

STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COUNTY OF SHELBY )

Inst # 2001-24168

**DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR  
RHETT BUTLER RIDGE SUBDIVISION**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That:

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Joseph (“the Developer”) has heretofore acquired fee simple title to certain real property situated in Shelby County, Alabama and has subdivided such property (the Subdivision) into Five ( 5 ) lots (herein “Lots”) as described in map and survey of RHETT BUTLER RIDGE SUBDIVISION as recorded in Map book 28, Page 73, in the Probate Office at Shelby County, Alabama (herein the “Record Map” or the “Property”).

**WHEREAS,** the Developer desires to develop a single family, detached residential estate subdivision to be known as RHETT BUTLER RIDGE SUBDIVISION and in doing so to subject the Property to the restrictions and covenants set fourth in this Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for RHETT BUTLER RIDGE SUBDIVISION (herein “the Declaration”) and

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Developer does, upon recording hereof, declare and make the Property and each of the Lots now or hereafter included in the Subdivision of the Property subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, uses, easements, limitations and affirmative obligations set forth in this Declaration and as shown on the Record Map, all of which are declared to be in furtherance of a plan for the imposition of the Property in a desirable and uniform manner, and all of which shall run with the land and shall be binding on all persons, firms or corporations having or acquiring any right, title or interest in the Property, the Lots, or any part(s) thereof, and shall be for the benefit of each such Owner of the Property or interest therein, and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each successor in interest to the Owners thereof.

**ARTICLE I  
LAND USE**

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The Property will be used for residential purposes only and not for any business or trade. Home offices are allowed, however, such allowance is intended only to allow individual work at a structure located on a Lot, but not the conduct of business with the presence of the general public at the Property.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **BUILDING REQUIREMENTS**

a) **DESIGN CRITERIA:** The objective of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) hereinafter established is to provide for the quality development of all of the Lots within the Subdivision. Prior to any Construction or Improvement on a Lot, the Owner of such Lot shall submit to the ARC plans and specifications and related data for all such Improvements, which shall include the following:

1. 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, fences, and outbuildings and the relationship of the same to any set-back requirements applicable to the Lot or Dwelling.
2. Two (2) copies of a foundation plan, floor plans and exterior elevation drawings of the front, back and sides of the Dwelling to be constructed on the lot.
3. Two (2) copies of written specifications and, if requested by the Architectural Review Committee ("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 exterior of such Dwelling.
4. Such other plans, specifications, or other information or documentation as may be required by the ARC or the Architectural Standards.

b) The ARC shall, in its sole discretion, determine whether the plans and specifications and other data submitted by any Owner for approval are acceptable. The ARC shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications upon any ground which is consistent with the objectives and purposes of this Declaration, including purely aesthetic considerations, any failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Declaration or the Architectural Standards, failure to provide requested information, objection to exterior design, appearance or materials, objection on the ground of incompatibility of any such proposed improvement with the scheme of development proposed for the 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 judgement 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, Dwelling or Multi-Family Area 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, Dwelling, or Multi-Family Area within the Development. 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. Such fee or fees shall be paid by the Owner who is seeking the ARC's approval of plans and specifications. Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, an Owner may make interior improvements and alterations within his Dwelling that do not affect the exterior appearance and a Multi-Family Association 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 the approval or consent of the ARC be obtained.

c) In the event the ARC fails to approve in writing any such proposed plans and specifications within forty-five (45) days after such plans and specifications have been submitted, then the plans and specifications so submitted will be deemed to have been disapproved.

d) 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.

e) 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.

f) **CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT APPROVAL:** If (a) any Improvements are initiated, installed, maintained, altered, replaced or relocated on any Lot, Dwelling or Multi-Family Area without 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, Dwelling or Multi-Family Area are not being complied with, then, in either event, the Owner of such Lot, Dwelling or Multi-Family Area 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 herein.

g) **MINIMUM STRUCTURE SIZE OF PRIMARY DWELLING:** No lot shall contain more than one Primary Dwelling and no Primary Dwelling shall be erected on any Lot if such dwelling contains less than 2600 square feet of living space, for a single story dwelling or split foyer, and not less than 3000 square feet of living space for a 1 ½ story or 2 story dwelling. Living Space does not have to be completely finished so long as such unfinished space is in the interior of a

Primary Dwelling and is not visible from the exterior. All plans for Primary Dwelling are subject to written approval by the ARC.

**h) EXTERIOR MATERIAL:** No Primary Dwelling shall use the following materials which shall be visible on the exterior of any such building: (a) concrete block; or (b) stucco over concrete block. All exterior materials are subject to written approval by the ARC.

**I) DRIVEWAYS:** All driveways servicing any Lot shall be concrete or asphalt for at least 100 feet from the Road servicing each such Lot. Any additional material for driveway construction is subject to approval by the ARC.

**j) BUILDING LOCATION:** No Primary Dwelling shall be located any closer than 50 feet from any front or rear Lot line nor shall any Primary Dwelling be located any closer than 35 feet from any side Lot line. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, no Primary Dwelling shall be located within 35 feet of the right-of-way line of Tara Drive. A Site Plan is to be submitted with a house plan to the ARC for approval. For the purpose of this paragraph (j), eaves and steps shall not be construed as part of the building.

**k) FENCING:** Fencing shall only be allowed on the rear of a Lot and shall not extend any further toward the front of the Primary Dwelling than the rear line of the Primary Dwelling. The ARC shall have the right to approve any proposed fencing.

**l) TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND OUTBUILDINGS:** No mobile homes or temporary dwellings shall be allowed without written approval of the ARC, and such approval shall include specification of material and color.

**m) SEPTIC TANKS:** All septic tanks must be of an improved type, such tanks together with adequate field lines must be approved and completely acceptable to the Shelby County Health Department. No septic tank or field line shall be constructed within 20 feet of an adjoining

Property line. No sewer or drainage lines shall be constructed or laid which shall empty on or become a nuisance to an adjoining Lot, Property Line, or Road.

n) **THE ROOF:** Pitch on any Primary Dwelling shall not be less than 6 and 12 unless first approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee. All roof vents and pipes shall be painted as near the color of the roof as possible.

o) **ALL** Primary Dwellings will have brick, stone or dryvit type product on all four sides of the foundation, no exposed block. All Primary Dwellings are to be of traditional styling and approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee.

p) **NO CANTILEVERED CHIMNEY SHALL BE ALLOWED ON THE FRONT OR SIDES OF ANY STRUCTURE.** All chimney chases on the front and side shall be supported by the foundation of the structure and shall be constructed of the same material used in the foundation. Cantilevered chimney chases may be allowed on the rear by specific approval of the Architectural Review Committee. Bay windows on the front or side of the dwelling must have a bottom return.

q) **GARAGES:** Garage doors shall only be permitted on the front of Primary Dwellings if the interior of the garage is sheet rocked and painted.

r) **CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS:** Construction of Primary Dwelling on Lots 1, 3, 4 and 5 shall commence within a period not to exceed twelve (12) months following the closed sale to purchase the said lot; and such work thereon must be prosecuted diligently, continuously and completed within a fourteen (14) month period from date construction commenced.

s) **OUTBUILDINGS:** No outbuildings, storage sheds, separate garages or detached buildings of any kind shall be allowed unless approved in writing by the ARC.

t) **POOLS:** Swimming pools shall only be allowed if approved by the ARC.

u) **OBSTRUCTION OF VIEW AT INTERSECTIONS:** No tree, fence, wall, hedge, shrub or planting which obstructs lines of view at elevations between two (2) and six (6) feet above the Roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner Lot. Trees shall be permitted to remain provided the foliage line is kept trimmed so as to prevent obstruction of such lines of sight.

v) **GRASSING OF YARDS:** All front yards are to be sodded. Seeding or sprigging, or a combination, will be permitted on the sides and rear of houses.

w) **LOCATION OF AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AND VENTS:** Outside air conditioning units and plumbing and heating vents shall be placed only at the rear or at the sides of houses.

x) **DOORS AND WINDOW FINISHINGS:** No silver finish metal doors or windows of any kind will be permitted. However, factory painted or anodized finish in natural earth tones may be used.

y) **SATELLITE DISHES AND ANTENNAS:** Satellite dishes and antennas shall only be permitted as approved by the ARC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, satellite dishes in excess of 18 inches in diameter shall not be visible from any roadway. No radio antennae, radio receiver or other similar device or aerial shall be attached or installed on any lot or dwelling without prior written authorization from the ARC.

z) **UTILITIES:** All lateral utility lines servicing any Lot shall be underground and the installation of such underground lateral utility lines shall be at the expense of the Lot Owner at the time of construction of the Primary Dwelling on any lot.

**ARTICLE III**  
**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

a) **APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:** No structure, building, or fence shall be commenced, erected, placed, moved onto or permitted to remain on any Lot, nor shall any existing structure upon any Lot within the Property be altered in any way which materially changes the exterior appearance thereof until same is submitted to and approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee (herein "the ARC"). The ARC will be provided with such plans and specifications which will be in a form and shall contain such information as may be required by the ARC and shall include but not necessarily be limited to:

1. A site plan of the Lot showing the location, height, and exterior design (including a summary of all proposed materials together with samples of exterior materials and paint colors) of all buildings and improvements proposed to be constructed on the Lot; paint colors preferable should be earth tone. Bright colors are discouraged and will be denied;

2. A grading, and drainage plan for the Lot; and

3. Any remodeling, reconstruction, alterations or additions to an existing residence shall require the written approval of the ARC.

b) **COMPOSITION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:** The Architectural Review Committee (the "Committee"), until termination or modified pursuant to Article III, paragraph (j) as hereinafter set out shall be composed of the Developer-Anthony Joseph, and/or Mr. Jim Ray, until such time as the Developer has sold all of the Lots within the Property. The Developer may elect to substitute committee members with two (2) Lot Owners prior to selling all of the Lots. At such time as the Developer has sold all of the Lots, the committee shall be comprised of three (3) individuals who are Lot Owners of the Lots within the Property and at such time, the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the committee shall be required in order to issue any permit and authorization set forth herein.

c) **EVIDENCE OF APPROVAL:** The approval of the ARC shall be evidenced by written permit executed by one or more of the members of the ARC and counter-signed by the applicant therefor. The written permit shall be executed in duplicate with one copy to be retained by the



applicant.

**(d) BASIS FOR DISAPPROVAL OF PLANS:**

1. The scope of review by the Committee shall be limited to appearance and improvement location only. The purpose of the Committee is to promote quality development on the Lots and not necessarily to impose requirements concerning the type of structure or the design of such structures in such Lots. **THE ARC DOES NOT ASSUME OR ACCEPT BY THE FILING HEREOF ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR AUTHORITY TO REVIEW FOR STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS, COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING OR ZONING CODES OR STANDARDS, OR ANY OTHER FACTORS.**

2. The ARC Committee shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications submitted for approval for any of the following reasons:

- (A) failure of such plans and specifications to comply with the covenants and restrictions herein set forth;
- (B) failure to include information in such plans and specifications as may have been reasonably requested by the ARC;
- (C) reasonable objection to the exterior design, appearance or materials proposed to be used in any proposed structure;
- (D) incompatibility of use of any proposed structure or improvement with existing structures or uses upon other Lots in the Property;
- (E) objection to the site plan, clearing plan, drainage plan for any special parcel;
- (F) failure of plans to take into consideration the particular topography, vegetative

characteristics, and natural environment of the Lot; and

- (G) any other matter which, in the judgement of the Committee, would render the proposed structure, improvement, or uses inharmonious with the general plan of improvement of the Property or with structures, improvements, or uses located upon Lots in the Property.

3. In any case where the ARC shall disapprove any plans and specifications submitted hereunder, or shall approve the same only as modified or upon specified conditions, the disapproval shall be accompanied by a statement of the grounds upon which such actions were based. In any such case the ARC shall, if requested, make reasonable efforts to assist and advise the applicant in order that an acceptable proposal can be prepared and submitted for approval. All approvals must be in writing.

**(e) RETENTION OF COPY OF PLANS:** Upon approval by the ARC of any plans and specifications, as approved, shall be deposited for permanent record with the ARC, and a copy of such plans and specifications bearing such approval, in writing, shall be returned to the applicant submitting the same.

**(f) FAILURE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL:** If any structure or improvement shall be altered, erected, placed or maintained upon any Lot, or any new structure or improvement commenced on any Lot other than in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the ARC pursuant to the provisions of this Article III, such alteration, erection, maintenance or use shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of this covenant, and without the approval required herein, upon written notice from the ARC, any such structure or improvement as altered, erected, placed or maintained shall be corrected as to extinguish such violation. If fifteen (15) days after the notice of such violation the Owner of the Lot upon which such violation exists shall not have taken reasonable steps toward the removal or correction of the same, the Committee shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon such Lot and to take such steps as may be necessary to extinguish the violation and the cost thereof shall be a binding, personal

obligation of such owner as well as a lien (enforceable in the same manner as a mortgage) upon the Lot in question. The lien provided in this paragraph shall not be valid against a bona fide purchaser (or bona fide mortgage) of the Lot in question unless a suit to enforce said lien shall have been filed in a court of record in Shelby County prior to the recordation among the Land Records of Shelby County of the deed (or mortgage) conveying the Lot in question to such purchaser (or subjecting the same to such mortgage) .

**(g) CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:** Upon completion of the construction or alteration of any structure or improvement in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the ARC, the ARC shall, upon written request of the Owner thereof, issue a certificate of compliance in form suitable for recordation, identifying such structure or improvement placed, and stating that the plans and specifications, the location of such structure or improvement and the use or uses to be conducted thereon have been approved and that such structure or improvement complies with the requirements of the ARC. Preparation and recording of such certificate shall be at the expense of such owner. Any certificate of compliance issued in accordance with the provisions of this Article III, Paragraph (g), shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, and as to any purchaser or encumbrance in good faith and for value, or as to any title insurer, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence that all structures or improvements on the Lot and the use or uses described therein comply with all the requirements of this Article III, and with all other requirements of this Article III, and with all other requirements of the Declaration as to which the Committee exercises any discretionary or interpretive powers.

**(h) INSPECTION RIGHTS:** Any agent of the Developer or the ARC may at any reasonable time or times enter upon and inspect any Lot or any improvements thereon for the purpose of ascertaining whether the maintenance of such Lot and the maintenance, construction, or alteration of structures and improvements thereon are in compliance with the provisions hereof; and neither the Developer nor the ARC nor any such agent shall be deemed to have committed a trespass or other wrongful act by reason of such entry or inspection.

**(I) WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** Neither the ARC nor any architect nor agent thereof, nor Owner, nor any partner, agent, or employee of any of the foregoing, shall be responsible in any way for (I) any failure of structures or improvements to comply with requirements of this Declaration, although a certificate of compliance has been issued; (ii) any defect in any plans and specifications submitted, revised, or approved in accordance with the foregoing provisions; or (iii) any structural or other defects in any work done according to such plans and specifications, and all persons submitting any such plans and specifications, and all persons relying thereon, agree not to sue or claim against the entities and persons referred to in this Section 9 and further agree to and hereby release said entities and persons for any and every such cause.

**(j) DURATION:**

1. The rights of the Developer as to the Architectural Review Committee shall terminate upon the earlier of:

(A) the date that the Developer has sold the last Lot he owns within the Subdivision and Property; or

(B) the resignation or inability of Anthony Joseph and/or Jim Ray to perform on the ARC.

2. After the Developer's involvement with the ARC has ended, the Committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) people who are fee simple Lot owners and are designated by a majority vote of the fee simple Lot Owners.

3. Inactivity of the ARC shall not be deemed a waiver of the rights of the ARC.

(k) The ARC shall also administer the payment and collection of all sums due from Lot Owners pursuant to the provisions of Article V, paragraph (q) as hereinafter set out.

**ARTICLE IV  
MISCELLANEOUS**

(a) **ANIMALS:** No dog kennels for commercial purposes will be allowed. No cows, swine or chickens will be allowed, and no commercial breeding of any animal will be allowed. Only domestic animals (i.e. cats, dogs, etc.) shall be allowed. No dogs shall be allowed to run free. Horses may be allowed on some lots, subject to written approval of the ARC.

(b) **NO** obnoxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the Property, the other Lots or Lot Owners. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is the intent of the Developer and these covenants to restrict the use of the Property and any Lot therein which will detract from a high quality single family residential subdivision. No boat, trailer, recreational or commercial vehicle or bus or vehicle of any kind shall be allowed to be parked or stored on any Lot in a location where it can be seen from a front or side street. No Lot shall be used as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash, garbage or other waste and such shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. Each Lot shall be maintained in a neat and orderly fashion at least to the extent of visibility from the Roads, which includes the yard and any shrub beds. No satellite, microwave dishes, or television or radio antennas shall be placed on any Lot unless approved in writing by the ARC, but in no event shall large satellite, microwave dishes or television or radio antennas be visible from the Roads. No Lot shall be cultivated for crops of any sort, except for gardens of reasonable size, which is to be located in the rear of the Primary Dwelling.

(c) **NO** signs of any kind shall be displayed in the public view on any Lot except one sign not more than five (5) square feet advertising the Property for sale or rent, or signs used by a builder to advertise the Property during construction and sale period.

(d) **DURING** all construction, all vehicles, including those delivering supplies, must enter the building Lot on the driveway only as approved by the ARC so as not to unnecessarily damage trees, and Roads. Any damage not repaired by the contractor will be repaired by the ARC (after ten (10) days written notice) and will be charged to the Lot Owner at a reasonable charge for such services, which charge shall constitute a lien upon such Lot enforceable by appropriate

proceedings at law or equity. During construction, all Builders must keep the homes, garages, and building site clean. All building debris, stumps, trees, etc., must be removed from each building Lot by Builder as often as necessary to keep the house and Lot attractive. Such debris will not be dumped in any are of the Property. Best management practices shall be implemented and observed during all construction on any Lot. Lot owners agree to instruct their builder, contractor, sub-contractor(s), agent or employees that the maximum truck load weights allowed on roads within Tara, including but not limited to Tara Drive, shall be as follows: A maximum seven (7) yard load for concrete/cement trucks and an eighteen (18) ton maximum for dump trucks.

(e) **NO** Lot shall be sold or used for the purpose of extending any public or private road, street, or alley, for the purpose of opening any road, street, or alley, except the prior written consent of the ARC. Anthony Joseph reserves easement for, his heirs, successors and assigns, a perpetual easement, running with the land, for vehicular and pedestrian ingress, egress and utilities over, under (as necessary) and across; the east 30 feet along side of Lot 4 and 5 for (Future Development Easement)

(f) **ALL** mailboxes shall be of standard design and type as determined by the ARC.

(g) **NO** Lot in the Subdivision may be subdivided or replatted without the express written consent and the approval of all of the Lot Owners and the appropriate government agency.

(h) **GRANTEE'S ACCEPTANCE:** The grantee of any Lot subject to the coverage of this Declaration, by acceptance of the deed or other instrument conveying an interest in or title to, or the execution of a contract for the purpose thereof, whether from Owner or a subsequent Owner of such Lot, shall accept such deed or other contract upon and subject to each and all of these restrictions herein contained and other easements, restrictions and reservations of record.

**(I) INDEMNITY FOR DAMAGES:** Each and every Lot Owner and future Lot Owner, in accepting a deed or contract for any Lot subject to the Declaration, agrees to indemnify the Developer for any reasonable direct damage (but not consequential damages) caused by such Owner, or the contract, agent, or employees of such Owner, to the Roads.

**(j) SEVERABILITY:** Every one of the provisions and restrictions is hereby declared to be independent of, and severable from the rest of the provisions and restrictions and of and from every other one of the provisions and restrictions and of and from every combination of the provisions and restrictions.

**(k) EFFECTS OF VIOLATION ON MORTGAGE LIEN:** No violation of any of this Declaration shall defeat or render invalid the lien of any mortgage made in good faith and for value upon any portion of the Property, and Lot therein; provided, however, that any mortgagee in actual possession, or any purchaser at any foreclosure sale shall be bound by and subject to this Declaration as fully as any other Owner of any portion of the Property, any Lot therein.

**(l) NO REVERTER:** No restriction herein is intended to be, or shall be construed as a condition subsequent or as creating a possibility of reverter.

**(m) DURATION AND AMENDMENT:** The restrictions contained in this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property and, shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Developer, the ARC, and the Owner of any Lot included in the Property, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns until the 31st day of December, 2015, after which time said restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. This Declaration may not be amended in any respect except by the execution of an instrument shall be signed by 2/3 of the Lot Owners, which instrument shall be filed for recording among the Land Records of Shelby County, Alabama, or in such other place of recording as may be appropriated at the time of the execution of such instrument. After December 31, 2015, this

Declaration may be amended and or terminated in its entirety by an instrument signed by not less than a majority of the Lot Owners, which instrument shall be filed for recording among the Land Records of Shelby County, Alabama, or in such other places of recording as may be appropriate at the time of the execution of such instrument.

**(n) ENFORCEMENT:** In the event of a violation or breach of any of these restrictions or any amendments thereto by any Owner of a Lot, or employee, agent, or lessee of such Owner, the Owner (s) of Lot (s), Developer, their successors and assigns, or any party to whose benefit these restrictions inure shall have the right to proceed at law or in equity to compel compliance with the terms and conditions hereof, to prevent the violation or breach of said restrictions, to sue for and recover damages for any amounts required to be paid hereunder, or take all such courses of action at the same time, or such legal remedy deemed appropriate. No delay or failure on the part of an aggrieved party to initiate an available remedy set forth herein shall be held to be a waiver of that party or of any other party to assert any right available to him upon the recurrence of continuation of said violation or the occurrence of different violations. Damages shall not be deemed adequate compensation for any breach or violation of any provision hereof, but any person or entity entitled to enforce any provision hereof shall be entitled specifically to relief by way of injunction as well as any other available relief either at law or in equity. Any party to proceeding who succeeds in enforcing a restriction or enjoining the violation of a restriction against a Lot Owner shall be awarded as reasonable attorney's fee against such Lot Owner, and shall have the right to place recorded lien on any Lot for purpose of securing payment of any amounts owing by a Lot Owner under this Declaration and such lien may be enforced in the same manner as foreclosure of a mortgage under the law of the State of Alabama.

**(o) NO WAIVER:** The failure of any party entitled to enforce any of these restrictions herein contained shall in no event be considered a waiver of the right to do so thereafter, as to the same violation or breach or as to such violation or breach occurring prior or subsequent thereto; provided, however, that approval of plans pursuant to Article III shall be binding on any and all parties as a conclusive determination that such plans are in conformity with these restrictions.



(p) **ALL** Lot Owners shall maintain their Lot and the improvements thereon in a neat and orderly fashion.

(q) **STREET LIGHTS, MONUMENT MAINTENANCE AND LIGHTING AND POND FOUNTAIN:** The Developer may elect to construct street lights and a monument sign with lighting and landscaping near the entrance to the subdivision and a monument sign with lighting and landscaping together with a pond fountain on real property owned by the Developer near Shelby County Highway 47. In the event of such election (s), each Owner of a Lot within the Property shall bear their prorata share of the periodic costs of maintaining and operating such street lights, monuments, monument lighting and landscaping and pond fountain. The collection of such periodic costs shall be administered by the Architectural Review Committee. In the event any Lot Owner fails to pay within thirty (30) days the charges assessed by the ARC under this paragraph, a lien shall be established on the Lot of such defaulting Owner which may be foreclosed as mortgages are foreclosed (with power of sale) in the State of Alabama. Such lien shall not prime the lien of any bona fide mortgagee holding a mortgage on the Lot of such delinquent Owner. Delinquent sums shall bear interest at the rate of 1.5% per month and such delinquent Lot Owner shall also pay all cost of collection including a reasonable attorney's fee.

(r) **MODIFICATION OF THESE COVENANTS BY DEVELOPER:** Notwithstanding anything contrary contained herein, the Developer reserves the right to unilaterally modify these covenants with respect to any Lot owned by Developer at any time without the necessity of obtaining approval from any Lot Owner or Lot Mortgagee. Any such modification shall only apply to Developer Owner Lot (s).

(s) **PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WHERE IS:** By accepting a Deed or Mortgage to a Lot, such Lot Owner and/or Mortgagee acknowledges that the Developer has no further responsibility with respect to the Property or any improvements located thereon, it being expressly understood that Lots and any improvements including but not limited to the Pond are sold AS IS/WHERE IS. The Developer specifically makes no warranty as to the water level of the Pond.

(t) **ARBITRATION:** any controversy or claim between a Lot Owner and the Developer, which may properly be submitted to arbitration, shall be settled under common law arbitration by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and judgement on the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each party to such claim or controversy shall appoint one person as an arbitrator to hear and determine the dispute and if they shall be unable to agree, then the two arbitrators whose decision shall be final and conclusive upon the parties hereto. The expenses of such arbitration shall be borne by the losing party or in such proportion as the arbitrators shall decide. The successful party shall recover as expenses and costs all reasonable attorney's fees incurred by him in connection with the arbitration proceeding or any appeals therefrom. In the event any such controversy or claim is not properly submissible to arbitration, the Lot Owner having such claim or controversy with the Developer, irrevocably waives all right to trial by jury in any court in any such action.

(u) **NOTICES:** Any notice to be given under these covenants shall be in writing and be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested and shall be effective if given to the Lot Owner to whom such notice is directed at either; 1. The address provided by such Lot Owner to the other; or 2. At the address maintained by the Tax Collector of Shelby County, Alabama for such Lot Owner (herein the "Authorized Address"). Mailing, postage prepaid, by certified mail, to the Authorized Address shall conclusively mean receipt by the Lot Owner to whom such notice is intended. In the event such notice is for repair or maintenance on a Road or for the Lake, the failure of any Lot Owner to respond to any such notice within thirty (30) days of the date of such notice shall be conclusively deemed an Affirmative Vote by such non responding Lot Owner to the proposed maintenance or repairs.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, as the Developer of the Property, has caused this Declaration to be executed as of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.

By: Anthony Joseph  
Anthony Joseph, Developer

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STATE OF ALABAMA )

SHELBY COUNTY )

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Anthony Joseph, Developer, whose 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 the foregoing instrument he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.

Glenda B. Bradley

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-3-2002

