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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS,
CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR
BATTLE RIDGE NORTH SUBDIVISION, PHASE
FIVE (5) TOWNHOUSES

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, made and effective as of the 28th day of May, 2009 (the "Declaration), by MGA Properties, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation, whose mailing address is 7324 Siemens Road, Wendell, NC 27591 hereinafter called "Declarant".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the hereinafter described land in Battle Ridge North Subdivision, Phase 5, and desires to impose on the said Properties certain covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements under a general plan or scheme of improvement for the benefit of all Properties herein described and the future owners thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Properties constitute a "townhouse development", as defined in Sections 10-2109, 10-3072, and 10-3073 of the Code, as defined in this Declaration, and the Declarant desires to subject the Properties to the provisions required by the City of Raleigh to permit the Properties to be developed as a "townhouse development"; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Battle Ridge North, Phase 5 Townhouse Owners Association, Inc. shall be responsible for paying the Common Expenses of the Battle Ridge North Subdivision, Phase 5 Townhouses

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the following described real property located in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, and being a portion of Battle Ridge North Subdivision, shall be held, transferred, sold and conveyed subject to the following covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the title to the Properties and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the following described Properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof:

BEING all of Battle Ridge North Subdivision, Phase 5 Townhouses as Shown on plat survey entitled "BATTLE RIDGE NORTH SUBDIVISION PHASE 5 TOWNHOUSES" as prepared by McIntyre & Associates, PLLC and recorded in Plat Book 2007, Page(s) _____, Wake County Registry.

ARTICLE I

PART A

DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this Article, the following words and terms have the following definitions, unless the context in which they are used clearly indicates otherwise (when any of these and other defined words or terms in this Article have an initial capital letter, however, it is not required that their use have initial capital letters in order to have the defined meaning). Some or all of the following words and terms may have the same definitions in other portions of this Declaration; if so, they are being repeated here of convenience; if not, as used in this Article, they have the definitions contained in this Article. Words and terms defined in other portions of this Declaration and not defined in this Article but used in this Article have the definition defined for them in such other portions of this Declaration, unless those definitions are superseded or modified as a result of the conflict rules set forth in Section 3 of this Part A (for example, words and terms defined by the Code and used in this Declaration have the definitions contained in the Code, notwithstanding that they may be defined differently in this Article or other portions of this Declaration; however, to the extent that a word or term is defined in this Article or other portions of this Declaration; however, to the extent that a word or term is defined in this Article or other portions of this Declaration differently from how it is defined in the Code, and the definitions do not conflict, the both definitions are applicable). With respect to words and terms used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and one gender shall include all:

(a) "Act" is defined as the North Carolina Planned Community Act, as contained in Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes (or as contained in any successor portion of the North Carolina General Statutes), as the same exists from time to time. The Act is referred to herein from time to time as G.S. 47F, with the particular section number following the G.S.47F reference (for example, G.S. 47F-1-101). Words and terms used in this Article that are defined in the Act but not defined in the Code (for example, the term special Declarant rights) have the definition contained in the Act.

(b) "Annexation Declaration" is defined as a document, by whatever name denominated, that is recorded for the purposes of annexing Annexed Property to this Declaration and causing such Annexed Property to be subject to the scheme of covenants, charges, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration and including any additional covenants, charges, conditions and restrictions contained in the Annexation Declaration.

(c) "Annexed Property" is defined as all real property annexed or subjected (those two terms being used interchangeably herein) to any part or all of the terms of this Declaration following the initial recording of this Declaration in the Registry.

(d) "Association" is defined as the nonprofit corporation organized and operated under the laws of the State of North Carolina as the property Owners' association for the Properties. Sub-Association (if applicable) is defined as a nonprofit corporation organized and operated under the laws of the State of North Carolina as the property Owners' association for a portion of, but not all of, the Properties. There may be one or more Sub-Associations (if applicable) with respect to the Properties. An example of a Sub-Association is a property Owners' association for a townhouse development that is part of a cluster unit development which has an Association that is, in fact, a Sub-Association, are deemed corrected accordingly.

(e) "Board" is defined as the board of directors of the Association, and is the Executive board as defined in the Act. The Board is responsible for the management and administration of the Association as provided for in this Declaration and in the Act.

(f) "City" or "City of Raleigh" is defined as the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, a North Carolina municipal corporation.

(g) "Code" is defined as the Raleigh City Code of Ordinances as it exists from time to time, and includes all duly adopted regulations, rules, directives, and policies of the City pursuant to or in furtherance of the Code.

(h) "Common Area" is defined as real property, together with any improvements situated thereon, intended for the common use and benefit of Owners and occupants of the Properties, however such real property is described on a plat or document recorded in the Registry. Common Area may be owned or leased by the Association or it may be owned by another Person with the Association having a right or easement therein (for example, part or all of a private stormwater drainage easement

located on either a Lot or real property that is not part of the Properties and that serves more than one (1) Lot in the Properties or a right of the Association to use a portion of a public street right-of-way pursuant to an encroachment agreement with the City). Common Areas include all of the following:

- (1) any private street and private walkways in the Properties (but excluding private walkways on and solely for the benefit of an individual Lot);
- (2) Storm water Control Measures;
- (3) any water or sewer utility line that serves more than one Lot and which is located outside public street rights-of-way or outside any City utility easement;
- (4) any site or facility designated a common area, common property open space, open space common area, amenity area, or other similar designation on any recorded plat or map of the Properties, or in this Declaration;
- (5) any Code-required shared facility or Open Space for the Properties, except for Open Space owned by the City;
- (6) any public road right-of-way dedicated to the public on plats and maps of the Properties recorded in the Registry by not accepted by the applicable Governmental Entity shall not relieve the Declarant of the obligation to take such action is necessary to have it accepted. The Association has the right to enforce this Declarant obligation, and the Declarant shall be liable to the Association for all costs and expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Association in connection with such unaccepted street improvements and enforcement of its rights against Declarant hereunder; and
- (7) any object or improvement located on, under, in or over public property or public right-of-way which object or improvement is subject to an encroachment agreement with a Governmental Entity that is recorded in the Registry, and may include: signs, landscaping, irrigation facilities, drain pipes, decorative surfaces and brick pavers.

Common Area that is owned by or subject to being Maintained by a Sub-Association is Sub-Association Common Area, even if it is referred to in this Declaration or in any recorded plat of the Properties as Common Area instead of Sub-Association Common Area. Common Area, if any, established by the Declarant or the Association for the benefit of fewer than all of the Owners and occupants of the Properties is Limited Common Area, and such Limited Common Area and the Owners and occupants of the applicable portion of the Properties for whose benefit the Limited Common Area exists are subject to the same Code provisions as those applicable to Common Area. All references herein or in any recorded plat of the Properties to Common Area that is, in fact, Limited Common Area, if any, owned by or subject to being Maintained by a Sub-Association Limited Common Area and the Owners and occupants of the applicable portion of the Properties for whose benefit the Sub-Association Limited Common Area exists are subject to the same Code provisions as those applicable to Sub-Association Common Area. All references herein or in any recorded plat of the Properties to Limited Common Area or Sub-Association Limited Common Area

that is, in fact, Common Area or Sub-Association Common Area, are deemed corrected accordingly.

(i) "Common Expense" is defined as all of the expenses incurred by the Association in furtherance of its rights and responsibilities under the Act, the Code, and the Governing Documents and including specifically, but without limitation, all of the following: (Expenses for the Maintained of Limited Common Area are Limited Common Expenses, which is subcategory of Common Expense.)

- (1) All sums lawfully assessed by the Association against its Members;
- (2) Expenses of the Common Area and administration, inspection and Maintenance of the Common Area;
- (3) Expenses classified as Common Expenses under the Act, the Code, or under the provisions of the Declaration or other Governing Documents;
- (4) Expenses for acquisition, Maintenance, repair, restoration, replacement, use and operation of personal property owned or leased by the Association for the benefit of the Members;
- (5) Premiums for property, liability or such other insurance premiums as this Declaration or other Governing Documents may require the Association to purchase;
- (6) Ad valorem taxes and public assessment and charges lawfully levied against any Common Area owned in fee simple by the Association;
- (7) Fees or charges for utilities used in connection with the Common Area;
- (8) Any unpaid Association assessment following the foreclosure of a first mortgage or first deed of trust or an assessment lien;
- (9) Allocations to reserve funds;
- (10) Payments owed to the City pursuant to any Storm water Agreement, except for payments in such Storm water Agreement owed to the City by the Declarant;
- (11) Fees for services engaged by the Association;
- (12) Costs and expenses for which the Association is obligated under any encroachment agreement or other agreement with the City or other Governmental Entity;
- (13) Financial obligations of the Association or financial obligations or Members with respect to which the Association has responsibility for collection and payment;
- (14) Expenses incurred by the Association in performing its functions and providing services, including operating, management, enforcement and administrative expenses; and
- (15) Expenses agreed by the Members to be Common Expenses of the Association.
- (16) Expenses and utility charges by Progress Energy for parking lot lights.

(j) "Declarant" is defined as MGA Properties, Inc. its

successors and assigns.

(k) "Declarant Annexation Date" is defined as the last date and time on which the Declarant has the right to annex real property to this Declaration without the consent or joinder of any Person other than the City, which date is 5:00 p.m on the date that is seven (7) years following the date of the recording of this Declaration). The timeliness of an Annexation Declaration is determined by the date of its recordation as stamped by the Registry notwithstanding its date of execution.

(l) "Declarant Control Period" is defined as any period of Declarant control of the Association, as provide in 47F-3-103(d) of the Act and established in this Declaration (which may include a vote allocation that gives Declarant, by itself, sufficient voting power to elect members of the Board).

(m) "Declaration" is defined as the document, however denominated, which contains this Article, together with all exhibits and amendments to the document.

(n) "Fiscal Year" is defined as the calendar year until such time as the Board, by appropriate resolution, establishes a different Fiscal Year for the Association.

(o) "Governing Documents" is defined as all of the following: this Declaration; the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association; architectural guidelines and bulletins and rules and regulations of the Association; Annexation declarations; and other declarations of restrictive or protective covenants applicable to the Properties; and all Sub-Association documents (with respect to those portions of the Properties subject to such Sub-Association documents), as the same may be amended, restated or supplemented from time to time.

(p) "Governmental Entity" is defined as the City, the Counties of Wake and Durham, North Carolina, the State of North Carolina, the United States of America and all other governmental entities and quasi-governmental entities that have jurisdiction over the Properties or any part thereof, and all applicable departments and agencies of any of them, whichever Governmental Entity or entities is/are applicable.

(q) "Include" or "Including" is defined as being inclusive of, but not limited to, the particular matter described, unless otherwise clearly obvious from the context.

(r) "Lot" is defined as any numbered or lettered portion of the Properties, together with any improvements thereon, which is shown upon any recorded plat of any part or all of the Properties, and which is not any of the following: dedicated street rights-of-way; Common Area; Open Space owned in fee simple by the Association; greenway or park lands owned in fee simple by the City.

(s) "Maintain", "Maintenance", "Maintaining", or any similar term used herein is defined to include any one or more of the following, as the context requires: acquisition, purchase, construction, re-construction, installation, maintenance, inspection,

examination, upkeep, cleaning, renewal, alteration, repair, replacement, repainting, remodeling, restoration, removal, improvement, administration, operation, use, planting, mowing, cutting, trimming, pruning, fertilizing, watering and preservation. Provided, however, this definition is not applicable to Section 8 of Part A of this Article.

(t) "Member" is defined as each Person who or which hold membership in the Association.

(u) "Mortgagee" is defined as the beneficiary or payee under any mortgage or deed of trust, and the terms mortgage and deed of trust are deemed to refer to both mortgages and deeds of trust.

(v) "Open Space" is defined as open space areas shown on preliminary subdivision plans filed with the City and delineated on any recorded plat of the Properties or the open space areas required by the Code or by the conditional use zoning of the Properties for the perpetual benefit of the Owners. Open Space areas required under the Code are required as compensation for the flexible lot dimensions allowed on part or all of the Properties and Open Space areas in Conditional Use Zoning Districts may be required as consideration for such conditional use zoning. Accordingly, Open Space may not be conveyed except in strict compliance with the Code. Under the Code, Open Space may be owned by the Association, a Sub-Association, or by the City. Open Space owned by the Association or a Sub-Association Common Area, as appropriate.

(w) "Operation Deficit" is defined as the difference between the total amount of the annual assessments for a Fiscal Year levied on all Lots and the amount of actual expenditures by the Association during the Fiscal Year for Common Expenses, including funding reserves, but excluding (i) amounts levied against a Lot, but which are not paid, and (ii) special assessments for capital improvements.

(x) "Owner" is defined as the record Owner, whether one or more Persons, of fee simple title to any Lot, and shall include Declarant as to any Lot owned by Declarant. "Owner" shall not include any Person who holds an interest in a Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation or as a tenant.

(y) "Person" is defined to include any natural person, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, Governmental Entity (including the City), or other entity.

(z) "Properties" is defined as all of the real property subject to any part or all of the terms of this Declaration. The amount of acreage of the Properties at the time of the recording of this Declaration is 9.19 acres.

(aa) "Registry" is defined as the office of the Register of Deeds (or any successor office under applicable law) for the North Carolina County or Counties in which deeds, plats, easements, mortgages and deeds of trust for the Properties are recorded. All references herein recording or to any requirement to record a document or

plat refer to recording in the Registry of the County or Counties in which the applicable portion of the Properties is situated.

Section 2. Applicability. The Properties, this Declarant and the other Governing Documents are subject to the ordinances, regulations, and rules of the City, and shall be construed in accordance with all of the applicable provisions of the Code, whether or not such Code provisions are specifically referenced in this Declaration. There may be certain provisions of the Code that apply to all of the Properties and certain provisions of the Code that apply only to certain portions of the Properties (for example, provisions of the Code relating to private streets apply only to those portions of the Properties that contain private streets). It shall be the responsibility of the Association and each Owner of each portion of the Properties to comply with all provisions of the Code applicable to such portion of the Properties, whether or not any approval, disapproval, waiver or variance of the terms of this Declaration or its authorized agent, the Board, any committee of the Board, or any other Person who has the authority to give such approval, disapproval, waiver or variance.

Section 3. Conflicts.

(a) Some or all of the Properties may be subject to the provisions of the Act. To the extent that Properties are subject to the Act, the provisions of the Act control over any inconsistent provisions of this Declaration, any Annexation Declaration or any other Governing Documents.

(b) The provisions of the Code control over any inconsistent provisions of this Declaration, any Annexation Declaration or any other Governing Documents. As applicable provisions of the Code are amended, modified, revised, deleted, or moved to different sections, this Declaration and all Annexation Declarations are deemed to be revised so as to conform to the provisions of the Code as they exist from time to time and are applicable to the Properties or any part thereof. Provided, however, any provision of this Declaration or any Annexation Declaration that is more restrictive than an applicable provision of the Code (for example, a building setback distance required by this Declaration or an Annexation Declaration that is greater than that required by the Code) is not an inconsistent provision of this Declaration unless the Code specifically provides otherwise, and is not deemed revised to conform to the Code.

(c) The provisions of this Article control over any inconsistent provisions of any other portion of this Declaration, any Annexation Declaration or any other Governing Documents.

(d) The provisions of this Declaration control over any inconsistent provisions of any other Governing Documents, except as to matters of compliance with the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, in which event the Articles shall control.

Section 4. Amendment of Declaration. Amendments to this Declaration are valid from the later of the time of recording in the Registry or such later date specified in the

amendment

Section 5. Assessments.

(a) **Obligations for Assessments.** Each Owner, by execution of this Declaration or by acceptance of a deed or other instrument conveying title to a Lot, whether or not is shall be so expressed therein, is deemed to consent and agree to pay to the Association or to any Person who may be designated by the Association to collect such monies) all assessments and other charges required by this Declaration, including the following: (1) annual assessments; (2) working capital assessments; (3) special assessments; (4) fines for violations of the provisions of this Declaration or other Governing Documents or assessments levied against Owners for misuse and damage to the Common Areas by the Owners or their family members, tenants, agents, contractors and guests; (5) individual assessments for any expenses under the Code or this Declaration which the Association becomes obligated to pay and pays on behalf of an Owner; (6) late payments charges, interest on unpaid assessments, costs of collection, including without limitations, court costs, service charges, and attorney’s fees as provided in the Act, and charges for dishonored checks; all as established by the Board from time to time; and (7) all other assessments and charges imposed or allowed to be imposed by this Declaration. The Association at all times has the right to include as part of the assessments or other charges applicable to the Properties and the Owners thereof such amounts as are required to pay all Common Expenses and all financial obligations of the Association imposed by the Code either (i) directly on the Association, or (ii) indirectly on the Association by imposition of the financial obligation on some or all of the Owners, with the Association having responsibility for collection and payment to the City.

(b) **Purpose of Assessments.** The annual assessment primarily is for the purpose of funding the Common Expenses of the Association, including monies allocated for reserve funds, for the Fiscal Year to which it applies and in accordance with the budget for that Fiscal Year adopted by the Association, although such assessments may be used for Payment of any Common Expenses as determined by the Board. All budgets of the Association shall be proposed in good faith and with the intent to cover all reasonably necessary Common Expenses for the applicable Fiscal Year of the Association, including monies allocated for reserve funds.

(c) **Budgets; Amount of Assessments.** The Association is at all times empowered to levy assessments against the Lots and the Owners of the Lots within the Properties for the payment of Common Expenses.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for calendar year 2009, the annual assessment per Lot is \$900.00 (nine hundred dollars) per year or \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) per month. The “Maximum Annual Assessment” for each subsequent Fiscal Year for purposes of voting percentages to ratify the budget is 110% of the amount of the annual assessment for the immediately preceding Fiscal Year.

The Board of Directors shall adopt a proposed budge for the Association at least

annually. Within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the proposed budget, the Board of Directors shall send a copy of the proposed budget to the Members and shall give written notice to the Members of a meeting of the Members to consider ratification of the budget, such meeting to be held not sooner than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days after the mailing of such notice. Such meeting may, but need not be, combined with the annual meeting of the Members. There shall be no requirement that a quorum be present to vote on ratification of the budget (although a quorum must be present to vote on other matters.) The budget shall be deemed ratified unless at that meeting Members having a majority of the votes of the entire membership vote to reject the budget; provided, however, if the budget provides for an annual assessment per Lot not in excess of the Maximum Annual Assessment in effect for that Fiscal Year of the Association, such budget shall be deemed ratified unless Members having at least eighty (80%) percent of the votes of the entire membership vote to reject the budget. If any proposed budget is rejected by the Members, the budget last ratified by the Members shall be continued until such time as the Members ratify a subsequent budget proposed by the Board.

The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to, nor shall they be a limitation upon, any change in the annual assessment or the Maximum Annual Assessment incident to a merger or consolidation as provided in G.S. 47F-2-121 of the Act.

All assessments and other charges shall be established and collected as provided in this Declaration. All assessments and other charges remaining unpaid for thirty (30) days or longer, together with late charges, interest and the costs of collection thereof, including attorney's fees, shall be in charge on the Owner's Lot as provided in G.S. 47F-3-116 of the Act and, upon filing of a claim of lien in the office of the clerk of superior court of the county in which the Lot is located in the manner provided in G.S. 47F-3-116(g), shall be a continuing lien up the Lot against which such assessment is made until paid in full. The lien may be foreclosed by the Association in any manner permitted under the Act or by law. When the holder of a first mortgage or first deed of trust of record or other purchaser of a Lot who obtains title to the Lot as a result of a foreclosure of a first mortgage or first deed of trust, such purchaser and its heirs, successors, and assigns shall not be liable for the assessments and other charges against such Lot which became due prior to the acquisition of title to such Lot by such purchaser. Each assessment and other charges due hereunder, together with late charges, interest, the costs of collection thereof, including attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation or corporate obligation of each Person who was Owner of the Lot at the time when the assessment or other charge first became due and payable and may be collected by appropriate action at law. If more than one Person held an ownership interest in the Lot at the time the assessment or other charge first became due, then each Person shall be both jointly and severally liable. An Owner's personal obligation for payment of such assessments and other charges shall not become the obligation of a subsequent Owner unless expressly assumed by the subsequent Owner, although the lien shall continue against the Lot until the amounts due are paid.

(c) Classes of Membership. This Declaration may allow different classes of membership in the Association and may allow different levels of annual assessments and

other assessments to be imposed for different classes of membership.

(f) Declarant's Obligation to Fund Deficits; Assessment Credit. During the Declarant Control Period, Declarant shall be obligated to fund any Operating Deficit. Declarant, at its option, may fund the Operating Deficit by any one or more of the following means: (i) payment to the Association; (ii) payment directly to a person or entity providing the services or materials to the Association, or (iii) providing, directly or indirectly, to or for the Association, services or materials related to Common Expenses (the value of which shall be determined by the Board in its reasonable discretion, giving due consideration to what the fair market value of such services or materials would be if they had been furnished by a Person other than Declarant).

Declarant's obligation to fund Operating Deficits may be enforced against the Declarant and collected by the Association in the same manner as enforcement and collection of assessments applicable to the other Owners.

After the end of the Declarant Control Period, the Declarant, at its sole option, may receive an assessment credit toward payment of annual assessments due and payable by Declarant thereafter for Lots owned by Declarant, in an amount equal to aggregate of the Operating Deficits paid by the Declarant as provided herein. Declarant may not be charged or collect interest or any other charge or fee on any monies paid by the Declarant, for Operating Deficits. As determined by Declarant, the assessment credit may be applied to payment of all annual assessments due from Declarant after the end of the Declarant Control Period until it has been credited in full.

(g) Certificate of Payment. The Association shall, within ten (10) business days after receipt of a written request from an Owner or the Owner's authorized agent, and for such reasonable charge as the Board may determine, furnish a certificate signed by an Officer of the Association, or by a Person or employee of any Person employed by the Association and to whom the Association has delegated the authority to issue such certificates, setting forth whether the assessments and other charges against a specified Lot have been paid. If such certificate states that an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of payment and is binding on the Association, the Board, and every Owner.

Section 6. Membership and Governance.

(a) Membership. The Declarant and every Owner within the Properties shall be a Member of the Association, and by execution of this Declaration or by acceptance of a deed conveying to such Owner title to any Lot, each Owner consents to be a Member of the Association, subject to the terms of the Governing Documents. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of the Member's Lot. The foregoing is not intended to include any Person that holds an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Upon termination of ownership, an Owner's membership with respect to the transferred Lot shall automatically terminate and be automatically transferred to the new Owner of the Lot.

(b) **Members' Rights of Use.** Each Member and lawful occupant in the Properties shall have non-exclusive right of use and enjoyment and easement in the Common Areas, including the right rights of ingress and egress to and from all Common Areas throughout the Properties, subject to such rules and regulations as are allowed under the Governing Documents to be imposed by the Association and subject to suspension of use rights allowed in the Governing Documents; provided that no suspension of rights shall occur without first providing notice of the charge, opportunity to be heard and to present evidence, and notice of the decision as required by G.S. 47F-3-107.1 of the Act. But, the right of access and support, the right to drain stormwater and the right to use Stormwater Control Measures, private streets, private utility services provided to the Lot through easements in Common Area, and any assigned parking areas shall not be suspended for violation of the Association's rules and regulations.

(c) **Voting Rights.** Each member shall have those voting rights established in this Declaration, which may be different classes of membership. If a Lot is owned by multiple Owners, the votes allocated to that Lot shall be cast only in accordance the agreement of a majority in interest of the multiple Owners unless otherwise provided in the Governing Documents. A majority agreement is conclusively presumed if only one of the multiple Owners casts the votes allocated to that Lot, unless any of the other Owners of the Lot protest such co-Owner's vote promptly to the Person presiding at the meeting.

(d) **Proxies.** Votes may be cast in person or by proxy. All proxies must be dated, duly executed by the Owner, and delivered to the Secretary of the Association or to the property management company authorized by the Board to receive proxies prior to the opening of the meeting for which it is first intended to be used. No proxy shall exceed a term of eleven (11) months from its date except as otherwise provided in the Act. Revocation of a proxy shall be made by actual notice to the Person presiding over the Association meeting.

(e) **Quorum.** Except as otherwise provided in the Governing Documents, a quorum is present throughout any meeting of the Association whenever Persons entitled to cast ten (10%) percent of the votes are present in person or by proxy at the beginning of the meeting. In the event business cannot be conducted at any meeting because a quorum is not present, that meeting may be adjourned to a later date by the affirmative vote of a majority of those present in person or by proxy. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Governing Documents, the quorum requirements at the next meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the quorum requirement applicable to the meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum. This provision shall continue to reduce the quorum by fifty (50%) from that required at the previous meeting, as previously reduced, until such time as a quorum is present and business can be conducted.

Section 7. Permanently Protected Undisturbed Open Space Areas. Within any permanently protected undisturbed open space areas shown on any recorded plat of the Properties, there must not be any land disturbing activity, any placement of impervious

surfaces, any tree disturbing activity (as defined in Part 10, Chapter 2 of the Code), any new development or expansion thereof, or new use, construction, or encroachment without first obtaining a watercourse permit from the City. Permanently Protected Undisturbed Open Space may or may not be Open Space as defined in this Declaration.

Section 8. Tree Conservation. The Association shall have a conservation easement for the planting of trees and for the protection and Maintenance of the trees situated within any tree conservation areas shown on any recorded plat of the Properties. No tree disturbing activity, as defined in Part 10, Chapter 2 of the Code, shall be permitted in tree conservation areas or in permanently protected undisturbed open space areas shown on recorded plats of the Properties without a permit from the City or otherwise in violation of the Code is a violation of the Code and may result in significant financial consequences to the Owner and to the Person responsible for such tree disturbing activity. Owners and their agents may, however, with the consent of both the City and of the Association, enter tree conservation areas to perform active tree protection measures (as defined in the Code), to plant trees, to remove dead or diseased trees, or to plant replacement trees, provided, however, that Association consent shall not be required, unless otherwise required by other provisions of this Declaration or Governing Documents, if the tree conservation area in which the Owner desires to perform active tree protection measures or plant trees, remove dead or diseased trees and to plant replacement trees is located on that Owner's Lot.

Section 9. Insurance. Commencing not later than the time of the first conveyance of a Lot to a Person other than the Declarant, the Association shall procure and Maintain (i) hazard insurance on the Common Area, insuring against all risk of loss commonly insured against, including fire and extended coverage of peril, and (ii) liability insurance, in an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), covering all occurrences commonly insured against for death, bodily injury, and property damage arising out of or in connection with the use of ownership or Maintenance of Common Area. The Association shall obtain and Maintain such other insurance as required in this Declaration or such other forms of insurance, and in such coverage amounts, as determined by the Board to be required or beneficial for the protection or preservation of the Common Area and other property of the Association or otherwise is in the best interests of the Association. The premiums for such insurance shall be a Common Expense paid from the annual assessments as established pursuant to this Declaration.

Section 10. Indemnification. No immunity, exculpation or indemnification provision of this Declaration shall relieve one or more Owners from it's liabilities as an Owner under this Declaration and other Governing Documents.

Section 11. On-Street Parking. Any restriction on the right to park vehicles on public streets contained in this Declaration shall only be applicable to the Owners and their family members and tenants.

Section 12. Sight Triangles. No sight obstructing or partially obstructing wall, fence, foliage, berm, parked vehicle or sign between two feet and eight feet tall, as measured

above the curb line elevation or the nearest traveled way if no curb exists, shall be placed within any area designated on a recorded map of the Properties as a sight triangle or other similar designation. An easement over sight triangles is reserved for the benefit of the Declarant, the Association, and the City, and their respective agents and contractors for the purpose of removing any such obstruction, and a Person entering onto a Lot pursuant to such easement for the purpose of removing such obstruction shall not be deemed a trespasser and shall not be liable for damages to the Association or the Owner of the Lot with respect to the obstruction removed from the sight triangle. It shall be the responsibility of the Association (as to Common Area) or Owner of the Lot, as soon as reasonably practicable following removal of any obstruction from the sight triangle, to restore the portion of the Properties previously occupied by the removed obstruction to the condition required or permitted by the Code and the Governing Documents.

Section 13. Annexed Property. Real property which was not part of the City – approved development, or real property that was part of the City-approved development but which was not subjected to this Declaration at the time of its initial recording, may be annexed to this Declaration and made part of the Properties as Annexed Property, provided that all of the following conditions are met with respect to the real property annexed:

- (a) the Annexed Property is contiguous to the Properties or directly across a street from the Properties;
- (b) any development of the Annexed Property is first approved by the City;
- (c) annexation of such Annexed Property meets any other applicable requirements of this Declaration; and,
- (d) contemporaneously with either the development of the Annexed Property or the recording of the plat of the Annexed Property, whichever first occurs, an Annexation Declaration shall be recorded in the Registry.

No Annexation Declaration shall be valid without the prior written approval of the Raleigh City Attorney or his/her deputy. Evidence of such approval shall be indicated by the signature of the City Attorney or his/her deputy on the recorded original or copy of the Annexation Declaration. Any Annexation Declaration recorded without the required City approval is void *ab initio*. An Annexation Declaration may contain such complementary additions and modifications to the terms of this Declaration as may be necessary or desirable to reflect the different character, if any, of the Annexed Property and as are not inconsistent with the general scheme of this Declaration. Each Annexation Declaration shall state that title to the Common Area this is included within the Annexed Property shall be conveyed to the Association no later than the time of the conveyance of the first Lot within the Annexed Property, and any Open Space in the Annexed Property shall be conveyed in fee simple without any encumbrances except drainage, greenway, utility and conservation easements and this Declaration. Open Space in the Annexed Property is subject to all Code and Declaration provisions relating to Open Space. Each Annexation Declaration shall state the amount of the Stormwater Assessment for Lots in the Annexed Property when required by **Part B**, Section 6 of this Article.

Annexation of the Annexed Property shall be effective upon the later of the recording of the Annexation Declaration in the Registry or such later date as specified in the Annexation Declaration, and the Annexed Property described therein shall be subject to all of the provisions of this Declaration to the extent made applicable by the annexation Declaration, and to the jurisdiction of the Association pursuant to the terms of this Declaration and other Governing Documents of the Association. Each Owner of a Lot in Annexed Property shall be a Member of the Association, and the Annexed Property and each Owner of any portion thereof shall be subject to assessment by the Association in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, the Annexation Declaration, other Governing Documents, the Code, and the Stormwater Agreement, as applicable. The Association shall have the duties, responsibilities and powers set forth in this Declaration and other Governing Documents with respect to Annexed Property. Except as may otherwise be expressly provided in this Declaration or any Annexation Declaration, the Properties, including the Annexed Property, shall be managed and governed by the Association as an entirety. Assessments for Common Expenses collected from Owners in the Annexed Property may be expended by the Association for Common Expenses anywhere in the Properties without regard to the particular phase, area or subdivision from which such assessments came.

Section 14. Access Easement for Repair of Structures. A perpetual access easement over an adjoining Lot hereby is established in favor of each Owner or tenant of a residence or business, and the contractors of such Owner or tenant, whose residence or business is located closer than five (5) feet from an adjoining Lot line, for the purpose of allowing the residence or business to be Maintained. No fence, wall, storage shed, or similar structure or any other kind of obstruction shall be permitted in the easement area that will obstruct access to the residence or business.

Section 15. Access for Governmental Agencies. A non-exclusive, perpetual right of access over all Lots and Common Areas (including private streets, if any) in the Properties is hereby established for the benefit of Governmental Entities for installing, removing and reading water meters, Maintaining and replacing water and sewer facilities, fire lines, and acting for other purposes consistent with public safety and welfare, including law enforcement, fire protection, animal control, emergency services, garbage collection and the delivery of mail.

Section 16. Conveyance or Dedication of Common Areas. Common Areas, including Open Space, shall either be conveyed to the Association in fee simple without any encumbrances except this Declaration, drainage, greenway, utility and conservation easements of record at the time of conveyance, and the lien of real property taxes not yet due and payable, or conveyed to the City as allowed or required under the Code. Common Areas may be conveyed to the City free of part or all of the provisions of this Declaration, as determined by the Declarant and the City. Title to Common Areas shall be conveyed to the Association or to the City no later than the time of the conveyance of the first Lot within the applicable phase of the Properties. The Association shall accept all Common Areas, including the improvements installed thereon by the Declarant,

deeded to it and/or dedicated to it on any recorded plat of the Properties, whether or not the conveyance or dedication occurs prior to the time of the conveyance of the first Lot within the applicable phase of the Properties.

Section 17. Private Utility Lines. Any water or sewer line that serves more than one Lot and which is either located outside of any public street right-of-way or outside of any City utility easement shall be owned and Maintained by the Association as Common Area. In no case shall the City or the State of North Carolina be responsible for Maintaining any such private utility line or be responsible for the consequences for any blockage, backflow, break or leak in said utility line. Such responsibilities shall reset with the Association (or applicable Sub-Association) and Owners of Lot within the Properties. Accordingly, the City shall not be responsible for failing to provide regular or emergency utility services to any cluster unit development, unit Ownership (condominium) development, group housing development, townhouse development, or manufactured home park or their occupants when such failure is due to inadequate design or construction, blockage, backflow, leakage, inadequate maintenance, or any other factor within the control of the Declarant, the Association, or the Owners or occupants of the Properties.

The provisions of this Section shall be incorporated into all conveyances of any part or all of the Properties, which incorporation may be referenced to this Declaration. Provided, however, the provisions of this Section and all other provisions of this Declaration are applicable to the portions of the Properties conveyed and the Owners thereof, whether or not any such provisions are incorporated into the conveying documents.

Section 18. Landscape Easements. The Association shall be responsible for Maintaining and replanting any shrub or tree located within any area designated on a recorded map of the Properties as a landscape easement or similar designation. Association expenses for Maintaining or replanting any shrub or tree located in a landscape easement or similar designation are Common Expenses. Whenever a slope easement co-exists, in whole or in part, within a designated landscape easement, and any future public improvement adjacent to the slope easement removes or causes any of the shrubs and trees within the slope easement to die or become unhealthy (as defined in Part 10 Chapter 2 of the Code), it shall be the responsibility of the Association to replace the shrubs and trees in accordance with the minimum applicable quantity, size and spacing requirements of the Code within one-hundred and eighty days of completion of the public improvement. Within any area designated on recorded maps of the Properties as a landscape easement or similar designation, no vegetation shall be removed without the prior written consent of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Governmental Entity shall be required to obtain the consent of the Association when working within slope easements, greenway easements or construction easements.

PART B

TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

(CODE SECTIONS 10-2109 AND 10-3073)

Any portion of the Properties that is part of a “townhouse development”, as that term is defined in the Code, is subject to all of the following. A townhouse development may be, but is not required to be, part of a cluster unit development. Any townhouse development that is part of a cluster unit development is also subject to the provisions of the Code applicable to cluster unit developments (some of which may be identical to the following provisions), except as otherwise provided in the Code:

Section 1. Open Space. In addition to other provisions of this Article (see e.g., Part A, Sections 6, 16 and 17), all Open Space is subject to the following:

(a) **Townhouse Open Space.** Townhouse Open Space and private streets used for the exclusive benefit of townhouse residents are Limited Common Area or Sub-Association Common Area with the townhouse development is part of a cluster unit development containing other housing types.

(b) **Preservation.** Open Space and private streets shall be preserved for the perpetual benefit of the Owners of the Lots within the Properties, and shall be restricted against private or public Ownership for any other purpose, except acquisition by condemnation or in lieu of condemnation and the granting of utility, drainage, conservation and greenway easements.

(c) **Exchange.** Open Space shall not be subsequently subdivided or conveyed by the Association. However, nothing herein shall prevent the exchanging of Open Space for other properties when all of the following are met:

- (1) written notice of the exchange is given to each Member of the Association;
- (2) after the notice is given, those members having the minimum percentage of votes in the Association required by the Act or any greater percentage required by this Declaration gives written approval of the exchange;
- (3) the exchanged properties and other consideration are of like value and utility;
- (4) the acreage and configuration of the remaining Open Space (including real property to be received by the Association in such exchange) equals or exceeds the requirements of the Code; and
- (5) the exchange is approved by the Planning Director of the City.

(d) **Dissolution.** If the Association is dissolved, the Open Space shall first be offered to the City, and if accepted, deeded to the City.

(e) **Recreation.** Recreational uses located in Open Space and other Common Areas shall comply with the provisions of Code Section 10-2072 related to recreational use related to a residential development, other than a single-family dwelling unit. Membership fees shall not be charged to non-members of the Association for any recreation facility located in a residential zoning district unless the facility is owned by a

non-profit entity and a special use permit is first obtained from the Raleigh Board of Adjustment in accordance with Code Section 10-2144(b), "Recreational Use Restricted to Membership- Not for Profit".

(f) **Mortgaging of Open Space.** Open Space may be subjected to a security interest with the written approval by those Members having the minimum percentage of votes in the Association required by the Act or any greater percentage required by this Declaration, and provided that the rights of the mortgage are subordinate to the rights of the Owners and Association.

Section 2. Common Party Walls. All common party walls between individual residences shall conform to the requirements of the North Carolina State Building Code. The following rules also apply to common party walls between individual residences:

(a) Each wall which is shared by residences and placed on the dividing line between the residences shall constitute a common party wall and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section or the Code, the general rules of law regarding common party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

(b) The cost of reasonable Maintenance of a common party wall shall be shared by the Owners of the residence that share the common party wall, in proportion to such uses. Provided, however, each Owner is responsible for usual and routine Maintenance (for example, painting) of the portion of any party wall on the inside of such Owner's residence.

(c) If a common party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, any Owner of a residence which shares such common party wall may restore or repair it, and the Owners of the other residences which share the restored or repaired common party wall shall, within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of a request for payment and invoices showing the cost of such restoration or repair, contribute to the cost of the restoration or repair thereof (or reimburse the Owner who has paid such costs) in proportion to their use of the common party wall, without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owner to demand a larger contribution from the Owners under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section, an Owner of a residence which shares a common party wall who, by such Owner's negligent or willful act or omission, damages or causes the common party wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the entire cost of the necessary repair or restoration.

(e) The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Section with respect to all matters occurring prior to the transfer of title of the Lot to a subsequent Owner may be retained by the transferring Owner to the extent that the transferring Owner paid any expenses for which contribution is available; otherwise, the right of contribution shall be transferred to the subsequent Owner. The amount owed

shall constitute the personal debt of the Owner from whom it is owed, and the Owner to whom the contribution is owed shall have all remedies available at law or in equity to enforce such Owner's right of contribution. An Owner's obligation for contribution is appurtenant to and shall run with title to such Owner's Lot.

(f) An Owner who desires to sell a residence, or the prospective purchaser of such residence, may request the Owners of each other residence which shares that common party wall to provide a certificate stating whether or not such certifying Owner has any right or obligation of contribution with respect to such common party wall against the Owner who desires to sell. Each certifying Owner from whom such certificate is requested, shall, within ten(10) days after receipt of a written request for certification, furnish same to the requesting Owner or purchaser as applicable either confirming that no right of contribution exists or stating the amount of and reasons for the contribution claimed against the requesting Owner. A certificate signed by any one or more of the Owners of a residence which shares a common party wall with the residence of the requesting Owner shall be conclusive evidence of its contents with respect to all other Owners of that residence and with respect to third parties.

(g) Each Owner of a residence which shares a common party wall with one or more other residences and such Owner's contractors and subcontractors shall have an easement and right of entry upon such other residences or businesses to the extent reasonably necessary to repair, restore, Maintain or reconstruct the common party wall. Such repair, restoration, Maintenance or reconstruction shall be done expeditiously and, promptly upon completion of the work, the Owner on whose behalf of the work is being done shall restore all portions of the adjoining residences or businesses damaged as a result thereof to substantially the same condition as that which existed at the time the work commenced.

ARTICLE II
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Section 1. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments; Due Dates. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots at the time of recording of a deed from the Builder to the initial property Owner or turned into Rental. A consumer-occupant Lot Owner shall pay the pro-rata amount of the full annual assessment from the date of closing on any Lot until the first day of the full annual assessment from the date of closing on any Lot until the first day of the first calendar year following closing of that sale or until the end of such period as the Association chooses to collect the assessments. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The due dates shall be established by the Board. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge if it deems appropriate, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a Lot is binding upon the Association as of the date of issuance.

Section 2. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, restoration, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Areas, except storm ponds, any extraordinary maintenance, including fixtures and personal property related thereto and any property for which the Association is responsible, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of Members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Provided, however, that the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may declare that a special assessment be levied against all Lots, unless ninety percent (90%) of the total vote of each class of Members vote to reject it. Any such special assessment shall be in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) per Lot and may be levied no more than once every five (5) years from the date of recording by Declarant of a deed to the Association or the City for the Common Areas

Section 3. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages and Ad Valorem Taxes. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any institutional first mortgage and ad valorem taxes on said Lot. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage or tax foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer, but shall not abate the personal obligation of the prior owner. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Section 4. Exempt Property. Any portion of the Property dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and any portion of the Property owned by a charitable or non-profit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of North Carolina shall be exempt from the assessments created herein. However, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessment.

ARTICLE III

CLASSES OF VOTING MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A. Class A Members shall be all Owners with the exception of the Declarant, and shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members; however, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, or as set forth in the Governing Document, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot. Fractional voting is prohibited.

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot as may be developed within the property under applicable City Zoning ordinances and regulations, as they may be amended from time to time, if fully developed to maximum density under such ordinance and regulations. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership with one vote for each Lot owned on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

- (a) when the total votes outstanding in Class A membership exceed the total votes outstanding in Class B membership; but provided, that the Class B membership shall be reinstated if thereafter, and before the time stated in Subparagraph (b) below, additional lands are annexed to the Properties in accordance with Section 13 of Article I, Part A above, or
- (b) ten (10) years from the date of conveyance of the first Lot by Declarant.

ARTICLE IV

PROPERTY RIGHTS AND USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Owners' Easement of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Elements together with and including the right of access, ingress and egress, both pedestrian and vehicular, on and over the drives, walkways and parking areas of the Common Elements, all of which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(a) Subject to the Raleigh City Code of Ordinances, the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational or other similar facility situated upon the Common Elements;

(b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and the right to use the recreational or other Common Element facilities, if any, by an Owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid; and for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;

(c) the right of the Association to dedicate, sell, lease or transfer all or any part of the Common Elements, or any interest therein, to any public agency, authority, or utility (subject to the open space requirements of the Raleigh City Code of Ordinances, as the same is amended from time to time), for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon the members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association shall have a right to participate in an equal exchange of open space as permitted by local government ordinances. No such dedication, sale or transfer shall be effective unless it has been approved by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members and an instrument of dedications, sale, lease, or transfer properly executed by the Association shall certify that two-thirds (2/3) of each class of Members have approved the dedication, sale, lease or transfer and that certificate may be relied upon by any third party without injury and shall

be conclusive as to any guarantee, its successors or assigns; provided, however, conveyances for general utility purposes as specified herein may be made by the Association without consent of the Members:

(d) the right of the Association to limit the number of guests of Members;

(e) the right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and Bylaws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Elements and facilities and in aid thereof to mortgage the Common Elements, and the rights of such mortgage in the Common Elements shall be subordinate to the rights of the homeowners hereunder;

(f) the right of the individual Members to the use of parking spaces as provided in this Article;

(g) the right of the Association in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws to impose rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of the Common Elements and improvements thereon, which rules and regulations may further restrict the use of the Common Elements and to create Limited Common Elements;

(h) the right of Owners of Lots on additional lands annexed to the Properties initially, or subsequently, to the easements of enjoyment and rights of ingress, egress and access, as specified above, to the initial Properties and all lands included in subsequent phases.

Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of use and enjoyment to the Common Elements and facilities to the members of his family, his tenant, or contract purchasers who reside on the Properties.

Section 3. Title to the Common Elements. The Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its heirs and assigns, that it will convey fee simple title to the Common Elements located within the Properties to the Association, free and clear of all encumbrances and liens, prior to the conveyance of the first Lot, except encumbrances of utility, service, access, **storm drainage** and other similar service or utility easements. Similarly, the Declarant or other person annexing land will convey to the Association Common Elements which are a portion of any additional property as the same is annexed in the future at the time of conveyance of the first Lot located on that additional property.

Section 4. Parking Rights. Ownership of each Lot shall entitle the Owner or Owners thereof to the use of not less than two automobile parking spaces. The Association shall permanently assign **one** vehicular parking spaces for each Lot, such spaces to be as near to the Lot to which they are assigned as is reasonably possible. No boats, trailers, campers, motorhomes, trucks or tractors shall be parked on the Properties or on the right of way of any streets adjoining the Properties by any Lot Owner, its family members, tenants or contract purchasers, except as may be permitted by Rules and Regulations of the Association.

Section 5. Exterior Maintenance by Association. In addition to Maintenance of the Common Elements, the Association shall provide exterior Maintenance upon each Lot which is subject to assessment hereunder, as follows: paint, repair, replace and care for roofs, gutters, downspouts, exterior building surfaces, trees, shrubs, grass, walks, mailboxes, fences installed by the Declarant or the Association, exterior post lights (excluding electricity therefore), and other exterior improvements. Such exterior Maintenance shall not include glass surfaces, or screens for windows and doors, or any improvements contained within courtyards or areas secured by the Owner, or the repair or reconstruction of any improvements on any Lot, the cost of which repair or reconstruction would be covered by casualty insurance, whether or not a policy of casualty insurance is in effect. Further, the Owner of any Lot may at his election plant trees, shrubs, flowers and grass in his rear yard and shall also Maintain his rear yard provided that such Maintenance by the Owner does not hinder the Association in performing its Maintenance of the exterior of the dwelling and the remaining yard spaces. No such Maintenance by a Lot Owner shall reduce the assessment payable by him to the Association. If, in the opinion of the Association any such Owner fails to Maintain his rear yard in a neat and orderly manner, the Association may revoke the Owner's Maintenance rights for a period not to exceed one year and the Association shall perform Maintenance during the revocation period at the expense of the Owner. The Owner shall not plant any vegetation in the front yard except with the prior written approval of the Association.

(As a matter of information to future members of this Association, the Declarant wishes to make it known that it may be a part of the original plan of development to construct a variety of dwellings with a variety of exteriors for the good of the entire subdivision. Some dwelling will require more Maintenance than others because of the types of exterior exposures. Nevertheless, in order to avoid monotony and in order to achieve a harmony of design and textures, all of those connected with the conception, design, construction and financing of this subdivision as originally planned, are in accord in their belief that all Members of the Association will be benefited by the variety of exteriors and, therefore, the Association should provide exterior Maintenance and make a uniform rate of charge without regard to the actual cost of Maintenance of each dwelling)

Section 6. Damage by Owner. In the event that the need for Maintenance or repair is caused through the willful or negligent act of the Owner, his family, or tenants, guests, contractors, or invitees, or contract purchasers, the cost of such Maintenance or repairs shall be added to, and become a part of, the assessment to which such Lot is subject.

Section 7. Inspection Rights Reserved. In order to enable the Association to accomplish the foregoing, there is hereby reserved to the Association, its agents, employees or contractors, the right to unobstructed access over and upon each Lot at all reasonable times for inspection and to perform Maintenance as provided in this Article.

Section 8. Casualty Loss Not Included. Maintenance and repairs under this Article arise from normal usage and weathering and do not include Maintenance and repairs

made necessary by fire or other casualty or damage.

Section 9. Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the power to formulate, publish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of the yard space of each Lot and the Common Elements. Such rules and regulations may provide for imposition of fines or penalties for the violation thereof, or for the violation of any of the covenants and conditions contained in this Declaration.

Section 10. Structural Integrity and Support. Nothing shall be done in or to any multi-unit structure containing townhouses, constructed or erected on the Properties ("Building") or in, to, or upon any of the Common Elements which will impair the structural integrity of any Building, or portion of the Common Elements or which would impair or alter the exterior of any Building or portion thereof, except in the manner provided in this Declaration. Every portion of any townhouse which contributes to the structural support of the Building shall be burdened with an easement of structural support of the benefit of all other townhouses within the Building.

Section 11. Exterior Signage. No Owner shall display, or cause or allow to be displayed, to public view any sign, placard, poster, billboard, or identifying name or number upon any Building, or any portion of the Common Elements, except as allowed by the Association pursuant to its Bylaws or regulations or as required by local government authority; provided, however, that the Declarant and any mortgagee who may become the Owner of any Lot, or their respective agents, may place "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs on any unsold or unoccupied townhouses and in suitable places on the Common Elements provided, however, that during the development of the Properties and the marketing of townhouses, the Declarant may maintain a sales office and may erect and display such signs as the Declarant deems appropriate as aids to such development and marketing, provided that such signs do not violate any applicable laws.

Section 12. Alterations. No Person shall undertake, cause, or allow any alteration or construction in or upon any portion of the Common Elements except at the direction or with the express written consent of the Association.

Section 13. Adjoining Areas. Each Owner is hereby declared to have an easement, and the same is hereby granted by the Declarant, over all adjoining Lots and Common Elements for the purpose of accommodating any encroachment due to engineering errors, errors in original construction, or additional settlement or shifting of the Building, or any other cause. There shall be valid easements for the Maintenance of said encroachment, which include any encroachments created during the original construction of the Building and related structures on a Lot, settlement or shifting; provided however, that in no event shall a valid easement for encroachment be created in favor of an Owner or Owners if said encroachment occurred due to the willful misconduct of said Owner or Owners. In the event a structure on any Lot is partially or totally destroyed, and then repaired or rebuilt, the Owners of each Lot and the Common Elements agree that minor encroachments over adjoining Lots and the Common Elements shall be permitted and

that there shall be valid easements for the maintenance of said encroachments so long as they shall exist.

Section 14. Unintentional Encroachments. In the event that any Building on a Lot shall encroach upon any Common Elements or upon any other Lot for any reason not caused by the purposeful or negligent act of the Owner or agents or such Owner, then an easement appurtenant to such Lot shall exist for the continuance and maintenance of such encroachment upon the Common Elements or other Lot for so long as such encroachment shall naturally exist; and, in the event that any portion of the Common Elements shall encroach upon any Lot, then an easement shall exist for the continuance and maintenance of such encroachment of the Common Elements onto any such Lot for so long as such encroachment shall naturally exist.

Section 15. Overhanging Roofs and Eaves. Each Lot and its Owner within the Properties is hereby declared to have an easement, and the same is hereby granted by the Declarant, over each adjoining Lot and/or the Common Elements, as the case may be, for over-hanging roofs and eaves and the Maintenance thereof.

Section 16. Repair and Restoration. Except as otherwise herein provided, damage to or destruction of Lots shall be promptly repaired, restored or reconstructed by the affected Owners, such repair and restoration or reconstruction, insofar as possible, to be in accordance with the original plans and specifications of the original Building. In the event that the Owners of damaged Lots default in the obligation to promptly repair and restore or reconstruct as herein provided, the Association may (but shall be under no obligation to) repair and restore or reconstruct the damaged Lot. In order to enable the Association to accomplish the foregoing, there is hereby reserved to the Association and its agents the right to unobstructed access over and upon each Lot at all reasonable times to perform and repair and restoration or reconstruction as provided in this Article. In the event of action by the Association as herein permitted, the Owners of damaged Lots shall be liable for assessment for the entire cost of such repair and restoration or reconstruction and subject to exercise of the enforcement remedies herein provided in the event of failure of timely payment of the assessment.

Section 17. Responsibility for Maintenance of Private Streets and Driveways. The Maintenance responsibility of the private streets and driveways as shown on the subdivision map recorded shall rest with the Association. In no case shall any Governmental Entity having jurisdiction over the Properties be responsible for failing to provide any emergency or regular fire, police, or other public service to the Properties and/or occupants with the failure is due to inadequate design or construction, blocking of access routes, or any other factor within the control of the Declarant, the Association, or Owners.

In no case, shall a Governmental Entity be responsible for maintaining any private street. Such responsibility rests with the Association and occupants; in that, such private streets will not be constructed to the minimum standards sufficient to allow their inclusion for public maintenance.

Section 18. Animals. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on any Lot or in any dwelling except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept or maintained provided that they are not kept or maintained for commercial purposes and are controlled in accordance with applicable governmental ordinances and are not a nuisance to the other Owners, such determination being within the sole discretion of the Association Board.

ARTICLE V

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Section 1. Purpose. The primary purpose of these covenants and restrictions and the foremost consideration in the origin of same has been the creation of a community which is aesthetically pleasing and functionally convenient. The establishment of certain Objective standards relating to design, size and location of dwellings and other structures makes it impossible to take full advantage of the individual characteristics of each parcel of Properties and of technological advances and environmental values. In order to time to time objective standards and guidelines, including, but not limited to, Architectural Standards and Construction Specifications, Uniform Sign Regulations, Uniform Mailbox Regulations, Landscape Guidelines, and Environmental Rules and Regulations as defined hereinafter, and which shall be binding on all Owners within the Properties.

Section 2. Controls. No building, fence, retaining wall, or other structure shall be erected, placed, or altered, nor shall a building permit application for such improvement be made on any Lot in Properties until the proposed building location, specifications, exterior materials and color or finish, plot plan (showing the proposed location of such building or structure, drives, and parking areas, exterior shape, size and height) shall have been approved in writing by the Declarant, or by the Architectural Review Board of the Association if such review responsibility has been delegated to the Association by the Declarant. In addition, the Declarant may require prior written approval of a landscape plan. The Declarant, further reserves the right to promulgate and amend from time to time architectural standards and construction specifications (hereinafter referred to as the "Architectural Standards and Construction Specifications") for specific neighborhoods and areas or for all Properties within the Properties and such Architectural Standards and Construction Specifications shall establish, define, and expressly limit those standards and specifications which will be approved in said neighborhoods and areas or within the Properties, including but not limited to, architectural style, exterior color or finish, roofing material, siding material, driveway material, landscape design, and construction technique. Refusal or approval of plans, location, exterior color or finish, or specifications may be based by the Declarant upon any ground, including purely aesthetic considerations, which in the sole and uncontrolled discretion of the Declarant shall seem sufficient. No alteration in the exterior appearance of any building or structure, including exterior color or finish, shall be made without like prior written approval by the Declarant. One (1) copy of all plans and related data shall be furnished to the Declarant for its records. In the event approval of such plans is neither granted nor denied within

sixty (60) days following receipt by the Declarant of written demand for approval, the provisions of this paragraph shall be thereby waived.

(b) In order to assure that buildings and other structures will be located and staggered so that the maximum view, privacy, sunlight, and breeze will be available to each building or structure within the confines of the Lot, and to assure that structures will be located with regard to the topography of the Properties, taking into consideration the location of large trees and other aesthetic and environmental considerations, the Declarant reserves the right to control absolutely and solely to decide (subject to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina) the precise site and location of any building or structure on any Lot in the Properties for reasons which may in the sole and uncontrolled discretion and judgment of the Declarant seem sufficient. Such location shall be determined only after reasonable opportunity is afforded the Owner to recommend a specific site. The provisions of this paragraph shall in no way be construed as a guarantee that the view, privacy, sunlight, or breeze available to a building or structure on a given Lot shall not be affected by the location of a building or structure on any adjacent Lot.

(c) Each Owner shall provide space for the parking of automobiles on his Lot prior to the occupancy of any building or structure constructed on said Lot in accordance with reasonable standards established by the Declarant.

(d) Except as may be required by legal proceedings, no sign shall be erected or maintained on any Lot that anyone including, but not limited to, an Owner, a tenant, a realtor, a contractor, or a subcontractor, until the proposed sign size, color, content, number of signs, and locations of sign(s) shall have been approved in writing by the Declarant. Refusal or approval of size, color, content, number of signs, or location of sign(s) may be based by the Declarant upon any ground, including purely aesthetic considerations, which in the sole and uncontrolled discretion of the Declarant seems sufficient. The Declarant further reserves the right to promulgate and amend from time to time uniform sign regulations (the "Uniform Sign Regulations") which shall establish standard design criteria for all signs, including, but not limited to, real estate sales signs, erected upon any Lot in the Properties. The Declarant and its agent shall have the right, whenever there shall have been placed or constructed on any Lot in the Properties any sign which is in violation of these restrictions, to enter immediately upon such Properties where such violation exists and summarily remove the same at the expense of the Owner.

(e) It shall be the responsibility of each Owner, tenant, contractor, or subcontractor to prevent the development of any unclean, unsightly, unkempt, unhealthy, or unsafe conditions of buildings or grounds on any Lot which shall tend to substantially decrease the beauty or safety of the Properties, the neighborhood as a whole, or the specific area. The Declarant and its agents shall have the right to enter upon any Lot for the purpose of correcting such conditions, including, but not limited to, the removal of trash which has collected on the Lot, and the cost of such corrective action shall be paid by the Owner. Such entry shall not be made until thirty (30) days after the Owner of the Lot has been notified in writing of the need to take corrective action and unless such

Owner fails to perform the corrective action within said thirty (30) day period; provided, however, that should such conditions pose a health or safety hazard, such entry shall not be made until the Owner has been notified in writing of the need to take immediate corrective action and unless such Owner fails to perform the corrective action immediately. The provisions of this paragraph shall not create any obligation on the part of the Declarant to take any such corrective action.

Section 3. Review Board. The Declarant shall be the sole member of the Architectural Review Board until dwellings have been constructed upon all of the Lots and conveyed to Owners other than Builders, or until such time as the Declarant shall resign, whichever shall first occur.

ARTICLE VI

EASEMENTS

Section 1. Utility Easements. All of the Property, including Lots and the Common Areas, shall be subject to such easements for driveways, walkways, parking areas, water lines, sanitary sewers, storm drainage, gas lines, telephone and electric power line and other public utilities as shall be established by the Declarant or by his predecessors in title, prior to the subjecting of the Properties to this Declaration; and the Association shall have the power and authority to grant and establish upon, over, under and across the Common Areas conveyed to it, such other and further easements as are requisite for the convenient use and enjoyment of the Properties without approval of the membership as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and this Declaration.

Section 2. Easements Shown on Recorded Maps. There are hereby reserved easements as shown on the recorded map or maps of the subdivision, and other easements, which may not be shown, including, but not limited to the following: (1) 10' wide drainage and utility easements (5' each side) along all interior Lot lines; (2) 10' wide drainage and utility easements along all exterior boundary lines; and (3) 15' wide grading, slope, drainage and utility easements along the Lot side of and adjacent to all street right-of-way. In the event of a conflict in the width of any easement reserved herein or on the recorded map, the wider easement shall prevail.

Furthermore, in and addition to the foregoing reserved specific easements, the Declarant so long as it controls the Association, and thereafter the Association, may cut and create drains and drainways both above ground and underground for the purpose of facilitating the removal of surface water whenever such action may appear to be necessary in order to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance along, over or across any Lot.

These reservations of easements expressly include the right to cut any trees, bushes, shrubs or growth, the grading, cutting or ditching of the soil any other action necessary to complete installation.

Section 3. Easement for Benefit of Utility Company. The Declarant reserves the right to subject the Property, including the Common Areas, to a contract with Progress Energy, PSNC, Time Warner Cable, Bell South for the installation of underground electric lines, cables and connector posts or for the installation of street lighting, either or both of which, may require an initial payment or a continuing monthly payment to the utility by the Owner of each Lot.

Section 4. Priority of Easements. Each of the easements hereinabove referred to shall be deemed to be established upon the recordation of this Declaration and shall henceforth be deemed to be covenants running with the land for the use and benefit of the Lots, and the Common Areas, as the case may be, superior to all other encumbrances which may hereafter be applied against or in favor of the Property or any portion thereof.

Section 5. Declarant Easement. If any encroachment shall occur subsequent to subjecting the Properties to this Declaration, there is hereby created and shall be a valid easement for such encroachment and for the maintenance of the same. Every Lot shall be subject to an easement for entry and encroachment by the Declarant for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months following conveyance of a Lot to an Owner for the purpose of correcting any problems that may arise regarding utilities, grading and drainage. The Declarant, upon making entry for such purpose, shall restore the affected Lot or Lots to as near the original condition as practicable.

Section 6. Emergencies. Every Lot shall be subject to an easement for entry by the Association for the purpose of correcting, repairing, or alleviating any emergency condition which arises upon any Lot and endangers any building or portion of the Common Areas.

Section 7. Easement for Entrance Signs and Landscaping. An easement is reserved as shown on the above referenced recorded map for the purpose of locating thereon an entrance sign and landscaping and lighting surrounding same for the entrance to the subdivision. Included in the rights reserved is the right to go on the easement area and to plant and maintain plants, shrubs, and trees and to maintain, repair, and replace any signs or lighting or portions thereof. The rights retained hereunder by Declarant shall be for the benefit of the Declarant, and for any person, firm, or corporation which shall hereafter own any Lot in the subdivision.

ARTICLE VII

RIGHTS OF INSTITUTIONAL LENDERS

Section 1. Rights Reserved to Institutional Lenders. "Institutional Lender" or "Institutional Lenders", as the terms are used herein, shall mean and refer to banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, insurance companies, Veterans Administration, Federal House Administration, Federal National Mortgage Association and other reputable mortgage lenders and guarantors and insurers of first mortgages. So long as any Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders shall hold any mortgage upon any Lot, or shall be the Owner of any Lot, such Institutional Lender or Institutional

Lenders shall have the following rights:

(a) To be furnished with at least one copy of the Annual Financial Statement and Report of the Association, including a detailed statement of annual carrying charges or income collected and operating expenses, such Financial Statement and Report to be furnished by April 15 of each calendar year.

(b) To be given notice by the Association of the call of any meeting of the membership to be held for the purpose of considering any proposed Amendment to the Declaration, or the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association, which notice shall state the nature of the amendment being proposed, and to be given permission to designate a representative to attend all such meetings.

(c) To be given notice of default in the payment of assessments by any Owner of a Lot encumbered by a mortgage held by the Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders, such notice to be given in writing and to be sent to the principal office of such Institutional Lender and Institutional Lenders, or to the place for which it or they may designate in writing to the Association.

(d) To inspect the books and records of the Association and the Declaration, Bylaws and any Rules and Regulations during normal business hours, and to obtain copies thereof.

(e) To be given notice of the Association of any substantial damage to any part of the Common Areas.

(f) To be given notice by the Association if any portion of the Common Areas, is made the subject matter of any condemnation or eminent domain proceeding or is otherwise sought to be acquired by a condemning authority.

Whenever any Institutional Lending, guarantor or insurer desires the benefits of the provisions of this section requiring notice to be given or to be furnished a financial statement, such Lender shall serve written notice of such fact upon the Association by Registered Mail or Certified Mail addressed to the Association and sent to its address stated herein, or to the address of the Property, identifying the Lot upon which any such Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders hold any mortgage or mortgages, or identifying any Lot owned by them, or any of them, together with sufficient pertinent facts to identify any mortgage or mortgages which may be held by it or them, and which notice shall designate the place to which notices are to be given by the Association to such Institutional Lender.

ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants,

reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

Section 2. Severability. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Duration of Declaration. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years.

Section 4. Amendment of Declaration By Lot Owner. This Declaration may be amended during the first twenty (20) year period by an instrument signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners, and thereafter by an instrument signed by not less than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Lot owners.

Section 5. Amendments Permitted Without Membership Approval. The following amendments may be effected by the Declarant, or the Board, as the case may be, without consent of the Members.

(a) Amendments, if necessary for the exercise of any development right, including, but not limited to, amendments to qualify the Association or the Properties, or any portion thereof, for tax exempt status, or to reflect any plat change to the Properties as permitted herein.

(b) Amendments to correct any obvious error or inconsistency in drafting, typing or reproduction.

(c) Amendments to conform to the requirements of any law or Governmental Entity having legal jurisdiction over the Properties or to qualify the Properties or any Lots and improvements thereon for mortgage or improvement loans made, insured or guaranteed by a governmental agency or to comply with the requirements of law or regulations of any corporation or agency belonging to, sponsored by, or under the substantial control of, the United States Government or the State of North Carolina, regarding purchase or sale in such lots and improvements, or mortgage interests therein, as well as any other law or regulation relating to the control of Properties, including, without limitation, ecological controls, construction standards, aesthetics, and matters affecting the public health, safety and general welfare. A letter from an official of any such corporation or agency, including, without limitation, the Veterans Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Corporation, or the Federal National Mortgage Association, requesting or suggesting an amendment necessary to comply with the requirements of such corporation or agency shall be sufficient evidence of the

approval of such corporation or agency, provided that the changes made substantially conform to such request or suggestion.

Section 6. Insurance to be Maintained by Owners. Every Owner shall maintain in full force and effect at all times fire and hazard insurance in the amount equal to the full insurable value of his dwelling except that the amount shall not be required to exceed the replacement cost of the dwelling. An Owner shall exhibit to the Board, upon request, evidence that such insurance is in effect. If any Owner shall fail to maintain such insurance, the Board is authorized to obtain such insurance in the name of the Owner from an insurer selected by the Board, and the cost of such insurance shall be included in the annual assessment of the Owner and shall constitute a lien against his Lot until paid as a result of enforcement by the Association or otherwise.

Section 7. FHA/VA Approval. As long as there is a Class B membership, and if Declarant determines to qualify this Property for Federal Housing Administration or Veterans Administration approval the following actions will require the prior written approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration: Annexation of additional property, dedication of Common Areas, and amendment of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Section 8. Security. All Owners, occupants, guests, licensees, and invitees, as applicable, acknowledge that the Association and its Board of Directors do not represent or warrant that any safety or security measures will be implemented in the Community or, if implemented, that such safety or security measures may not be compromised or circumvented, or that any such safety or security measures will in all cases provide the detection or protection for which they are designed. Each Owner, occupant, guest, licensee, or invitee, as applicable, acknowledges and understands that the Association and the Board of Directors are not insurers and that each Owner, occupant, guest, licensee, and invitee assumes all risks of personal injury and property damage and further acknowledges that the Association and the Board of Directors have made no representations or warranties, nor has any Owner, occupant, guest, licensee, or invitee relied upon any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, including any warranty or merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose relative to any safety or security measures implemented or approved.

Section 9. Conflicts.

(a) Some or all of the Properties may be subject to the provisions of the Act. To the extent that Properties are subject to the Act, the provisions of the Act control over any inconsistent provisions of this Declaration, any Annexation Declaration or any other Governing Documents.

(b) The provisions of the Code control over any inconsistent provisions of this Declaration, any Annexation Declaration or any Governing Documents. As applicable provisions of the Code are amended, modified, revised, deleted, or moved to different sections, this Declaration and all Annexation Declarations are deemed to be revised so as

to conform to the provisions of the Code as they exist from time to time and are applicable to the Properties or any part thereof. Provided, however, any provision of this Declaration or an Annexation Declaration that is more restrictive than an applicable provision of the Code (for example, a building setback distance required by this Declaration or an Annexation Declaration that is greater than that required by the Code) is not an inconsistent provision of this Declaration unless the Code specifically provides otherwise, and is not deemed revised to conform to the Code.

(c) The provisions of this Article control over any inconsistent provisions of any other portion of this Declaration, any Annexation Declaration or any other Governing Documents.

(d) The provisions of this Declaration control over any inconsistent provisions of any other Governing Documents, except as to matters of compliance with the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act, in which event the Articles shall control.

Section 10. Dispute Resolution. It is the intent of the Association and the Declarant to encourage the amicable resolution of disputes involving the Properties and avoid the emotional and financial costs of litigation if at all possible. Accordingly, the Association, the Declarant and each Owner covenants and agrees that it shall attempt to resolve all claims, grievances or disputes arising out of or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of this Declaration, the By-Laws, the Association rules, or the Articles through alternative dispute resolution of disputes, the Board may adopt alternative dispute resolution procedures.

Section 11. Litigation. Except as provided below, no judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by a vote of the Members representing 75% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association. This section shall not apply, however, to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration (including, without limitation, the foreclosure of liens); (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation; (d) counter-claims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it, or (e) actions by the Association against any contractor, vendor, or supplier of goods and services arising out of a contract for services or supplies. This section shall not be amended unless such amendment is approved by the percentage of votes, and pursuant to the same procedures, necessary to institute proceedings as provided.

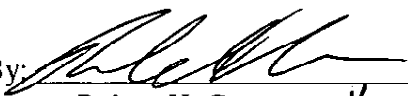
Section 12. Variances. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Declarant or the Board of Directors shall be authorized to grant individual variances for any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Bylaws and any rule, regulation or use restriction promulgated pursuant thereto, if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case is warranted and would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Properties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has hereunto set its hand and seal this _____ day of May, 2009.


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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has hereunto set its hand and seal this 28th day of May, 2009.

MGA PROPERTIES, INC.

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Robert H. Cameron, *Vice President*

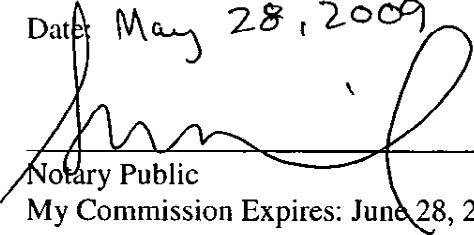
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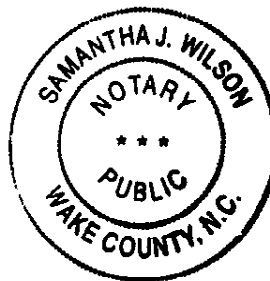
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I certify that the following person(s) Robert H. Cameron personally appeared before me this day, each acknowledging to me that he voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purposes stated therein and in the capacity indicated: MGA Properties, Inc. .

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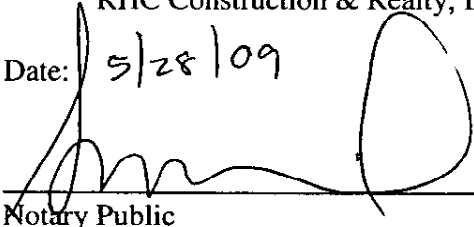
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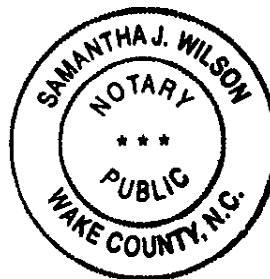
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