b) The ARC is hereby authorized and empowered to approve all plans and specifications and the construction of any Dwellings and other Improvements on any part of the Property. Prior to the commencement of any Dwelling or other Improvements on any Lot or Dwelling, the Owner thereof shall submit to the ARC plans and specifications and related data for all such Improvements, which shall include the following:**

**(i) Two (2) copies of an accurately drawn and dimensioned site development plan indicating the location of any and all Improvements, including, specifically, the Dwelling to be constructed on said Lot, the location of all driveways, WALKWAYS, decks, terraces, patios and outbuildings and the relationship of the same to any set-back requirements applicable to the Lot or Dwelling.**

**(ii) Two (2) copies of written specifications and, if requested by the ARC, samples indicating the nature, color, type, shape, height and location of all exterior materials to be used in the construction of the Dwelling on such Lot or any other Improvements thereto, including, without limitation, the type and color of all brick, stone, stucco, roofing and other materials to be utilized on the exterior of a Dwelling and the color of paint or stain to be used on all doors, shutters, trim work, eaves and cornices on the exterior of such Dwelling.**

(iii) If other than standard exterior bracket lights are used, three (3) copies of the exterior lighting plan, including specifications, for any exterior lighting to be utilized with respect to such Lot or Dwelling.

(iv) Such other plans, specifications or other information or documentation as may be required by the Architectural standards.

(c) The ARC shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether the plans and specifications and other data submitted by any Owner for approval are acceptable. 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 other copy shall be returned to the Owner submitting the same marked "approved," "approved as noted" or "disapproved". The ARC shall 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. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, an Owner may make interior improvements and alterations within his dwelling that do not affect exterior appearance may make interior improvements and alterations within any buildings or structures it maintains or owns that do not affect exterior appearance and, in each case, without the necessity or requirement that ARC approval or consent be obtained.

(d) It shall be the sole responsibility of the respective builder to ascertain the location of septic tank and field line areas in relation to the placement of the home on the lot prior to the commencement of construction.

(e) 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 Development, objection to the location of any proposed Improvements on any such Lot, objection to the landscaping plan for such Lot or Dwelling, 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 judgment of the ARC, would render the proposed Improvement inharmonious with the general plan of development contemplated for the Development. The ARC shall have the right to approve any submitted plans and specifications with conditions or stipulations by which the Owner of such Lot or Dwelling shall be obligated to comply and must be incorporated into the plans and specifications for such Improvements or Dwelling. Approval of plans and specifications by the ARC for Improvements to one particular Lot or Dwelling 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 or Dwelling within the Development.

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



(g) 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.

(h) If construction of the Dwelling or the Improvements has not substantially commenced (e.g., by clearing and grading, pouring of footing 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 Dwelling or other Improvements, then no construction may be commenced (or continued) on such Lot or Dwelling and the Owner of such Lot or Dwelling shall be required to resubmit all plans and specifications for any Dwelling or other Improvements to the ARC for approval in the same manner specified above.

#### **5.06 Construction Without Approval.**

(a) If any Improvements are initiated, installed, maintained, altered, replaced or relocated on any Lot or Dwelling or 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 or Dwelling are not being complied with, then, in either event, the Owner of such Lot or Dwelling 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 5.13 below.

**5.07 Inspection.** The ARC or any agent, employee or representative thereof may at any reasonable time and from time to time enter upon and inspect any Lot or Dwelling 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.

**5.08 Subsurface Conditions.** The Property may be 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 Dwelling or other Improvements on a Lot or Dwelling 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 or Dwelling 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 or Dwelling for the construction of any contemplated Improvements thereon.

**5.09 Limitation of Liability.** Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, 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 any damage, loss or prejudice suffered, claimed, paid or incurred by any Owner on account of

(a) any defects in any plans and specifications submitted, reviewed or approved in accordance with the provisions of this Article V,

(b) any defects, structural or otherwise, in any work done according to such plans and specifications,

(c) the failure 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,

(d) the construction or performance of any work related to such plans, drawings and specifications,

(e) 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 Dwellings, 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 Dwellings 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 or Dwelling) and

(f) 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 Dwelling any Improvements situated thereon.

**5.10 Commencement and Completion of Construction.** Upon commencement of construction of any Dwelling, construction work thereon shall be prosecuted diligently and continuously and shall be completed within one (1) year of the commencement date of said construction, such completion to be evidenced by a certificate of occupancy issued by the appropriate Governmental Authorities.

**5.11 Sales and Construction Activities.** Notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions contained in this Declaration to the contrary, Developer, its agents, employees, successors and assigns, shall have the right and option to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities as may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the completion, improvement, and sale of Lots and/or Dwellings or the development of Lots, Dwellings, Common Areas and the Additional Property, including, without limitation, the installation and operation of sales and construction trailers and offices, signs and model Dwellings, all as may be approved by Developer from time to time; provided, however, that the location of any construction trailers of any assignees of Developer's rights under this Section 5.12 shall be subject to Developer's approval. The right to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities shall include, without limitation, the right to use Dwellings as model residences and as offices for the sale of Lots and/or Dwellings and for any related activities.



**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 or Dwelling 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 or Dwelling and take all action necessary to 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, and shall constitute an individual Assessment to such Owner pursuant to Section S.06 below and, if the same is not paid when due, shall be subject to the lien provided for in Section S.09 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 herein 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 of the enforcement rights specified in Sections 6.37, 8.09, 11.01, 11.02 and 11.03 below.

**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 Dwelling or Improvement has been constructed in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **USE AND DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS**

**6.01 Use Restrictions.** Except as otherwise provided to the contrary in Section 5.12 above and in this Section 6.01, each Lot and Dwelling shall be used for single-family residential purposes only and no trade or business of any kind may be carried on in or from any Lot or Dwelling; provided, however, the areas within the Development may be used for attached or detached townhouses, zero lot-line homes and cluster or patio homes for residential dwelling purposes. The use of any portion of a Dwelling 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. The leasing or rental of a Dwelling for residential purposes only shall not be considered a violation of this covenant so long as the lease

shall be set forth on the site development plan for such Lot which must be approved by the ARC pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.05 above. Notwithstanding anything provided in Section 6.04 above to the contrary, the ARC may require building setback requirements different from those described in Section 6.04, including building setbacks which are greater than those specified in Section 6.04 above.

**6.06 Trees.** Unless located within ten (10) feet of a Dwelling or any driveway or sidewalk, no Owner, other than Developer, shall cut, remove or mutilate any tree, shrub, bush or other vegetation having a trunk diameter of four (4) inches or more at a point of three (3) feet above ground level, without first obtaining the approval of the ARC; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to prohibit the cutting and removal of any dead or diseased trees certified as such by the ARC nor shall the foregoing be deemed to release any Owner from the provisions of Sections 6.09 and 7.01 below. Unless specifically waived by the ARC, in writing, the ARC may require the planting, in the front yard of the home no more than three (3) deciduous hardwood trees (such as oak, maple, sycamore, elm, etc.) of a size no less than 2" in diameter measured three (3) feet from the ground.

**6.07 Height Limitations.** The height of all Dwellings shall be compatible with all other Dwellings adjacent to such Lot or Dwelling. No Dwelling shall exceed three and one-half (3 1/2) stories in height, as measured from the finished grade of the Lot on the front of the Dwelling facing a street or roadway.

**6.08 Minimum Living Space.** Minimum Living Space requirements shall be established (i) by the ARC, (ii) on the subdivision Plat for the subdivision of which such Lot is included (which may vary for each phase of development). No dwellings shall be erected containing less than one thousand eight hundred (1,800) square feet of living (heated) area for one story buildings exclusive of porches, garages and basements. Any 1-1/2 story dwelling must contain at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of living area on the first floor, with a total of two thousand (2,000) square feet of living (heated) area, in the entire dwelling. Any two story dwelling must have at least two thousand one hundred (2,100) square feet of living (heated) area, provided that the second story will in no event be less than one thousand (1,000) square feet of living (heated) area.

**6.09 Landscaping.**

(a) The landscaping plan for each Lot or Dwelling in the Development shall be submitted to the ARC for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.06 above. Each Owner shall, to the extent practicable, attempt to incorporate into the landscaping plan for his Dwelling 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.

(b) All front and side yards of each Lot shall, unless approved by the ARC as a natural area or unless the same is landscaped with shrubbery and other approved plant life, be sodded with grass.



(a) is for not less than the entire Dwelling,

(b) is for a term of at least six (6) months and

(c) is otherwise in compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated and published from time to time by the Association; provided, however, that Developer shall have the perpetual right to designate from time to time any Dwellings owned by Developer, its successors and assigns, which may be leased for such periods of time as Developer may determine, including daily or weekly rentals. 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 uses permitted under applicable zoning ordinances affecting the Property; provided, however, that in the event any portion of the Property is to be developed or used for any purpose other than Common Areas, single-family residential purposes or any of the residential uses authorized above for any of the areas then such use must be approved in writing by the ARC.

**6.02 ARC Approval.** No Dwellings or other Improvements or nature whatsoever shall be constructed on any Lot or Dwelling unless such Dwelling and/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, sewer, cable television, security and any other utility service for any portion of the Property shall be installed and maintained below ground.

#### **6.04 Building Setbacks.**

(a) Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.04(d) and 6.05 below, minimum building setback lines for all Dwellings (including Dwellings) shall be established either

(i) by the ARC,

(ii) on the recorded subdivision Plat for the subdivision of which such Lot is included (which may vary for each phase of development).

(b) No Dwellings shall be built within the setback areas established in accordance with any of the procedures specified in Section 6.04(a) above or Section 6.04(d) below. All eaves, steps, stoops, porches, terraces, decks and patios shall be deemed a part of the Dwelling for the purposes of determining building setback areas pursuant to this Section 6.04.

(c) With respect to any Lot which is located adjacent to the Lake Property, the additional building setback requirements set forth in Section 6.33(a) below shall be applicable.

**6.05 Sitting of Dwellings.** Prior to commencing any construction-related activities on any Lot (including any grading or clearing), the location of any Dwelling to be constructed thereon

(c) No hedge or shrubbery planting which obstructs sight-lines of streets and roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any Lot or Dwelling where such hedge or shrubbery interferes with traffic sight-lines for roadways within the Development. 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.

(d) No rocks, rock walls or other substances shall be placed on any Lot as a front or side yard border or 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. No bird baths, fountains, reflectors, flag poles, statues, lawn sculptures, lawn furnishings, artificial plants, rock gardens, rock walls, bird houses or other fixtures and accessories shall be placed or installed within the front or side yards of any Lot or Dwelling unless first approved by A.R.C..

(e) No vegetable, herb or similar gardens or plants shall be planted or maintained in the front or side yards of any Lot or Dwelling or in the rear (back) yard of any Lot, Dwelling or if the same would be visible from any street.

(f) The ARC may from time to time promulgate rules and regulations adopting an approved list of plant life which may be utilized on any Lot, Dwelling or, which rules and regulations may prescribe that a minimum dollar amount be established and utilized as the landscaping budget for each Lot or Dwelling.

(g) No Owner shall allow the grass on his Lot or Dwelling to grow to a height in excess of six (6) inches, measured from the surface of the ground.

(h) Seasonal or holiday decorations (e.g., Christmas trees and lights, pumpkins, Easter decorations) shall be promptly removed from each Lot or Dwelling as soon as such holiday passes.

#### **6.10 Roofing.**

(a) The ARC shall have the right to establish specific requirements for the pitch of any roof and the type of roofing materials which may be utilized for any Dwelling.

(b) No solar or other energy collection panel, equipment or device shall be installed or maintained on any Lot or Dwelling, including, without limitation, the roof of any Dwelling if the same would be visible from any street.

(c) No plumbing or heating vents, stacks and other projections of any nature shall be placed on the roof on the front of a Dwelling. All such vents, stacks and any other projections from the roof of any Dwelling shall be located on the rear roof of such Dwelling and shall (i) be painted the same color as the roofing material used for such Dwelling and (ii) to the extent practicable, not be visible from any street.



(d) No projections of any type shall be placed or permitted to remain above the roof of any Dwelling except for approved chimneys and vent stacks.

**6.11 Exterior Lighting.** All exterior lighting for any Dwelling, including, without limitation, free standing lighting and utility (e.g., flood) lights attached to a Dwelling, must be approved by the ARC.

**6.12 Exterior Materials and Finishes.**

(a) Approved exterior building material finishes for any Dwelling shall include brick, stone, stucco, synthetic plaster (e.g., dryvit), solid wood siding (e.g., cypress or other solid wood) and such other materials as may be approved by the ARC. The use of siding in combination with brick, stone, stucco or synthetic plaster (e.g., dryvit) may be utilized on the front of any Dwelling if specifically approved by the ARC. Siding may not be used on the rear of any home which abuts a Lake or common area. All wood surfaces utilized on the exterior of any Dwelling shall be painted; stained wood shall not be authorized; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to require decks on the rear of a Dwelling to be painted nor shall the foregoing be deemed to prohibit the staining of doors. Prohibited exterior finish materials shall include particle board, plywood, laminated or fabricated siding, vertical siding, simulated brick and any other materials as the ARC may from time to time determine.

(b) All brick, stonework and mortar, as to type, size, color and application, must be approved by the ARC. All exterior colors, including, without limitation, the color of all roof shingles, brick, stone, stucco, synthetic plaster (e.g. dryvit), wood, trim, cornices, eaves, railings, doors and shutters shall be subject to ARC approval.

(c) No wooden steps, stoops or porches shall be allowed on the front or sides of any Dwellings. Concrete steps, stoops or porches must be finished in tile, brick or stone.

(d) No concrete, block or cinder block shall be used as an exposed building surface; any concrete, block or cinder block utilized in the construction of a Dwelling or for retaining walls and foundations shall be finished in the same materials utilized for the remainder of the Dwelling (e.g., brick, stone, stucco, etc.).

(e) Metal flashing, valleys, vents and gutters installed on a Dwelling shall be painted to blend with the color of the exterior materials to which it is adhered or installed.

**6.13 Chimneys.** All metal or other materials placed on top of or around a chimney shall be painted to blend with the color of the roofing material used for such Dwelling.

**6.14 Garages.**

(a) Each Dwelling, including Dwellings shall provide for parking for at least two (2) automobiles in garages equipped with garage doors. Carports shall not be permitted.

(b) Garage doors shall be constructed of such materials as are approved by the ARC. 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.

**6.15 Fences.** The only fencing permitted shall be wood, black or green chain link fences not greater than six 6' in height on interior lots except with regard to maintenance areas within the Common Areas, tennis courts approved by the ARC and those fences erected by Developer. No fences shall be allowed in front yards. Electric fences shall not be permitted. The type of materials utilized for (including the color thereof) and the location of all fences must be approved by the ARC. No fence shall be closer to the street than the rear building line of the home. All fencing must be specifically approved by the ARC prior to installation.

**6.16 Windows, Window Treatments and Doors.**

(a) Reflective glass shall not be permitted on the front or side exterior of any Dwelling. No foil or other reflective materials shall be installed on any front or side windows or used for sunscreens, blinds, shades or other purposes.

(b) No aluminum or metal windows shall be utilized on the front or sides of any Dwelling. Burglar bars or doors (including wrought iron doors) shall not be permitted. Screen doors shall not be used on the front or side of any Dwelling. No aluminum or metal doors with glass fronts (e.g., storm doors) shall be allowed on the front of any Dwelling.

(c) Appropriate window treatments shall be used on all windows. Sheets, bed linens, blankets and paper or plastic bags are not appropriate window treatments.

**6.17 Mailboxes.** Only one (1) mailbox shall be allowed on any Lot or Dwelling. All mailboxes shall be of the type, design, color and location as may be established in the Architectural Standards or as approved by the ARC. Mailboxes shall contain only the house number of the Lot or Dwelling as approved by the ARC, but no further inscription, paintings, ornaments or artistry shall be allowed. In lieu of mailboxes, the Association may provide within any of the Common Areas a kiosk or community mail center.

**6.18 Utility Meters and HVAC Equipment.** All electrical, gas, telephone and cable television meters shall be located at the rear or side of all Dwellings or screened by evergreen vegetation. All exterior heating, ventilating and air conditioning compressor units and equipment shall be located, to the extent practicable, at the rear of a Dwelling and, if the same are visible from the street, such compressor units and equipment shall be screened from public view by either walls or landscaping to be approved by the ARC. No window mounted heating or air conditioning units or window fans shall be permitted.

**6.19 Satellite Dishes and Antennae.** No satellite dishes shall be allowed on any Lot or Dwelling except one (1) satellite dish not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in diameter which must be placed in a location which may not be seen from any street or common area of the property and approved in advance by the ARC. No radio antenna, radio receiver or other similar device or



aerial shall be attached to or installed on any Lot or Dwelling, or any other portion of the Development unless the same is contained entirely within the interior of a building or other structure, is not visible from any street or adjacent Lot or Dwelling and is 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 or Dwelling which may interfere with the reception of radio or television signals within the Development; provided, however, that Developer shall not be prohibited from installing and operating any equipment necessary for master antenna, cable television, security, mobile radio or similar systems within the Development.

**6.20 Driveways and Sidewalks.** All driveways and sidewalks for each Lot or Dwelling shall be constructed of concrete. Other materials (e.g., brick) may be used but only if approved by the ARC. All driveways and sidewalks shall be paved; chest, gravel and loose stone driveways and sidewalks are prohibited.

**6.21 Outdoor Furniture, Recreational Facilities and Clotheslines.**

(a) No furniture shall be placed, kept, installed, maintained or located in or on the front or side yards or areas of a Lot or Dwelling without approval of A.R.C.. Any furniture placed, kept, installed, maintained or located at the rear of or behind a Dwelling shall, to the greatest extent practicable, be located so that the same shall not be visible from any street.

(b) Wood piles shall be located only at the rear of a Dwelling and shall be screened by appropriate landscaping from view from streets and, to the extent practicable, from adjacent lots and Dwellings.

(c) Children's toys, swing sets, jungle gyms, trampolines and other outdoor and recreational equipment and appurtenances shall be allowed only at the rear or behind a Dwelling and shall, to the extent practicable, be located so that the same are not visible from any street.

(d) Free-standing playhouses and treehouses shall be permitted but only after ARC approval of the same.

(e) Basketball backboards shall be located when possible so as not to be visible from any street and shall otherwise be located on such Lot or Dwelling in a location approved by the ARC. Basketball goal backboards should be of clear Plexiglas or acrylic.

(f) Outside clotheslines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes shall be prohibited on any Lot or Dwelling unless such clotheslines or other facilities are screened by appropriate landscaping from view from any street and from any adjacent Lot or Dwelling. No clothing, rugs or other items shall be hung, placed or allowed to remain on any railing, fence or wall.

(g) Barbecue grills or other types of outdoor cooking equipment and apparatus shall be located only at the rear of a Dwelling and, to the extent practicable, shall not be visible from the street.

(h) Bird feeders, wood carvings, plaques and other types of homecrafts shall not or be permitted in the front or side yards of any Lot or Dwelling nor shall any of the foregoing items be attached to the front or side of any Dwelling without A.R.C. approval. All bird feeders, wood carvings, plaques and other types of homecrafts shall be located only at the rear of a Dwelling and shall not be visible from any street.

**6.22 Pets and Animals.** No animals, livestock, birds (with the exception of birds kept inside home) or poultry of any kind shall be kept, raised or bred by any Owner upon any Lot or Dwelling, or other portion of the Development; provided, however, that not more than two (2) dogs and two (2) cats may be kept and maintained on a Lot so long as they are not kept for a kennel or commercial purposes with the exception of a litter of puppies or kittens which can be kept for a ten (10) week period. No pet shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise or become a nuisance. No structure or area for the care, housing or confinement of any pet shall be constructed or maintained on any part of the Common Areas; all such structures or areas shall be located at the rear of it! Dwelling, shall not be visible from any street 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 Development; all dogs shall be kept and maintained within fenced or walled areas on a Lot or Dwelling, as approved by the ARC, or otherwise under leash. Pets shall not be permitted to leave excrement on the Lot or Dwelling of any other Owner or within any street or any portion of the Common Areas 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. The Board shall have the right from time to time to promulgate rules and regulations governing keeping the pets within the Development, including the right to assess fines for violations of such rules and regulations.

#### **6.23 Trash, Rubbish and Nuisances.**

(a) No trash, garbage, rubbish or debris of any kind shall be dumped, placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of the Development nor shall any nuisance or odors be permitted to exist or operate upon or arise from any Lot or Dwelling which would render any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to persons using, occupying or owning any other Lots or Dwellings within the Development. Noxious or offensive activities shall not be carried on in or from any Lot, Dwelling or in any part of the Common Areas, and each Owner and Occupant shall refrain from any act or use of a Lot, Dwelling or which could cause disorderly, unsightly or unkempt conditions, result in the cancellation of or increase in insurance coverage or premiums for any portion of the Development or be in violation of any law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or requirement of any Governmental Authority. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no exterior speakers, horns, whistles, bells or other sound devices, other than security and fire alarm devices used exclusively for such purposes, shall be located, used or placed upon any Lot or Dwelling, or other portion of the Development; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to Developer or to the use of any of the foregoing devices within any



recreational areas of the Common Areas. Any Owner, or Occupant or any of the respective family members, guests, invitees, servants, agents, employees or contractors of such Owner or Occupant, who dumps, places or allows trash or debris to accumulate on his Lot, Dwelling, or on any other portion of the Development shall be liable to the Association for all costs incurred by the Association to remove the same.

(b) Trash, garbage and any other refuse or waste shall not be kept on any Lot or Dwelling 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 Dwelling and shall be screened from view from streets and adjacent Lots and Dwellings by appropriate landscaping or fencing approved by the ARC; provided, however, that trash cans and containers can be moved to the side yard of any Dwelling on trash collection days for such Lot or Dwelling.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.28(a) below, no outdoor burning of trash, garbage, leaves, wood, shrubbery or other materials shall be permitted on any Lot, Dwelling, or other portion of the Development.

#### **6.24 Recreational Vehicles and Machinery and Equipment.**

(a) 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 nature, golf carts, boats and any other type of watercraft, including boat trailers, and any other similar types of vehicles, machinery or equipment shall not be permitted stored or allowed to remain on any Lot or Dwelling unless the same is placed, stored and maintained within a wholly-enclosed structure, with roofing and doors, on such Lot or Dwelling. Any such enclosed structure must be approved by the ARC. The Common Areas shall not, unless expressly permitted by the Association, be utilized for the parking or storage of any of the foregoing vehicles, recreational vehicles, machinery or equipment.

(b) Each Lot or Dwelling shall provide for adequate off-street parking (i.e., parking areas located solely within the property lines of such Lot, or Dwelling). Vehicles shall be parked only in driveways constructed in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.20 above or in garages constructed in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.14 above. Vehicles shall not be parked on any landscaped or natural areas of a Lot or Dwelling.

(c) Any vehicle which is inoperable shall be immediately removed from the Development. No Owner or Occupant shall repair or restore any vehicle, machinery or equipment of any kind upon or within any Lot or Dwelling 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 Development.

(d) 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, tractors, equipment, machinery, trailers (with or without wheels), motorhomes,

trucks (other than pick-up trucks), commercial vehicles of any type, campers, motorized campers or trailers, boats or other watercraft, boat trailers, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, motorized go-carts and other forms of transportation.

**6.25 Signage.** No signs or advertising posters of any kind shall be maintained or permitted within any windows or on the exterior of any Lot or Dwelling 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the restrictions set forth in this Section 6.25 shall not be applicable to Developer or to any signs erected pursuant to Section 6.28(c) below and

(b) Developer and the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to erect and maintain reasonable and appropriate signs on any portions of the Common Areas and within those easement areas established in Section 3.07 above.

**6.26 Above 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, Dwelling, 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 or Dwelling or except for wells maintained solely for irrigation purposes. All such irrigation wells must be approved in writing by the ARC prior to the installation of the same.

**6.27 Temporary Structures.** No temporary house, trailer, shack, tent, barn, shed, stable, poultry house or yard, rabbit hut, treehouse or other outbuilding or structure of any kind, shall be permitted, constructed, installed or allowed to remain on any Lot or Dwelling or; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to prohibit

(a) temporary structures for social functions as may be permitted by the rules and regulations of the Board of the Association,

(b) any detached garages or other structures which are approved in writing by the ARC,

(c) dog houses for not more than two (2) dogs so long as such dog houses are visibly screened from view from all streets, and

(d) construction trailers and/or sales offices erected or placed on any part of the Property by Developer pursuant to Section 5.12 above.

**6.28 Construction of Improvements.**

(a) During the construction of any Improvements or Dwelling,

(i) all Lots and Dwellings 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 street and

(iii) all construction trash, debris and rubbish on each Lot shall be properly disposed of outside the Development at least weekly. Used construction materials may be burned on-site so long as such burning is conducted at the rear of such Lot or Dwelling and does not create a nuisance to other Owners or violate 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 Dwelling, or any other portion of the Development. No Owner shall allow dirt, mud, gravel or other substances to collect or remain on any street. 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 or Dwelling prior to such vehicles traveling on any streets within the Development.

(b) During the construction of any Improvements or Dwellings, construction equipment and the vehicles of all contractors, subcontractors, laborers, material men and suppliers shall

(i) utilize off-street parking only,

(ii) enter the Lot or Dwelling on which such Improvements are being constructed only from the driveway for such Lot or Dwelling and

(iii) not damage trees or other vegetation on such Lot which, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.06 above, are to be preserved.

(c) 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 or the Dwelling thereon for sale or, during the construction of such Dwelling, containing information identifying the builder of such Dwelling. No other signage, banners, flags or advertising posters shall be allowed without obtaining ARC approval. The location of such signage shall be established by the ARC but in no event shall any signage authorized by this Section 6.28 or which may be approved by the ARC be attached, nailed or otherwise adhered to any tree or other plant life on a Lot or Dwelling.

(d) No construction trucks, equipment or machinery, including any trailers used for the transportation of construction equipment or machinery, shall be parked overnight on any streets or roads within the Development. Upon completion of construction of any Improvements or any Dwelling, all construction machinery, tools and equipment, all unused construction materials and all trash, debris and rubbish shall be immediately removed from the Lot or Dwelling and such Lot or Dwelling shall be kept and maintained in a clean and uncluttered condition.

(e) All Dwellings and any other Improvements shall be constructed in compliance with 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. Each Owner shall also be responsible for strict compliance with the Architectural Standards and

all applicable watershed protection, soil erosion and other governmental requirements, both during and after completion of construction of any Improvements on such Owner's Lot.

**6.29 Subdivision and Interval Ownership.** No Lot may be subdivided or resubdivided without the prior written approval of the ARC; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section 6.29 shall not be applicable to Developer. No Lot or Dwelling shall be sold or owned under any timesharing, time interval or similar right-to-use programs.

**6.30 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 or Dwelling subject to the prior written approval of the plans for the same by the ARC and the restrictions contained herein and in the Reciprocal Easement Agreement. 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 features or amenities and tennis courts within the Development.

**6.31 Security Systems.** In the event that either Developer or the Association shall install a central security system within the Development with the capability of providing security services to each Dwelling within the Development, then no Owner shall be entitled to install or maintain any alternative security systems within a Dwelling, other than security systems which are appurtenant to and connected with such central security system, without first obtaining the prior written approval of the same from the Board of the Association, which approval may be given or withheld in the sole discretion of the Board; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to obligate either Developer or the Association to install such a central security system, and, provided, further, in the event any such security system is installed, neither Developer nor the Association shall have any responsibility to prevent, and shall not be liable for, any loss or losses due to theft, burglary or damage or any injury to persons or property caused by persons gaining access to the Development.

**6.32 Traffic Regulations.** All vehicular traffic on the private streets and roads in the Development 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 on public streets. The Board of the Association is hereby authorized to promulgate, administer, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including adopting reasonable safety measures and speed limits for any of the private roads within any portion of the Development. The Board of the Association shall be entitled to enforce such rules and regulations by establishing such enforcement procedures as it deems appropriate, including levying fines for the violation thereof. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama and the traffic rules and regulations promulgated by the Association, the rules and regulations of the Association shall govern. Only drivers licensed to operate motor vehicles by the State of Alabama or by any other state in the United States may operate any type of motor vehicle, including golf carts, within the Development. In order to operate a golf cart in the Development, the owners or users thereof shall comply with any regulations and requirements for the operation thereof as may be required by the Association. All vehicles of any kind and nature which are operated on the streets in the Development shall be operated in a careful,



prudent, safe and quiet manner, with due consideration for the rights of all residents of the Development.

**6.33 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 Governmental Authorities.

**6.34 Additional Regulations.** In addition to the restrictions set forth in this Declaration, the

(i) ARC shall have the right, in its sole discretion, from time to time and at any time to adopt, modify and amend the Architectural Standards in order to impose such other, further or different requirements or restrictions which shall be binding on all Owners, Lots and Dwellings, including the adoption of additional or more specific requirements and restrictions governing the improvement and use of any Lot or Dwelling and

(ii) Board of the Association shall have the right from time to time and at any time to adopt, modify and amend such rules and regulations as the Board, in its sole discretion, determines to be in the best interests of all Owners, which rules and regulations shall be binding on all Owners, Lots and Dwellings.

**6.35 Variances.** The ARC, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the exclusive right to grant variances with respect to the provisions of Article V above and this Article VI with respect to any Lot or Dwelling. 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. The provisions of Section 5.03 above concerning meetings, a quorum of members and the number of votes necessary to approve action taken by the ARC shall be binding upon the ARC in any matters regarding the granting of variances.

**6.36 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 or Dwelling 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 8.06 below and, if the same is not paid when due, shall be subject to

the lien provided for in Section 8.09 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 herein 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 of the enforcement rights specified in Sections 5.13, 6.22, 6.23(a), 6.32, 7.02(b), 8.06, 8.09 and 11.01 below.

## **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, Dwellings, all other Improvements situated thereon or therein and all lawns, landscaping and grounds on or within a Lot or Dwelling shall be the responsibility of the Owner of such Lot or Dwelling. Each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining his Lot and or Dwelling or, as the case may be, in a neat, clean and sanitary condition, both inside and outside of any Dwellings or Improvements thereto. Such responsibilities shall include, without limitation, maintaining at all times appropriate paint and stain finishes on all Dwellings and other Improvements and reroofing or replacing roofing shingles when the same become worn or would be replaced by a prudent Owner. No exterior changes, alterations or Improvements shall be made to any Lot or Dwelling without first obtaining the prior written approval of the same from the ARC.

(b) Each Lot or Dwelling, as the case may be, shall be landscaped in accordance with plans and specifications submitted to and approved by the ARC pursuant to Section 5.06 above. All areas of any Lot or Dwelling which are not improved by the construction of a Dwelling thereon (except for the natural, undisturbed buffer area on any Lot or Dwelling as described in Sections 5.06(b) and 6.33 above) shall at all times be maintained by the Owner 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 or Dwelling up to the edge of the pavement of any roadway abutting such Lot or Dwelling and shall be binding on the Owner of each Lot or Dwelling 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 or other appropriate plants of like kind and quantity. Dead vegetation, stumps, weeds, rubbish, debris, garbage and waste material shall be promptly removed from any Lot or Dwelling and properly disposed of outside of the Development.

(c) No Owner shall (i) decorate, change or otherwise alter the appearance of any portion of the exterior of a Dwelling or the landscaping, grounds or other improvements within a Lot unless such decoration, change or alteration is first approved, in writing, by the ARC as provided



in Sections 5.05 and 5.06 above or (ii) do any work which, in the reasonable opinion of the ARC, would jeopardize the soundness and safety of the Development, reduce the value thereof or impair any easement or hereditament thereto, without in every such case obtaining the prior written approval of the ARC.

#### **7.02 Responsibilities of Association.**

(a) Except as may be otherwise provided herein to the contrary and subject to the provisions of Section 4.08 above, 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, which responsibility shall include the maintenance, repair and replacement of

(i) all private streets and roads within the Development, walks, trails, paths, walkways, bicycle and jogging paths and lanes, parking lots, landscaped areas, recreational areas and other improvements made by Developer or the Association within any of the Common Areas or within any of the easements encumbering the Lots or Dwellings as provided in Sections 3.05 through 3.09, inclusive, above,

(ii) such security systems, guardhouses, entrance gates and utility lines, pipes, plumbing, wires, conduits and related systems, appurtenances, equipment and machinery which are a part of the Common Areas and which are not maintained by a public authority, public service district, public or private utility, or other person,

(iii) all lawns, trees, shrubs, hedges, grass and other landscaping and all lakes and ponds situated within or upon the Common Areas and

(iv) all retention lakes, ponds and other water areas and facilities constructed by Developer or the Association, wherever located (either within or outside of the Development so long as the same are utilized for the benefit of the Development), including, without limitation, implementing and maintaining siltation, soil erosion and sedimentation programs and otherwise dredging, cleaning and maintaining all siltation ponds and appurtenances thereto as may be necessary or otherwise required by any Governmental Authorities. The Association shall not be liable for injuries or damage to any person or property (1) caused by the elements, acts of God or any Owner or other person, (2) resulting from any surface or subsurface conditions which may at any time affect any portion of the Property caused by rain or other surface water which may leak or flow from any portion of the Common Area onto a Lot or Dwelling or (3) resulting from thief, burglary or other illegal entry into the Development, any Lot or Dwelling thereof. 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.

(b) In the event that the Board of the Association determines that

(i) any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly his or its obligations with regard to the maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement of items for which he or it is responsible hereunder or

(ii) any maintenance, cleaning, repair or replacement for which the Association is responsible hereunder is caused by the willful or negligent 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, as the case may be, and setting forth in reasonable detail what action is deemed necessary. Except in the event of emergency situations, such Owner, as the case may be, shall have fifteen (15) days within which to complete the same in a good and workmanlike manner or, if the same is not capable of completion within such fifteen (15) 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, as the case may be, and said cost shall be a personal obligation of such Owner or all Owners who are members of such, as the case may be, shall constitute an individual Assessment to such Owner or all the Owners and shall be subject to the lien and foreclosure rights granted pursuant to Section 8.09 below.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **COMMON AREA ASSESSMENTS**

**8.01 Assessments and Creation of Lien.** Each Owner of a Lot or Dwelling, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying any interest therein, regardless of whether such deed or instrument 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 8.04 below,

(b) special Assessments, to be established and collected as provided in Section 8.05 below, and

(c) individual Assessments against any particular Lot or Dwelling which are established or assessed pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, any fines as may be levied or imposed against such Lot or Dwelling in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.13, 6.22, 6.23(a), 6.32, 6.37, 1.02(b), 8.09 and 11.01 hereof all Assessments, together with late charges and interest as provided in Section 8.09 (a) below, and all court costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Association to enforce or collect such Assessments, shall be an equitable charge and a continuing lien upon each Lot or Dwelling for which the Owner thereof is responsible for the payment of the same, which lien may be enforced in the manner provided in Section 8.09(c) below. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the payment of all Assessments coming due



while he is the Owner of a Lot or Dwelling and his grantee shall take title to such Lot or Dwelling subject to the equitable charge and continuing lien therefore but without prejudice to the rights of such grantee to recover from his 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 8.09(a) below, court costs and attorneys' fees incurred with respect thereto by the Association, shall also be a personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of the Lot or Dwelling at the time such Assessments and other costs and charges were assessed or incurred. In the event of co-ownership of any Lot or Dwelling, all of the co-Owners shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire amount of such Assessments. Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of the Association. 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, Dwelling, Common Area or any other portion of the Development or any other cause or reason of any nature.

**8.02 Purpose of Assessments.** The annual and special Assessments provided for herein 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 Development and otherwise for the general upkeep and maintenance of the Development, including, specifically, the Common Areas and any Improvements thereto, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of the Association.

**8.03 Uniform Rate of Assessments.**

(a) Both annual and special Assessments, as described in Sections 8.04 and 8.05 below, shall be assessed against each Lot or Dwelling in the Development at a uniform rate, with the Owner of each Lot or Dwelling being required to pay his prorate portion of such annual and/or special Assessments, as determined by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the total Lots or Dwellings owned by such Owner and the denominator of which shall be the total number of Lots and Dwellings in the Development at the time such annual or special Assessment is levied. Each Lot and Dwelling shall be subject to equal annual and special Assessments. For purposes of calculating annual and special Assessments, each dwelling unit shall be deemed a separate and individual Dwelling.

(b) Notwithstanding anything provided in Section 8.03(a) above to the contrary, in the event any Additional Property is added to the Development, then the Lots and/or Dwellings within the Additional Property shall be subject to the same annual or special Assessments then being paid by the Owners of all other Lots and Dwellings in the Development, subject to proration as provided in Section 8.08 below.

**8.04 Computation of Annual Assessments.**

(a) Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, the annual Assessment for each Lot and Dwelling in the Development (including any Lot or Dwelling

forming any part of the Additional Property) for the approximate three (3) year period commencing on the date hereof and continuing until and including December 31, 1995 shall be Two Hundred Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$240.00) per annum per Lot or Dwelling in the Development. The foregoing shall not limit or restrict any special Assessments levied pursuant to Section 8.05 below (with the approval of a majority of the Owners as provided therein) or any individual Assessments levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.06 below.

(b) Commencing with the fiscal year of the Association which begins on May 1, 1998, (i.e., from May 1, 1998 through April 30, 1999, which period is hereinafter referred to as the "Base Year") and annually thereafter, the Board of the Association shall determine and approve annually an annual budget covering the estimated Common Expenses for the Development for the upcoming year, such budget to include a capital contribution or reserve account if necessary for the capital needs of the Association. The amount set forth in such budget shall constitute the aggregate amount of annual Assessments for the then applicable year and each Owner shall pay his prorata share of the same as provided in Section 8.03 above. 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. The provisions of Section 8.04(a) above shall not apply to the Base Year or any subsequent year thereafter.

(c) In the event the budget for any year after the Base Year results in the Owners being liable for the payment of annual Assessments which exceed (without regard to proration or adjustment as provided in Section 8.08 below) the greater of either:

(i) ten percent (10%) of the annual Assessments payable for the entire immediately preceding calendar year or

(ii) the percentage increase in the United States Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, United States City Average, All Items, (1982 1984= 100) or any successor index thereto for January of the current year over the index for January of the Base Year (i.e., January 1995), then the budget and the amount of the annual Assessments shall be presented for approval of the Owners at the annual meeting of the Association and must be approved by the vote of a majority of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at such meeting. In the event the amount of the annual Assessments does not exceed the limitations set forth above or until such time as a majority of the Owners have approved such increase in the amount of the annual Assessments, then the budget approved by the Board for the then current fiscal year shall be implemented, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth above on the amount of increase in annual Assessments. The limitations on increases in the amount of annual assessments provided in this Section 8.04(c) shall not be applicable to the Base Year; accordingly, the actual annual Assessments for each Lot and Dwelling for the Base Year may exceed \$240.00 per annum increased by the greater of (1) ten percent (10%) or (2) the percentage increase in CPI from the preceding calendar year.

(d) 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 8.05 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.

(e) 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 the Association;

(iii) Utility charges for any utilities serving any of the Common Areas and charges for other common services for the Development, including, without limitation, 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 or for any of the members of the ARC;

(v) The expenses of maintaining, operating, repairing and replacing any portions of the Common Areas for which the Association is responsible, including, without limitation, roads comprising Common Areas within the Development, which maintenance and repair obligation shall include mowing, landscaping, seeding, cleaning, trash pick up and removal, paving, repaving, striping and patching all such roadways comprising Common Areas;

(vi) Expenses of maintaining, operating and repairing any other amenities and facilities serving the Development which the Board determines from time to time would be in the best interest of the Association to so maintain, operate and/or repair;

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

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

(ix) The costs and expenses for conducting recreational, culture or other related programs for the benefit of the Owners and Occupants;

(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 discretion, determines to be appropriate to be paid by the Association, including, without limitation, taxes and governmental charges not separately assessed against Lots or Dwellings; 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 and (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.

**8.05 Special Assessments.** In addition to the annual Assessments authorized in Section 8.04 above and the special Assessments authorized in Sections 9.01(b) and 9.03(a)

(i) below, the Board of the Association may levy in any year special Assessments for Common Expenses or any extraordinary costs incurred by the Association; provided, however, that any such special Assessments (other than special Assessments levied pursuant to Sections 9.01(b) and 9.03(a) (i) below) shall be approved by a majority of the votes of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at the meeting called for the purpose of adopting special Assessments pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.07 below. 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 8.03 above.

**8.06 Individual Assessments.** Any expenses of the Association occasioned by the conduct of less than all of the Owners or by any Owner or Occupant, or the respective family members, agents, guests, servants, employees, invitees or contractors of any Owner or Occupant, shall be specially assessed against such Owners and their respective Lots or Dwellings. The individual Assessments provided for in this Section 8.06 shall be levied by the Board and the amount and due date of such Assessment shall be specified by the Board in a notice to such Owner. The provisions of this Section 8.06 shall apply, without limitation, to any individual Assessments levied pursuant to Sections 5.13, 6.22, 6.23(a), 6.32, 6.37, 7.02(b) and 11.01 hereof.

**8.07 Notice of Meetings and Quorum.**

(a) Written notice of the annual meeting of the Association, as well as any other meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized in this Article VIII shall be sent to all Owners not less than ten (10) days nor more than fifty (50) days in advance of such meetings. With respect to annual meetings, the presence in person or by proxy of Owners entitled to cast over 50% of all the votes of the Association shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement but the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be the presence in person or by proxy of Owners entitled to cast at least one-third (1/3) of the total votes of the Association. At such time as a quorum is obtained, the vote of a majority of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at such meeting shall be required to approve any matter in which all of the members of the Association are entitled to vote, including any increase in the amount of annual Assessments in excess of the limitations specified in Section 8.04(c) above.

(b) With respect to all other meetings of the members of the Association, including, specifically, meetings pursuant to which special Assessments are to be levied upon each Lot or Dwelling pursuant to Section 8.05 above, there shall be no specific requirement establishing a quorum and the vote of a majority of the Owners who are voting in person or by proxy at any such special meeting shall be binding on all of the members of the Association.

**8.08 Date of Commencement of Assessments.** The annual Assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each Lot or Dwelling on the day on which such Lot or Dwelling is



conveyed to a person other than Developer and shall be due and payable in such manner and on such schedule as may be established from time to time by the Board of the Association. Annual Assessments and any outstanding special Assessments shall be adjusted for each Lot or Dwelling according to the number of months then remaining in the then fiscal year of the Association and the number of days then remaining in the month in which such Lot or Dwelling is conveyed. Annual and special Assessments for Lots and Dwellings within any portion of the Additional Property hereafter submitted to the terms of this Declaration shall commence with respect to each such Lot or Dwelling on the date on which such Lot or Dwelling is conveyed to a person other than Developer, subject to proration and adjustment according to the number of months then remaining in the fiscal year of the Association and number of days then remaining in the month in which such Assessments commence. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, Developer shall not be responsible for the payment of annual or special Assessments on any Lots or Dwellings which it or its affiliates own in the Development. Furthermore, for so long as Developer is the Owner of any Lot or Dwelling within the Development, Developer shall have the option to either pay annual Assessments on Lots or Dwellings owned by Developer or fund any 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 for the Development. At such time as Developer no longer has any interest in any Lot or Dwelling within the Development, 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 Common Areas.

#### **8.09 Effect of Non-Payment; Remedies of the Association.**

(a) Each Owner of a Lot or Dwelling is and shall be deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association all Assessments provided for herein. In the event any Assessments or any portion thereof are not paid when due the same shall be subject to a late charge in an amount determined and uniformly applied by the Board from time to time and the Owner of such Lot or Dwelling shall be deemed in default herewith. In the event any Assessments or any portion thereof are not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date of the same, then the unpaid portion of the Assessment 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 thirtieth (30th) day from the due date until the same is 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, court costs and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association. The lien and equitable charge upon each Lot or Dwelling for Assessments as provided above shall also include all late 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 or other amounts due to the Association are not paid by any Owner when the same comes due, 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 under take any or all of the following remedies:

(i) The Association may commence and maintain a suit at law against an Owner to enforce such charges and obligations for Assessments and any such judgment rendered in any such action shall include the late charge and interest at the Applicable Rate, as specified in Section 8.09(a) above, together with attorneys' fees, 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 Section 8.01 above in the manner hereinafter provided.

(c) There is hereby created a continuing lien on each Lot and Dwelling, with power of sale, which secures the payment to the Association of any and all Assessments levied against or upon such Lot or Dwelling, all late charges and interest at the Applicable Rate assessed pursuant to Section 8.09(a) above and all attorneys' fees, court costs and all other expenses paid or incurred by the Association in collecting any Assessments. If any Assessments remain unpaid for more than sixty (60) days, then the Association, through its Board or any officer or authorized representative thereof, may, but shall not be obligated to, make written demand on such defaulting Owner, which demand shall state the date and amount of delinquency. 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. If such delinquency is not paid in full within ten (10) days after the giving of such demand or, even without giving demand, the Association may file a claim of lien and perfect its lien against the Lot or Dwelling of such delinquent Owner, which claim shall be executed by any member of the Board of the Association or any officer of the Association, contain the following information and be recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.

(i) The name of the delinquent Owner;

(ii) The legal description and street address of the Lot or Dwelling upon which the lien claim is made;

(iii) The total amount claimed to be due including late charges, interest at the Applicable Rate, collection costs and attorneys' fees 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

(iv) A statement that the claim of lien is made by the Association pursuant to this Declaration and is claimed against such Lot or Dwelling in an amount equal to that stated therein. The lien provided for herein shall be in favor of the Association, shall be for the benefit of all other Owners (other than those Owners in default) and may be foreclosed in the same manner as a foreclosure of a mortgage on real property 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 or Dwelling. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to any Lot or Dwelling, shall be deemed to (1) grant to and vest in the Association and/or 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/or 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.



**8.10 Subordination of Lien.** Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, the lien for Assessments and other charges authorized herein with respect to any Lot or Dwelling in the Development is and shall be subordinate to the lien of any Mortgage held by an Institutional Mortgagee, but only to the extent that the Mortgage held by any such Institutional Mortgagee is recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama prior to the filing of a claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 8.09(c) above. When an Institutional Mortgagee exercises its foreclosure rights provided in its Mortgage and acquires title to or sells to a third party its interest in any Lot or Dwelling, then such Institutional Mortgagee or its purchaser or transferee at such foreclosure sale shall (a) not be liable for 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 Institutional Mortgagee was recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama prior to the filing of a claim of lien by the Association pursuant to Section 8.09(c) above, but (b) be liable for all Assessments and other charges levied, assessed or incurred with respect to such Lot or Dwelling from and after the date of such foreclosure sale. The foregoing shall not relieve any Owner whose Lot or Dwelling has been foreclosed from the personal obligation to pay all Assessments and any 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 an Institutional Mortgagee on such Owner's Lot or Dwelling.

**8.11 Certificates.** The Association or any officer or authorized representative thereof shall, upon request and at such reasonable charges as may from time to time be adopted by the Board, furnish to any Owner 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.

## **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 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 of the Association may levy a special Assessment against all Owners, without the necessity of a vote of the Owners approving or disapproving the same pursuant to Sections 8.05 or 8.07 above, which such special Assessments shall be 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. Such special Assessments shall be levied against each Owner equally as provided in Section 8.03 above. Further special Assessments may be made by the Board, without the necessity of a vote of the Owners approving or disapproving the same, at any time during or upon completion of any such repair, replacement or restoration of the Common Areas if funds are insufficient to cover the costs of such repair or restoration. 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 of the Association. In no event shall the Owner or Mortgagee of any Lot or Dwelling 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 Dwellings.** In the event of any fire or other casualty which damages or destroys any portion of any Lot or Dwelling, then the Owner of such damaged Lot or Dwelling shall promptly repair and otherwise restore such Lot or Dwelling 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 Article V 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.

**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 of the Association is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take such action, including the purchase of any remaining lands within the Development or the utilization of any other Common Areas within the Development, 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 of the Association may levy a special Assessment against all Owners, without the necessity of a vote of the Owners approving or disapproving the same pursuant to Sections 8.05 and 8.07 above, which such special Assessments shall be in an amount sufficient to provide funds to pay the remaining costs of repair, restoration or reconstruction. Such special Assessments shall be levied against each Owner as provided in Section 8.03 above. Further special Assessments may be made by the Board without the necessity of a vote of the Owners approving or disapproving the same, at any time during or upon the completion of any such repair, replacement or restoration of the Common Areas if the award received as a result of such taking is insufficient to pay the costs of such repair or restoration.



(ii) To the extent the Common Areas subject to such taking cannot be restored or replaced or additional lands within the Development cannot be purchased by the Association in order to repair, replace or restore the Common Areas so taken or if the Board of the Association 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 or Dwelling 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 or Dwelling 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 discussed separately to the Association and to the Owners so affected by such taking; provided, however, that the Owners of any Lot or Dwelling which is subject to any such taking and the Board of the Association may mutually agree on the amount of such apportionment, which mutual agreement shall be binding on all Owners.

**9.04 Condemnation of Lots or Dwellings.** In the event that all or any portion of a Lot or Dwelling 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 or Dwelling responsible for the maintenance and repair of such Lot or Dwelling shall promptly repair, reconstruct, rebuild and otherwise restore the remaining portions of the Lot or Dwelling 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 Article V above and all then applicable rules, regulations, statutes and ordinances of the Governmental Authorities. In the event the restoration of such Lot or Dwelling 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 or Dwelling and any remaining Improvements thereon in a clean, orderly, safe and sightly condition.

#### **9.05 Insurance.**

(a) The Board of the Association shall have the authority to obtain and maintain at all times adequate property and casualty insurance in such form as the Board deems appropriate for the benefit of the Association insuring all insurable Improvements in and to the Common Areas against loss or damage by fire or other hazards, including, without limitation, extended coverage, flood, vandalism and malicious mischief, which coverage shall be in an amount, with such insurance carriers, at such costs and with such deductibles as the Board, in its sole discretion, may determine.

(b) The Board shall have the authority to obtain and maintain in effect at all times such public liability insurance coverage covering all of the Common Areas and any damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association, its Board and all members, officers, agents and employees thereof, in such amounts, with such insurance carriers, at such costs and with such deductibles as the Board, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary or desirable.

(c) The Board shall have the right and authority to obtain workman's compensation insurance, employer's liability insurance and all other types of insurance required by law, including, without limitation, errors and omissions and directors and officers liability insurance coverage, in such amounts, with such insurance carriers, at such costs and with such deductibles as the Board, in its sole discretion, may determine.

(d) All insurance coverage authorized hereunder shall be written in the name of the Association and all costs thereof shall be a Common Expense. To the extent the same may be obtained at a nominal cost, all such policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation clause pursuant to which the insurer waives any claims against the Developer, the Association, the members of the Board and all officers, agents and employees of the Association, including the manager for the Development and the Association, the Owners and the family members, servants, agents, tenants and guests of the Owners and shall also name Developer as an additional insured.

(e) 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 Lot and Dwelling. The Board may require all Owners to carry public liability insurance with respect to their respective Lots and Dwellings and to furnish copies or certificates thereof to the Association. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in any Lot or Dwelling, does hereby waive and release Developer, the ARC, the Association, the manager of the Development and the Association and their respective agents, employees, representatives, partners, shareholders, members, officers and directors, from any and all liabilities or damage covered by (or which should be covered by) fire and casualty (e.g., homeowner's and/or builder's risk) insurance and general liability insurance which any Owner maintains, even if such loss or damage has been caused by the fault or negligence of any of the foregoing persons or parties.

## **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 the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) or more of the Lots or Dwellings within the Development agreeing to terminate or modify this Declaration



has been recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama; 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 Amendment by Developer.** For so long as Developer owns any Lot or Dwelling within the Development, Developer may amend this Declaration by a written instrument filed and recorded in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, without obtaining the approval of any Owner or Mortgagee; provided, however, that except as otherwise provided in Section 10.04 below,

(a) in the event any amendment proposed by Developer materially and adversely alters or changes any Owner's rights to the use and enjoyment of his Lot or Dwelling or materially and adversely affects the title to any Lot or Dwelling, then such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent thereto by fifty percent (50%) of all of the Owners (including Developer who shall have the voting rights attributable to any Lots or Dwellings owned by Developer) or

(b) in the event any such proposed amendment by Developer would materially and adversely affect the title and interest of any Institutional Mortgagee, such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent thereto of all such Institutional Mortgagees affected thereby. Any amendment 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 of Shelby County, Alabama. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot or Dwelling, and each Mortgagee, by acceptance of a Mortgage on any Lot or Dwelling, agrees to be bound by all amendments permitted by this Section 10.02 and further agrees that, if requested to do so by Developer, such Owner and Mortgagee will consent to the amendment of this Declaration or any other instrument relating to the Development if such amendment is

(i) necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance or conformity with the provisions of any law, ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any applicable Governmental Authority or the judicial decision of any state or federal court,

(ii) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to any Lots or Dwellings,

(iii) required by any Institutional Mortgagee in order to enable such Institutional Mortgagee to make a Mortgage loan on any Lot or Dwelling or

(iv) necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure Mortgages on any Lots or Dwellings within the Development.

**10.03 Amendments by Association.** Amendments to this Declaration, other than those authorized by Section 10.02 above, shall be proposed and adopted by the Association in the following manner:

(a) At any annual or special meeting of the members of the Association, an amendment to this Declaration may be proposed by either the Board of the Association or by any Owners present in person at such meeting. Any such proposed amendment must be approved by the Owners holding at least two thirds (2/3) of the total votes in the Association; provided, however, that

(i) any amendment which materially and adversely affects the security, title or interest of any Institutional Mortgagee must be approved by such Institutional Mortgagee,

(ii) during any period in which Developer owns a Lot or Dwelling in the Development, then Developer must approve such proposed amendment and

(iii) to the extent the proposed amendment affects any of the matters described in Section 10.04 below, then the provisions of Section 10.04 below shall be applicable to such proposed amendment.

(b) Any and all amendments which have been approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.03(a) above shall be executed by all parties who consent to the same is required, including the Owners holding at least two thirds (2/3) of the total votes in the Association; provided, however, that in the alternative, the sworn statement of the President of the Association or by the Chairman of the Board 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 Owners. Any such amendment shall be effective upon recording of the same in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.

**10.04 Restrictions on Amendment.** Notwithstanding anything provided in the Declaration to the contrary, in no event may any amendment to Sections 1.16, 1.17, 2.02, 2.03, 2.06, 2.07, 2.08, 3.01 through 3.09, 5.02, 5.06(b), 5.10, 5.12, 6.01, 6.04(c), 6.04(d), 6.08, 6.14(b), 6.20, 6.25, 6.27, 6.33, 8.03, 8.04, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04 and 12.01 hereof or any other provisions of this Declaration which require Developer's consent or approval be effective unless the same is consented to in writing by Developer. The consent of Developer to any such proposed amendment may be withheld in the sole discretion of developer with or without any reason.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **ENFORCEMENT**

**11.01 Authority and Enforcement.** In addition to the provisions of Sections 5.13, 6.22, 6.23(a), 6.32, 6.37, 7.02(b) and 8.09 above, 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 Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or any rules and regulations adopted by the Board of the Association from time to time, the Board shall have the power to

(i) impose reasonable monetary fines which shall constitute an equitable charge and a continuing lien upon the Lot and Dwelling and shall be a personal obligation of such Owner which is guilty of such violation,

(ii) suspend an Owner's right to vote in the Association or

(iii) suspend an Owner's or Occupant's right (and the right of such Owner's or Occupant's family members, guests and tenants) to use any of the recreational facilities located in or upon the Common Areas, and the Board shall have the power to impose all or any combination of any of the foregoing sanctions. Any such suspension of rights may be for the duration of the infraction.

**11.02 Procedure.** In the event any of the terms or provisions of this Declaration, the Architectural Standards, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or any rules and regulations of the Association 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, suspend voting rights or infringe upon or suspend any other rights pursuant to Section 11.01 above unless written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violation shall be served upon the Owner responsible for such violations which demand shall specify:

- (i) The alleged violation;
- (ii) The action required to abate such violation; and
- (iii) A time period of not less than ten (10) days during which the violation may be abated 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 Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws or any of the rules and regulations of the Association may result in the imposition of sanctions. The foregoing procedure shall only be applicable to the enforcement rights specified in Section 11.01 above and shall not apply to the exercise of and of the rights and remedies specified in any other section or provision of this Declaration.

**11.03 Nonexclusive Remedies.** Notwithstanding anything provided to the contrary in this Declaration, the authority, enforcement and procedural rights set forth in this Article XI are in addition to and shall not be deemed to limit the other rights and remedies set forth in this Declaration or which the Association, acting through the Board, would have the right to exercise at law or in equity.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**2.01 Control by Developer.** NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING PROVIDED TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS DECLARATION, THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, THE BYLAWS OR IN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT OR INSTRUMENT RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPER HEREBY RETAINS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT AND REMOVE ANY MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ANY OFFICER OR OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS PROVIDED BY AND FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME SET FORTH IN SECTION 4.02 ABOVE. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of any interest in a Lot or Dwelling, agrees that Developer shall have the authority to appoint and remove members of the Board and officers of the Association in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Section 12.01 and the provisions of Section 4.02 above. At such time as Developer no longer owns any interest in any Lot or Dwelling within the Development, a special meeting of the Association shall be called within a reasonable time thereafter at which time the Owners shall elect a new Board which shall undertake the responsibilities of the Board and Developer shall deliver all books, accounts and records of the Association, if any, which Developer has in its possession.

**12.02 Legal Expenses.** In addition to the rights and remedies set forth in Sections 5. 13, 6.22, 6.23(a), 6.32, 6.31, 7.02(b), 8.09 and in Article XI above, in the event either the ARC, its agents or representatives, or the Board, its agents and representatives, undertake any legal or equitable action which either of them deem necessary to abate, enjoin, remove or extinguish any

violation or breach of this Declaration, then all costs and expenses incurred by either 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 ARC, its agents and representatives, and the Board, its agents and representatives, 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 such violation or breach or to otherwise seek monetary damages as a result of any expenses incurred by either the ARC or the Association to cure such violation or breach.

**12.03 Severability.** If any provision of this Declaration or the application thereof to any person or circumstances 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 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 the respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns of each Owner, Occupant and Mortgagee, and shall inure to the benefit of Developer, the ARC, the Association, 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 ambiguity shall be resolved in favor or to the advantage of one party as opposed to another in interpreting any ambiguity or conflict contained herein.

**12.08 No Reversion.** No restriction or provision hereof is intended to be or shall be construed as a condition subsequent or a possibility of reversal in favor of Developer nor shall any provision be deemed to vest any reversionary interest in Developer.

**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 Club Owner, 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 Development 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 or Dwelling, 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 Development.

**12.13 Reservation of Rights.** Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, no sale, transfer, conveyance, lease, pledge, encumbrance or other hypothecation of any Lot or Dwelling by Developer to a third party shall constitute or be deemed 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 is transferring to any such third party.

**12.14 Standards for Review.** Whenever in this Declaration Developer, the Association or the ARC 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 Developer, the Association or the ARC, as the case may be.

**12.15 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.

**12.16 Notices.** Notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid. All notices to Owners shall be delivered or sent to such addresses as have been designated in writing to the Association or, if no such address has been so designated, at the address of such Owner's respective Lot or Dwelling within the

Development. All notices to the Association or to the ARC shall be delivered or sent in care of Developer to the following address:

Oak Park Residential Association, Inc.  
5330 Stadium Trace Pkwy., Suite 245,  
Birmingham, Alabama 35244

or to such other address as the Association or 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 addresses as Developer may notify the Association.

**12.17 Assignment.** Subject to the provisions of Section 12.13 above, Developer and the ARC shall each have the right to assign any and all of the rights, powers, reservations and duties contained herein to any person or entity who shall thereupon have the same rights, power, reservations and duties as Developer and the ARC, respectively.

**12.18 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, conformity 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.

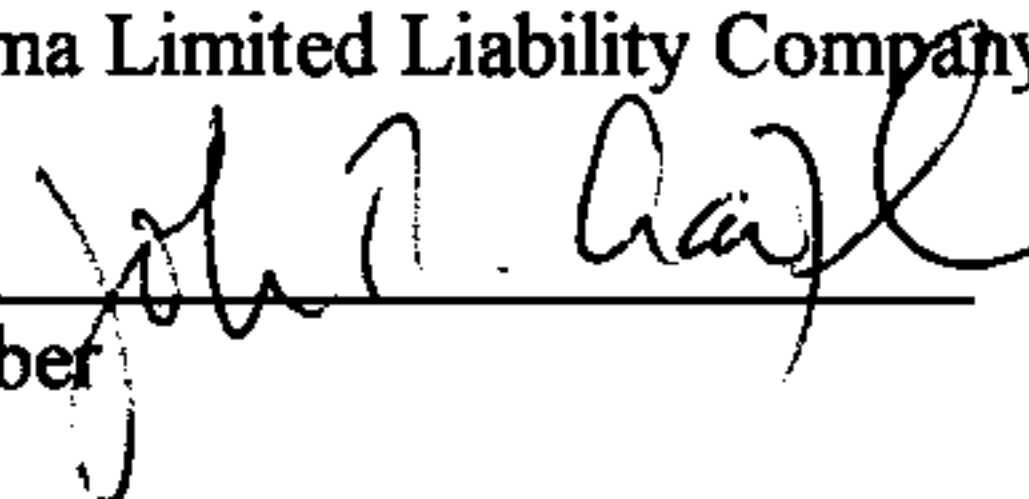
**12.19 No Waiver.** All rights, remedies and privileges granted to Developer, the Association and the ARC pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more of such rights, remedies or privileges shall not be deemed to constitute 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 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.

**12.20 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 William Clinton, President of the United States.

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

GENESIS GROUP LLC  
an Alabama Limited Liability Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Member





**STATE OF ALABAMA)  
COUNTY OF SHELBY)**


I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that John R. Crawford, who, as member of Genesis LLC, an Alabama Limited Liability Company, name 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 with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said Limited Liability Company in its capacity as Developer.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 12th day of October, 2000.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/01/2001

GENESIS GROUP LLC  
an Alabama Limited Liability Company

By:   
Its: Member

**STATE OF ALABAMA)  
COUNTY OF SHELBY)**

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that J. Dan Taylor, who, as member of Genesis Group, L.L.C., an Alabama Limited Liability Company, name 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 with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said Limited Liability Company in its capacity as Developer.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 12th day of October, 2000.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/01/2001

# THE WOODLAND SECTOR 1

GROSS AREA OF SUBDIVISION = 29.37 acres±  
AREA OF ROAD R.O.W.'S = 2.68 acres±  
TREE CONSERVATION AREA = 6.79 acres±  
PERCENTAGE OF GROSS AREA (LESS R.O.W.)  
IN TREE CONSERVATION = 25%

A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION SITUATE  
THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE  
SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST,  
CITY OF HOOVER, SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

DEVELOPER: GENESIS GROUP, L.L.C.  
5330 STADIUM TRACE PARKWAY, SUITE 245  
HOOVER, ALABAMA 35244  
(205) 403-0411

PREPARED BY

STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

August 25, 2000

I, the undersigned, Robert C. Farmer, a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, State of Alabama, and Genesis Group, L.L.C. as owner, hereby certify that this plat or map was made pursuant to a survey made by said surveyor and that said survey and this plat or map were made at the instance of said owner; that this plat or map is a true and correct map of lands shown therein under the name THE WOODLANDS SECTOR 1, showing the subdivisions into which it is proposed to divide said lands, giving the lengths and angles of each lot and its number, showing the streets, alleys and public grounds, giving the length and width and name of each street as well as the number of each lot and showing the relation of the lands to the government survey, and that said plat has been located at all corners and curve points as shown and are designated by small open circles on said plat or map. Said owner also certifies that it is the owner of said lands and that the same are not subject to any mortgage, except a mortgage held by Regions Bank. I further state that all parts of this survey and drawing have been completed in accordance with the requirements of the Minimum Technical Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying in the State of Alabama to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

In witness whereof said surveyor executed these presents this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

By: Robert C. Farmer Date: 8-25-2000  
Robert C. Farmer, P.L.S.  
My Reg. No. 14720



I, Frances F. Meador, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, do hereby certify that Robert C. Farmer, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate as surveyor, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me, on this date, that after being duly informed of the contents of said certificate, does execute same voluntarily as such individual with full authority thereon.

Given under my hand and seal this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

By: Frances F. Meador My Commission Expires 6-8-03  
Notary Public

By: Barry Taylor DATE: 8-25-2000  
Barry Taylor, Notary  
Genesis Group, LLC

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, do hereby certify that J. Dar Taylor, Notary, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate as owner, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me, on this date, that after being duly informed of the contents of said certificate, does execute same voluntarily as such individual with full authority thereon.

Given under my hand and seal this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

By: J. Dar Taylor My Commission Expires 6-8-03  
Notary Public

By: Ronald B. Roberts DATE: 9/25/00  
Ronald B. Roberts, Notary  
Regions Bank Mortgage

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, do hereby certify that Ronald B. Roberts, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate as mortgagee, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me, on this date, that after being duly informed of the contents of said certificate, does execute same voluntarily as such individual with full authority thereon.

Given under my hand and seal this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.

By: Ronald B. Roberts My Commission Expires 12/17/2002  
Notary Public

This subdivision meets the approval of the Shelby County Health Department subject to certain conditions of approval and/or lot dedications on file with the said health department, which conditions are made a part of this approval as it set out hereon.

By: Larry W. Rush DATE: 9-25-2000  
Shelby County Health Department Clerk

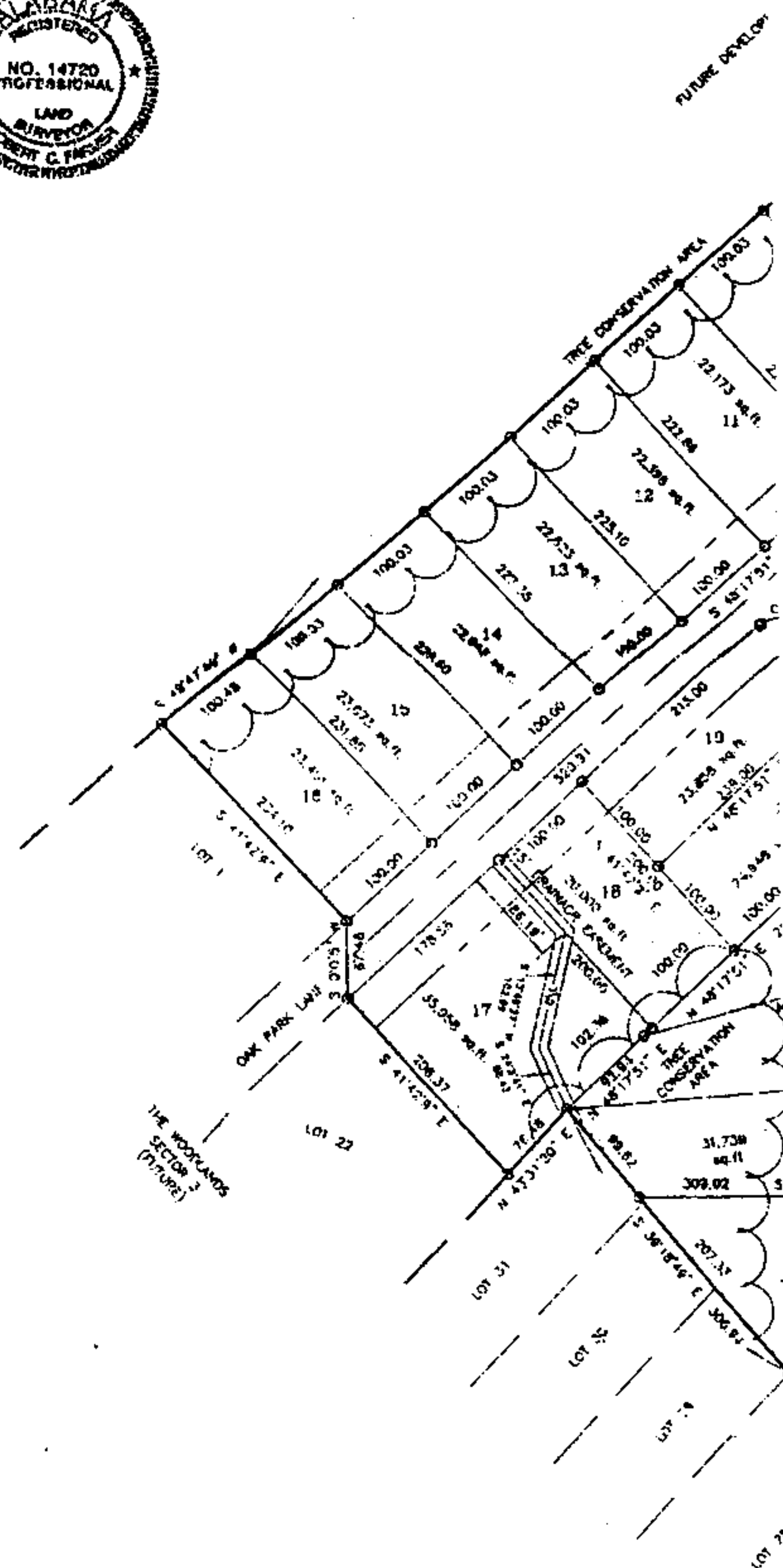
RESOLUTION:  
Be it resolved by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hoover, Alabama, that the content of this study be, and same hereby is given to the dedication of the streets, alleys and public grounds as shown on this plat or map, which said plat or map is certified to have been made by Robert C. Farmer, as surveyor, at the instance of Genesis Group, L.L.C. as owner, has been further identified by a record of the approval of this Council signed by the City Clerk, of even date herewith. But this shall not be construed as assumption of dominion by the City of Hoover over any street, alley or public grounds shown on said plat or map or herein thereby upon the City of Hoover for the purpose of same.

I, Linda Currie, City Clerk of the City of Hoover, Alabama, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct resolution that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hoover, Alabama have duly adopted at a meeting of said Council on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

By: Linda Currie DATE: 9-25-2000  
Linda Currie, City Clerk

By: Barry Taylor DATE: 9-25-2000  
Barry Taylor, Notary

By: Barry Taylor DATE: 9/23/00  
Barry Taylor, Notary



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SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF

3. FARMER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
3219 HWY. #52 WEST  
PELHAM, ALABAMA 34124  
(205) 664-2568

ONE PARK HIGHLANDS  
SECTOR J, LOT 18  
MAP BOOK 28, PAGE 138

ALL RECORDS  
END

LOT 4 48

OAK PARK, SECTION 2, PH=SE 2  
MAP BOOK 25, PAGE 107

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OAK PARK, SECTION 1  
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**LOT 23**

THE WOODLANDS  
SECTION 2  
(FUTURE)

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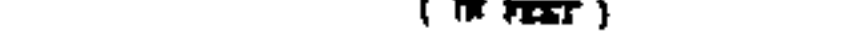
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Exhibit A

GRAPHIC SCALE



( IN FEET )  
1 inch = 100 ft.

CURVE TABLE						
CURVE	LENGTH	RANGE	CURVE	MONY	WATER	WELFA
C1	227.77	64.00	526.44	159.12	11.7	11.45
C2	33.07	125.00	58.96	16.7	29.11	10.20
C3	34.11	175.00	14.09	56.7	21.26	13.23
C4	93.00	125.00	94.51	50.0	34.00	10.42
C5	164.11	175.00	163.61	55.6	28.36	16.23
C6	66.32	625.00	66.26	152.15	11.7	13.44
C7	39.27	25.00	38.26	102.7	31.0	10.00
C8	32.27	25.00	33.38	105.4	35.0	10.00
C9	16.08	125.00	16.24	105.4	35.0	10.00
C10	23.16	325.00	23.23	102.7	13.18	20.00
C11	23.26	175.00	23.43	102.7	13.18	20.00
C12	77.34	175.00	77.42	102.7	13.18	20.00
C13	114.04	100.00	113.43	102.7	13.18	20.00
C14	242.16	125.00	241.64	102.7	13.18	20.00
C15	66.15	675.00	66.11	102.7	13.18	20.00
C16	74.76	625.00	74.72	102.7	13.18	20.00
C17	93.62	675.00	93.50	102.7	13.18	20.00
C18	110.62	625.00	110.51	102.7	13.18	20.00
C19	166.87	675.00	166.81	102.7	13.18	20.00
C20	48.17	625.00	48.16	102.7	13.18	20.00
C21	8.06	25.00	7.77	50.0	21.26	13.23
C22	19.83	25.00	12.89	50.0	21.26	13.23
C23	11.77	25.00	12.60	56.7	21.26	13.23
C24	7.25	25.00	7.43	56.7	21.26	13.23
C25	96.64	50.00	96.28	107.7	35.00	10.42
C26	10.10	50.00	71.81	107.7	35.00	10.42
C27	84.44	50.00	60.00	107.7	35.00	10.42

NOTES:

1. All agreements shall provide for needs both within and without the subchapter.
2. Needs of bearings a "Main Phone Coordination System".
3. On-site work and development are responsible for planning bearing sites free of geologic problems.
4. General area is defined by subchapter provisions.