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DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,

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FOR

VILLAGE OF BELMONT

THIS DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR VILLAGE OF BELMONT ("Declaration") is made on the date hereinafter set forth by WEEKLEY HOMES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (hereinafter sometimes called "Declarant") and CLASSIC NEIGHBORHOOD-FC HOLDINGS, LLC, a Texas limited liability company (hereinafter sometimes called "Approved Developer");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Approved Developer is the owner of the real property described in Exhibit "A" hereof; and

WHEREAS, Approved Developer and Declarant desire to subject the real property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u> hereof to the provisions of this Declaration to create a residential community of single-family housing and to provide for the subjecting of other real property to the provisions of this Declaration;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant and Approved Developer hereby declare that the real property described in <a href="Exhibit" A" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein is hereby subjected to the provisions of this Declaration and shall be held, sold, transferred, conveyed, used, occupied, mortgaged and otherwise encumbered subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, assessments and liens, hereinafter set forth, which are for protecting the value and desirability of and which shall run with the title to the real property hereby and hereafter made subject hereto and shall be binding on all persons having any right, title or interest in all or any portion of the real property now and hereafter made subject hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, successors-in-title and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each owner of all or any portion thereof.

Article 1 Definitions

The following words, when used in this Declaration or in any Supplementary Declaration, shall have the following meanings:

1.1 "Approved Developer" means CLASSIC NEIGHBORHOOD-FC HOLDINGS, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and its successors, successors-in-title or assigns taking

title to any portion of the property described in Exhibit "A" or Exhibit "B" hereof for the purpose of development and/or sale and designated as Approved Developer in a recorded instrument by the then holder of the rights of Approved Developer hereunder. Any or all of the rights of Approved Developer set forth in this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws may be transferred or assigned in whole or in part to other Persons. No transfer or assignment shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by Approved Developer and recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

- 1.2 "Articles of Incorporation" means the Articles of Incorporation of Village of Belmont Homeowners Association, Inc., filed with the Georgia Secretary of State and incorporated herein by this reference, as may be amended from time to time.
- 1.3 "Association" means Village of Belmont Homeowners Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns.
- 1.4 "Board of Directors" or "Board" means the appointed or elected body of the Association, vested with the authority to operate and manage the affairs of the Association under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, O.C.G.A. Section 14-3-101, et seq.
- 1.5 "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of Village of Belmont Homeowners Association, Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference, as may be amended from time to time.
- 1.6 "Common Property" means any and all real and personal property, including, without limitation, easements and other interests therein, and the facilities and improvements located thereon now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- 1.7 "Community" refers to that certain real property described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and such additions thereto as may be made by Supplementary Declaration as provided herein.
- 1.8 "Community-Wide Standard" means the standard of conduct, maintenance or other activity generally prevailing in the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors of the Association and may be articulated in the Architectural Guidelines established pursuant to Article 6 hereof, but must be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.
- 1.9 "Declarant" means WEEKLEY HOMES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and its successors, successors-in-title or assigns taking title to any portion of the property described in Exhibit "A" or Exhibit "B" hereof for the purpose of development and/or sale and designated as Declarant in a recorded instrument by the then holder of the rights of Declarant hereunder. Any or all of the rights of Declarant set forth in this Declaration, the

Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws may be transferred or assigned in whole or in part to other Persons. No transfer or assignment shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by Declarant and recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

- 1.10 "Gate System" means the mechanical gate systems located at the entrances of the Community which limit and/or restrict vehicular access, ingress and egress to and from the Community.
- 1.11 "Lot" means any plot of land within the Community, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single-family dwelling site as shown on the subdivision plat(s) for the Community recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records. The ownership of each Lot shall include, and there shall pass with the title to each Lot as an appurtenance thereto, whether or not separately described, all of the rights and interests of an Owner in and to the Common Property, as herein provided, together with membership in the Association.
- 1.12 "Master Association" means Belmont Community Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation established pursuant to the Master Declaration, to be the entity named as having the power and authority set forth therein.
- 1.13 "Master Declaration" means that certain Community Charter for Belmont, recorded on July 15, 2014 in Deed Book 15170, Page 2470, et seq., Cobb County, Georgia records as may be supplemented and amended from time to time, which document establishes certain easements, covenants and restrictions for Belmont, including the property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
- 1.14 "Mortgage" means any and all instruments used for the purpose of encumbering or conveying title to real property in the Community as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation, including, without limitation, any mortgage, deed to secure debt or deed of trust.
 - 1.15 "Mortgagee" means the holder of a Mortgage.
- 1.16 "Occupant" means any Person occupying all or any portion of a Lot for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant of the Owner of such property.
- 1.17 "Owner" means the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot located within the Community, excluding, however, any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.
- 1.18 "Person" includes any individual, individual acting in a fiduciary capacity, corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, general partnership, joint stock company, joint venture, association, company or other organization, recognized as a separate legal entity under Georgia law.

- 1.19 "Supplementary Declaration" means a supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional property to the provisions of this Declaration and/or imposes additional covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements on the land described therein.
- 1.20 "Total Association Vote" means the votes attributable to the entire membership of the Association (including the votes of Declarant) as of the record date for such action, but specifically excluding the votes of any Owners whose voting rights have been suspended as provided herein, whether or not such members are present or represented at the meeting, if any, where such votes are to be cast. If, for example, and without limitation, two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote is required to approve a matter, such matter must receive more than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes attributable to all existing members of the Association as of the record date for such action (and excluding the votes of any Owners whose voting rights have been suspended as provided herein), whether or not such members are present or represented at the meeting, if any, where such votes are to be cast.

Article 2 Property Subject To This Declaration

2.1 <u>Property Hereby Subjected to This Declaration</u>. The real property which is, by the recording of this Declaration, subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements hereinafter set forth and which, by virtue of the recording of this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, occupied and encumbered subject to this Declaration is the real property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u> attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

The property described on <u>Exhibit "A"</u> hereto shall also be subject to the Master Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Master Association.

2.2 <u>Unilateral Annexation by Approved Developer</u>. As the owner thereof or, if not the owner, with the consent of the owner thereof, Approved Developer shall have the unilateral right, privilege, and option from time to time at any time until fifteen (15) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject all or any portion of the real property described in <u>Exhibit "B"</u> attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Cobb County, Georgia land records a Supplementary Declaration executed by the Approved Developer describing the property being subjected. Any annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration unless a later effective date is provided therein.

Approved Developer intends to annex hereto the property contained in Approved Developer's land plan for the development, as amended from time to time, which property is a portion of the property described in <a href="Exhibit" B". However, inclusion of property on Approved Developer's land plan or in <a href="Exhibit" B" shall not obligate the Approved Developer to subject such property to the Declaration, nor shall exclusion of property from the initial land plan bar

Approved Developer from subjecting such property to the Declaration. As long as covenants applicable to the real property previously subjected to this Declaration are not changed and as long as the rights of existing Owners are not adversely affected, the Approved Developer may unilaterally amend this Declaration to reflect the different character of any such annexed real property. If any land is not subjected to this Declaration, Approved Developer's reserved rights shall not impose any obligation on Approved Developer to impose any covenants and restrictions similar to those contained herein upon such additional land nor shall such rights in any manner limit or restrict the use to which such additional land may be put by Approved Developer or any subsequent owner thereof, regardless of whether such uses are consistent with the covenants and restrictions imposed herein.

- 2.3 <u>Unilateral Annexation by Declarant</u>. As the owner thereof or, if not the owner, with the consent of the owner thereof, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege, and option from time to time at any time until fifteen (15) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject all or any portion of the real property described in <u>Exhibit "B"</u> attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Cobb County, Georgia land records a Supplementary Declaration executed by the Declarant describing the property being subjected. Any annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration unless a later effective date is provided therein.
- 2.4 Annexation by the Association. Upon the written consent of: (a) the owner(s) thereof; (b) the Declarant; and (c) the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots, the Association may annex real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Cobb County, Georgia land records a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplementary Declaration shall be executed on behalf of the Association by the President of the Association whose signature shall be attested by the Secretary of the Association. The annexation shall be effective only upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration in the Cobb County, Georgia land records, unless a later effective date is provided therein.
- 2.5 Withdrawal of Property. So long as Declarant has a right to annex additional property pursuant to Section 2.3 hereof, Declarant shall have the right to amend the Declaration to remove any portion of the Community then owned by Declarant, Approved Developer or the Association from the coverage of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association, to the extent originally included in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for the Community, provided such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for the Community. Any withdrawal shall be accomplished by the filing for record of an amendment to this Declaration which describes the property to be removed and is executed by the Declarant and the Owner(s) of the property being removed if not the Declarant. Any withdrawal shall be effective upon filing for record of such amendment in the Cobb County, Georgia land records, unless a later effective date is provided therein. Such

amendment shall be executed by the Declarant and the Owner(s) of the property being removed and shall not require the vote or consent of any other Person.

Article 3 Association Membership and Voting Rights

- 3.1 Membership. Every Person who is the record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot that is subject to this Declaration shall have a membership in the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate an Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one (1) or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of a Lot. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to hold office, may be exercised by a member or the spouse of a member, but in no event shall more than one (1) Person representing a single membership hold office at the same time. This Section is not intended to prohibit the same individual from being both an officer and a director of the Association. Nothing in this Section shall restrict the number of votes cast or the number of officers and directors appointed by the Declarant.
- 3.2 <u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) Person holds an ownership interest in a Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners themselves determine and advise the Secretary prior to any meeting or referendum. The vote attributable to a Lot shall be suspended in the event more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it. The Board of Directors may suspend the voting rights of an Owner for any period during which any past due assessment against any Lot of the Owner remains unpaid; and, for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations of the Association or Architectural Guidelines, as more particularly set forth in Section 6.4 hereof.

Article 4 Assessments

- 4.1 <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The assessments provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners of Lots, including, without limitation, the maintenance of real and personal property, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 4.2 <u>Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments</u>. Each Owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, covenants and agrees to pay to the Association: (a) general assessments; (b) special assessments; (c) specific assessments; and (d) Master Declaration assessments. All assessments, together with late charges (in an amount determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not to

exceed the greater of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) or ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment or installment not paid when due), interest (at a rate set by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not to exceed the lesser of the maximum rate permitted by law or eighteen percent (18%) per annum on the principal amount due) and costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, shall, from the time the sums become due and payable, be a charge on the land and a continuing lien in favor of the Association on the Lot against which each assessment is made. As provided in O.C.G.A. Section 44-5-60(e), the obligation for the payment of assessments and fees arising hereunder shall also include the costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, and the award of attorneys' fees shall not be construed in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 13-1-11(a)(2).

The recording of this Declaration shall constitute record notice of the existence of the lien and no further recordation of any claim of lien shall be required. Each assessment, together with late charges, interest and costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of the Lot at the time the assessment fell due. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the portion of each assessment coming due while the Owner of a Lot, and each grantee of an Owner shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of the grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings. No Owner may waive or otherwise be exempt from liability for the assessments provided for herein for any reason, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the following: (a) abandonment of the Lot; (b) nonuse of the Common Property, including, without limitation, nonuse of the Community recreational facilities; (c) the Association's failure to perform its obligations required under the Declaration; or (d) inconvenience or discomfort arising out of the Association's performance of its duties. No diminution or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association, the obligation to pay assessments being a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. All payments shall be applied first to costs, then to late charges, then to interest and then to delinquent assessments.

4.3 <u>Budget</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year. The Board shall cause the budget and the general assessment to be levied against each Lot for the year to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date of such general assessment. The budget and the general assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a majority of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the membership and Declarant disapprove the proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any period, then and until such time as a budget has been determined, as provided herein, the budget in effect shall continue. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the part of the Association budget attributable to the Master Declaration assessments may

only be disapproved as provided in the Master Declaration so that any increase in the proposed budget and the assessments levied by the Association due to an increase in the Master Declaration assessments or otherwise pursuant to the Master Declaration, shall automatically be effective.

- 4.4 General Assessments. General assessments shall be levied equally on all Lots and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, which may include, without limitation, acceleration, upon ten (10) days' written notice for delinquents. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the general assessment shall be paid in one annual installment. General assessments include any sums the Board determines necessary for the continued ownership, operation and maintenance of the Common Property, improvements to the Common Property, operating expenses of the Association, payment for any items of betterment and the establishment of reserve funds as the Board shall deem proper. General assessments may include, without limitation, the following: (a) sums for property taxes for the Common Property; (b) insurance premiums; (c) legal and accounting fees; (d) management fees; (e) charges for utilities and other services provided by the Association, if any; (f) costs to maintain the Community entry features, including any electricity and irrigation expenses associated therewith; (g) landscape maintenance; (h) costs associated with the maintenance of the storm water detention/retention pond(s), storm water drainage facilities and underground water quality vault serving the Community; (i) costs to operate and maintain the Community recreational facilities; (j) costs to maintain and repair the private Community streets and the Gate System; (k) costs to maintain the Community dog park and community garden; (1) the Master Declaration assessment; and (m) expenses and liabilities incurred as provided herein and in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the indemnification of officers and directors and in connection with the enforcement of rights and duties of the Association against Owners and others.
- 4.5 Special Assessments. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors, may levy a special assessment against all Owners in the Community for unbudgeted or unanticipated expenses or expenses in excess of those budgeted. So long as the total amount of special assessments allocated to each Lot does not exceed the amount of the annual general assessment in any one fiscal year, the Board may impose the special assessment without a vote of the Owners. Except for special assessments levied pursuant to Section 9.3 hereof, any special assessment which would cause the total amount of the special assessments allocated to any one Lot in a single fiscal year to exceed the amount of the annual general assessment must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant in order to be effective. Special assessments shall be paid as determined by the Board. The Board may permit a special assessment to be paid in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the special assessment is imposed.
- 4.6 Specific Assessments. The Board shall have the power to levy specific assessments as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. The failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future

with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. By way of explanation and not limitation, the following shall constitute specific assessments: (a) fines levied pursuant to this Declaration; (b) the working capital contribution as provided in Section 4.14 hereof; (c) the cost of maintenance performed by the Association for which an Owner is responsible; and (d) the costs of providing utilities or services to the Lot.

In addition to the foregoing, the Board of Directors may also specifically assess Owners for Association expenses as follows: (a) expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received; (b) expenses of the Association which benefit all Lots, but do not provide an equal benefit to all Lots may be specifically assessed equitably among all Lots according to the benefit received; and (c) expenses of the Association which are attributable to or incurred as a result of the conduct of an Owner or the Occupants, guests, tenants, invitees or licensees of the Owner may be specifically assessed against the Lot of such Owner.

- 4.7 Subordination of Liens to Mortgages. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration or any other document related thereto or executed in connection therewith, the lien of all assessments authorized herein is hereby made subordinate to the lien of any first Mortgage placed on a Lot if, but only if, all assessments and charges with respect to such Lot authorized herein having a due date on or prior to the date of the Mortgage as filed of record have been paid. The lien hereby subordinated is only such lien as relates to assessments and charges authorized hereunder having a due date subsequent to the date such Mortgage is filed of record and prior to the satisfaction, cancellation or foreclosure of such Mortgage or the sale or transfer of the Lot pursuant to any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or the sale or transfer of the Lot pursuant to a sale under power contained in such Mortgage. Such subordination is merely a subordination and shall not relieve the Owner of the Lot of the personal obligation to pay all assessments coming due during such period of ownership; shall not relieve such Lot from the lien provided for herein (except to the extent a subordinated lien is extinguished as a result of such subordination as against a Mortgagee or such Mortgagee's assignee or transferee by foreclosure or by sale under power); and no sale or transfer of such Lot to the Mortgagee or to any other Person pursuant to a decree of foreclosure, or pursuant to any other proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or pursuant to a sale under power, shall relieve any existing or previous Owner of such Lot of any personal obligation or relieve such Lot or the then Owner of such Lot from liability for any assessment authorized hereunder that becomes due after such sale and transfer.
- 4.8 <u>Master Declaration Assessments</u>. The Master Declaration assessment is the Association's share of the annual expenses incurred by the Master Association under the Master Declaration. Such expenses shall include, without limitation, costs incurred for landscape maintenance, right-of-ways and such other costs and expenses as may be set forth in the Master Declaration. The Master Declaration assessment shall be a line item in the Association budget, shall be included in the general assessment to be paid by all Owners and shall be paid by the Association to the Master Association as provided in the Master Declaration. Unless otherwise

notified in writing by the Master Association, the Association shall collect all assessments and charges levied against the Lots within the Community by the Master Association and shall disburse the full amount of the Master Association's assessments and charges to the Master Association in accordance with the Master Declaration. This assessment obligation shall be enforceable by the Master Association against the Association or individual Lot Owners, as the case may be, as provided in the Master Declaration.

4.9 Remedies of the Association. Any assessments or installments thereof which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. In addition to the lien rights, the personal obligation of the then Owner to pay such assessments shall remain such Owner's personal obligation and shall also pass to such Owner's successors-in-title. Such Owner shall nevertheless remain as fully obligated as before to pay to the Association any and all amounts which such Owner was obligated to pay immediately preceding the transfer or conveyance; and such Owner and such successors-in-title shall be jointly and severally liable with respect thereto, notwithstanding any agreement between such Owner and such successors-in-title creating any indemnification of the Owner or any relationship of principal and surety as between themselves.

Any assessment or installment thereof delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge (in an amount determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not to exceed the greater of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) or ten percent (10%) of the amount of the assessment or installment not paid when due) and interest (at a rate set by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not to exceed the lesser of the maximum rate permitted by law or eighteen percent (18%) per annum on the principal amount due). As provided in O.C.G.A. Section 44-5-60(e), the obligation for the payment of assessments and fees arising hereunder shall also include costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, and the award of attorneys' fees shall not be construed in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 13-1-11(a)(2). The Association may cause a notice of delinquency to be given to any Owner who has not paid within ten (10) days following the due date. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may institute suit to collect such amounts and/or to foreclose its lien. The Association may file a claim of lien with the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, but no such claim of lien shall be required to establish or perfect the lien for unpaid assessments.

Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed, vests in the Association the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally, for the collection of such charges as a debt or to foreclose the lien. The lien provided for in this Declaration shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all Owners. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. The Association may also suspend the membership rights of the delinquent Owner, including the right to vote, the right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property, including, without limitation, the right to use and enjoy the Community recreational facilities, and the right to receive and enjoy such services and other benefits as may then be provided by the Association,

which may include the deactivation of any card access system, gate code or other method use in connection with the Gate System which restricts vehicular access to the Community. Any such suspension shall not affect an Owner's obligation to pay assessments coming due during the period of such suspension and shall not affect the permanent lien on such Lot in favor of the Association.

4.10 <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. Assessments shall commence when the Board of Directors first determines a budget and levies assessments. The assessments provided for herein shall commence as to a Lot on the date that such Lot has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued and has been conveyed to an Owner who intends to occupy the dwelling, or, if the dwelling is occupied as a residence before such conveyance, the date of such occupancy. Any Lot which has been approved by Declarant for use as a model home for marketing and sales purposes shall not be deemed to be occupied for residential purposes and shall not be subject to assessments under this Declaration whether owned by Declarant, Approved Developer or any other Person, so long as such Lot is approved for use as a model home and is not occupied for residential purposes.

Regardless of whether assessments have commenced as to a Lot under this Section, the Association shall remain fully obligated to pay the entire amount of the Master Declaration assessments levied by the Master Association against the Association pursuant to the Master Declaration.

- 4.11 <u>Budget Deficits During Declarant Control</u>. For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint and remove the directors and officers of the Association, Declarant or Approved Developer may, but shall have no obligation to: (a) advance funds or contributions of services or materials or a combination of services and materials, rather than money (herein collectively called "in kind contribution"), or a combination of these, to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for capital reserves), and the sum of the general, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any fiscal year (such advances may be evidenced by promissory notes from the Association in favor of the Declarant or Approved Developer, as applicable); or (b) cause the Association to borrow such amount from a commercial lending institution at the then prevailing rates for similar loans in the local area of the Community; provided, however, no Mortgage secured by the Common Property or any of the structures or improvements maintained by the Association shall be given in connection with such loan.
- 4.12 Failure to Assess. The omission or failure of the Board to fix the assessment amounts or rates or to deliver or mail to each Owner an assessment notice shall not be deemed a waiver, modification, or a release of any Owner from the obligation to pay assessments. In such event, each Owner shall continue to pay assessments on the same basis as for the last year for which an assessment was made, if any, until a new assessment is made, at which time any shortfalls in collections may be assessed retroactively by the Association.

- 4.13 Estoppel Letter. Any Owner, Mortgagee, or a Person having executed a contract for the purchase of a Lot, or a lender considering a loan to be secured by a Lot, shall be entitled, upon written request, to a statement from the Association or its managing agent setting forth the amount of assessments past due and unpaid, including any late charges, interest, fines, or other charges against that Lot. Such request shall be delivered to the registered office of the Association, and shall state an address to which the statement is to be directed. The Association shall, within five (5) business days after receiving a written request therefor, certify to the amount of any unpaid assessments constituting a lien on a specified Lot. A certification letter signed by an officer of the Association or the Association's managing agent, if any, as to the amount of assessments due with respect to a Lot shall be binding upon the Association. The Association may charge a reasonable fee as may be permitted by law as a prerequisite to the issuance of such statement. It is the intent of this provision to comply with O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-15(c), as amended.
- 4.14 Working Capital Contribution. Upon each and every sale of a Lot after it has been improved with a residence for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued, a working capital contribution in an amount determined by the Board from time to time, but not to exceed the amount of the general assessment applicable to the Lot for the year of such conveyance, shall be collected from the new Owner at the closing of such transaction and disbursed to the Association; or if not collected at closing, shall be paid immediately upon demand to the Association.

The working capital contribution shall constitute a specific assessment against the Lot, shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, the general assessment and shall not be considered an advance payment of such assessment. The working capital contribution may be used by the Association for any purpose which provides a direct benefit to the Community, including, without limitation, for the payment of operating expenses of the Association and other expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the working capital contribution shall not apply to the holder of any first Mortgage on a Lot who becomes the Owner of a Lot through foreclosure or any other means pursuant to the satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by such Mortgage, but shall apply to the Owner acquiring title to the Lot from the foreclosing Mortgagee.

Article 5 Maintenance: Common Property

5.1 <u>Association's Maintenance Responsibility</u>. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property, which shall include, without limitation, the maintenance, repair and replacement of all landscaping, structures and improvements located thereon. The Association shall also maintain (whether or not constituting Common Property) the following:

(a) all Community entry features, including, without limitation, any landscaping associated therewith and any irrigation system and/or lighting system providing water and/or electricity to

such entry features, regardless of whether such entry features and related landscaping are located on a Lot, Common Property, or public right-of-way; (b) all Community green space and open space; (c) all storm water detention/retention pond(s) and storm water drainage facilities serving the Community, including, without limitation, the underground water quality vault, and any gate, wall, fence or other enclosure surrounding said storm water detention/retention pond(s), if and to the extent such facilities are not maintained on an ongoing basis by the owner of such facilities, a governmental entity or third party or the Master Association pursuant to the Master Declaration; provided, however, each Owner of a Lot, and not the Association, shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of all storm water drainage facilities which exclusively serve such Lot; (d) the Community recreational facilities; (e) the private Community streets, sidewalks and street signs and any street medians and islands located within such private streets; (f) the centralized mailbox area and the mailboxes located thereon; (g) the Gate System; (h) the Community garden; (i) the Community dog park; (i) lawn maintenance on Lots, including, but not limited to, lawn mowing and tree and shrub pruning, as provided in Section 5.3 hereof; and (k) perimeter fencing installed by Declarant, regardless of whether such fencing is located on a Lot or Common Property.

In addition, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, regardless of whether such property is located within or outside of the Community, where the Board has determined that such action would benefit the Owners. In addition to the foregoing, the Board, with the consent of the Declarant and without a vote of the members, shall have the right to enter into easements and covenant to share cost agreements where the Board has determined that such action would benefit the Owners. The Board of Directors may authorize the officers of the Association to enter into contracts with any Person or Persons to perform maintenance hereunder on behalf of the Association. In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement, which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, or the Occupants, family, guests, lessees or invitees of an Owner, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair or replacement and all costs thereof, not paid for by insurance, shall be assessed against the Lot of such Owner as a specific assessment. All maintenance by the Association shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

5.2 Owner's Maintenance Responsibility.

(a) General. Except for maintenance performed on or to a Lot by the Association pursuant to Sections 5.1 and 5.3 hereof, all maintenance of the Lot and all structures, landscaping, and other improvements located thereon shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof, who shall maintain such Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration. Such maintenance obligation shall include, without limitation, the following: (i) prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and waste; (ii) maintaining lawn and landscaping as provided in Section 5.3 hereof; (iii) keeping improvements and exterior lighting in good repair and working order; (iv) keeping driveways and walkways in good repair; (v)

complying with all governmental health and police requirements; (vi) maintaining grading and storm water drainage as originally established on the Lot; (vii) repairing exterior damage to improvements; (viii) all maintenance, repair and replacement to the residential dwelling located on the Lot, including, without limitation, periodic painting and pressure washing as needed; (ix) maintaining, repairing and replacing all storm water drainage facilities, including, all pipes, wires and conduits related thereto, exclusively serving the Lot; and (x) maintaining, repairing and replacing all pipes, wires and conduits, including, without limitation, plumbing, electric and sanitary sewer systems, which exclusively serve the Lot.

(b) Failure to Maintain. In the event that the Board of Directors determines that any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly any of such Owner's obligations with regard to the maintenance, repair or replacement of items for which such Owner is responsible hereunder, the Association shall, except in an emergency situation, give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such maintenance, repair or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repair or replacement to be performed. The Owner shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such notice within which to complete such maintenance, repair or replacement, or, in the event that such maintenance, repair or replacement is not capable of completion within a ten (10) day period, to commence such work which shall be completed within a reasonable period of time. If an Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide such maintenance, repair or replacement to the Lot and all costs associated therewith shall be assessed against the Owner and the Lot as a specific assessment. This provision shall not apply to any Lot(s) owned by the Declarant, unless improved with a dwelling and occupied as a residence.

5.3 Lawn and Landscaping Maintenance.

- (a) By the Association. As provided in Section 5.1 above, the Association shall perform landscaping on Lots in the Community, which shall be limited to the following: (a) lawn mowing on a regular basis; (b) tree and shrub pruning; and (c) such other landscaping to such Lots as may be determined by Board resolution to be in the best interest of the Community. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may leave portions of the Community as undisturbed natural areas and may change the landscaping in the Community at any time and from time to time or may, with the consent of the Declarant, change the level of yard maintenance performed, so long as all Lots are maintained according to the same standard. The Board of Directors may promulgate rules setting forth the extent of landscaping maintenance to be performed by the Association and the rights of Owners with respect to adding or modifying landscaping improvements, including, for example allowing seasonal flowering plants in certain areas of the Community at the expense of the Owner.
- (b) <u>By Owners</u>. Each Owner shall be responsible for all lawn and landscaping to a Lot which is not provided by the Association pursuant to subsection (a) above, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) shrub fertilization; (ii) pruning and weeding, as applicable; (iii) monitoring plants, shrubs and lawns for insecticide and disease; (iv) watering

landscaped areas; and (v) keeping lawn and garden areas generally alive and attractive. All lawn and landscape maintenance to Lots shall be performed in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. Any landscaping improvements originally installed by an Owner which are not properly maintained, including, without limitation, dead, diseased, damaged or dying plants, trees and shrubs may, at the sole discretion of the Board and subject to the notice provisions in Section 5.2(b) hereof, be removed from the Community and all costs associated therewith shall be a specific assessment against the Lot of such Owner.

- (c) Fences. In the event that a fence is erected or installed on a Lot by Declarant or an Owner pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 hereof, the Association shall continue to maintain the area enclosed by said fence; provided, however, the Owner must allow access through an unlocked gate and no pet shall be present in the area at the time of such maintenance in order for the area enclosed by said fence to be maintained by the Association. In the event that the Lot Owner refuses access to the area enclosed by the fence, the gate is locked or a pet is present in such area at the time that maintenance is performed by the Association or its agents, said Owner shall not be entitled to a reduction in the liability for assessments due in the event the Association is unable to maintain the enclosed property and such Owner shall be obligated to maintain such area in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.
- 5.4 Conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to Association: No Implied Rights. Approved Developer or Declarant may transfer or convey to the Association at any time and from time to time any personal property and any interest in improved or unimproved real property. Such conveyance shall be deemed to be accepted by the Association upon delivery of any personal property or upon recordation of an instrument of conveyance of any interest in real property, and the property shall thereafter be Common Property to be used and, if and as provided in Section 5.1 hereof, maintained by the Association for the benefit of its members. So long as Approved Developer owns any property primarily for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Declaration, Approved Developer may, upon written notice to the Association, require the Association to reconvey to Approved Developer all or any portion of the Common Property, improved or unimproved, at no charge to Approved Developer, without a vote of the members of the Association, if all or any portion of the Common Property is: (a) found by Approved Developer to have been conveyed in error; (b) needed by Approved Developer to make adjustments in property boundary lines; or (c) reasonably determined by Approved Developer to be needed by Approved Developer due to changes in the overall scheme of development for the Community. The Association hereby constitutes and appoints Approved Developer as its agent and attorneyin-fact to accept on behalf of the Association any such conveyance to the Association, to reconvey any such property on behalf of the Association and to execute on behalf of the Association any and all documents, including, without limitation, deeds, necessary or convenient to effectuate and document any such conveyance to or reconveyance from the Association. The power and agency hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable by death or otherwise. Declarant or Approved Developer shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section and shall have no

duty or obligation to convey any property or property rights to the Association regardless of whether such property has been made available for the use of Owners. Approved Developer or Declarant with the consent of Approved Developer may reserve, by lease, license, easement or otherwise, such rights of use and enjoyment in and to all or any portion of the property so conveyed as Approved Developer or Declarant may reasonably require so long as such reservation is not materially inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community. Neither the recordation of any subdivision plat nor the use by the Owners or maintenance by the Association of any property shall create any rights, easements or licenses, in the Association or the Owners, express or implied, unless and until any such property rights, easements or licenses are conveyed by the Approved Developer or Declarant or the owner of such property to the Association or the Owners, as the case may be, by an instrument recorded in the real estate records of Cobb County, Georgia.

- 5.5 <u>Partition</u>. The Common Property shall remain undivided and no Owner shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part thereof without the written consent of: (a) all Owners of all portions of the property located within the Community; and (b) all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the property, including, but not limited to, the Lots located within the Community.
- 5.6 Condemnation. In the event of a taking by eminent domain of all or any portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, the Association shall, if reasonably possible, restore or replace such improvements on the remaining Common Property, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking, an alternative plan is approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote, Approved Developer and the Declarant. The provisions of this Declaration applicable to the replacement or restoration of damaged improvements on the Common Property shall also apply to and govern the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced after a condemnation.
- 5.7 <u>Liability</u>. Owners, Occupants and their guests shall use the common areas maintained by the Association and all other Common Property and all portions of the Community not contained within a Lot, including, without limitation, the Community recreational facilities and private streets, at their own risk and shall assume sole responsibility for their personal belongings used or stored thereon. All Owners and Occupants shall have an affirmative duty and responsibility to inspect the Common Property and all portions of the Community not contained within a Lot for any defects, perils or other unsafe conditions relating to the use and enjoyment thereof. The Association, Approved Developer, the Declarant and their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents shall not be held liable for: (a) personal injury to any person occurring on the Common Property; (b) loss or damage to personal belongings used or stored on the Common Property or on any other portion of the Community; or (c) loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any other property of such Owner or Occupant.

In addition to the foregoing, the Association, Approved Developer, the Declarant and their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents shall not be liable for injury or damage to any Person or property: (a) caused by the elements or by an Owner or any other Person; (b) resulting from any rain or other surface water which may leak or flow from any street, pipe, plumbing, drain, conduit, appliance, equipment, security system, or utility line or facility, the responsibility for the maintenance of which is that of the Association or from any portion of the Common Property; or (c) caused by any street, pipe, plumbing, drain, pond, lake, dam, conduit, appliance, equipment, security system, or utility line or facility, the responsibility for the maintenance of which is that of the Association, becoming out of repair.

- 5.8 <u>Gate System</u>. It is anticipated that the Declarant will install the Gate System in the Community. Each Owner, by accepting a deed to a Lot, shall be deemed to acknowledge and agree to the following:
- (a) The Board of Directors, with the consent of the Declarant, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, shall determine when the Gate System will be operational.
- (b) Neither Declarant, Approved Developer, the Association nor their respective officers, directors, members, representatives or agents shall be responsible for the security of Owners, Occupants or their family members, guests, invitees or property. NEITHER DECLARANT, APPROVED DEVELOPER, THE ASSOCIATION NOR ANY OWNER OR OCCUPANT GUARANTEES OR ASSURES TO ANY OTHER OWNER OR OCCUPANT NOR ANY OTHER PARTY WHOMSOEVER THAT THE GATE SYSTEM WILL IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER PROVIDE PERSONAL PROTECTION OR SECURITY TO ANY OWNER OR OCCUPANT, THEIR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS OR TO GUESTS OR INVITEES, OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON, AND EACH OWNER, BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT, SHALL HAVE ASSUMED THE ENTIRE RISK AS BETWEEN SUCH OWNER AND DECLARANT, APPROVED DEVELOPER OR THE ASSOCIATION, AS APPLICABLE, FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ARISING FROM ANY DEFICIENCY, FAILURE OR DEFECT IN THE GATE SYSTEM OR OTHERWISE.
- (c) All governmental authorities shall have access to the Community for law enforcement, safety and emergency purposes. Each Owner shall look solely to the applicable governmental authority for the provision of law enforcement and police protection.
- (d) The Gate System is not intended to replace or to serve in lieu of individual alarm systems or other measures designed to provide security at a residence or within any Lot. Each Owner is encouraged to install personal security devices upon and within such Owner's Lot to the same extent that would be prudent if the Gate System did not exist.
- (e) The Gate System will be installed based upon the representations of vendors regarding the operation and performance capabilities of the components of the Gate System.

- (f) DECLARANT AND APPROVED DEVELOPER DISCLAIM ANY AND ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER REGARDING THE GATE SYSTEM, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED. Declarant and Approved Developer do not guarantee that the Gate System will avert or prevent occurrences or consequences which the Gate System is designed to avert or prevent.
- (g) The Gate System shall be owned, operated, and maintained by the Association at its sole cost and expense and the costs associated therewith shall be included in the general assessment as provided in Section 4.4 hereof. Declarant and Approved Developer shall not be required to operate or maintain the Gate System.
- (h) Each Owner shall use the Gate System in the proper manner and within the rules and regulations relating thereto as may be adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 5.9 Community Garden. The Association or the Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to designate a portion of the Common Property to be used as a community garden. The use of the community garden shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as may be adopted or promulgated by the Board, which may include, but shall not be limited to, rules and regulations regulating: (a) the types of plants, vegetables and/or fruits permitted to be grown in the community garden; (b) the types of gardening methods permitted; (c) the use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and rodenticides; (d) the use of the Association's water in watering the community garden; (e) the hours in which the community garden may be used and/or accessed; (f) the maintenance and clean-up of plots in the community garden; and (g) the use of the Association's garden tools or supplies, if any. The Association shall have the right to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the community garden at certain designated times by authorized users and their guests and invitees. The community garden shall be kept attractive and free of weeds, diseased plants, insect-infested plants and over-ripe vegetables. The Association shall also have the right to assign plots within the community garden to individual Owners for their exclusive use and enjoyment of such assigned plots. The Declarant or the Board may terminate use of the community garden entirely at any time, and no property rights of any kind are hereby created.
- 5.10 Master Water Meter. The Association shall be responsible for the administration of expenses associated with the master water meter located in the Community and shall pay all usage charges for water supplied to the Community through such master water meter. Each Lot is currently served by a submeter which measures the water usage attributable to such Lot. The Association shall contract with a third party vendor to read all submeters in the Community and specifically assess each Lot for its share of water usage in accordance with Section 4.6 of the

Declaration. All costs associated with contracting with such third party vendor shall be included in the general assessment to be paid by all Owners.

Article 6 Architectural Standards

- 6.1 <u>Approval Under Master Declaration</u>. In addition to any approval that may be required pursuant to Article 6 hereof, each Owner shall obtain the prior approval of the Master Declarant and/or the Design Review Committee, if and as required under Chapter 5 of the Master Declaration.
- 6.2 General. No exterior construction, alteration or addition of any improvements of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, staking, clearing, excavating, grading, filling, construction of impervious surfaces, building, exterior alteration of existing improvements, installing storm and screen doors, storm windows and fencing, changing the exterior color of any existing improvement and planting and removing landscaping materials), shall be commenced or placed upon any part of the Community unless: (a) installed by the Declarant, Approved Developer or their affiliates; (b) approved in accordance with this Article; or (c) otherwise expressly permitted under this Declaration. Any Owner may remodel, paint or redecorate the interior of a structure located on a Lot without approval hereunder. However, additions and/or modifications to the interior of balconies, porches, patios, decks and similar portions of a structure visible from outside of a Lot shall be subject to approval. No approval shall be required to repaint the exterior of a structure located on a Lot in accordance with the originally approved color scheme or to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications. This Article shall not apply to the activities of the Declarant or its affiliates or to improvements to the Common Property made by or on behalf of the Association. This Article may not be amended without the written consent of the Declarant and Approved Developer until: (x) each of Declarant and Approved Developer no longer own any property in the Community and no longer have the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community; and (y) each Lot has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued.
- 6.3 <u>Guidelines and Procedures</u>. Except as provided above or as specifically articulated in the Architectural Guidelines as defined in Section 6.4 hereof, no exterior construction, addition or alteration shall be made unless and until plans and specifications shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by the Declarant. Such plans and specifications shall be of sufficient detail to allow the Declarant to make its review and to the extent required by the Declarant shall show the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the proposed structure or improvement. The Declarant shall be the sole arbiter of such plans and specifications and may withhold approval for any reason, including, without limitation, purely aesthetic considerations, and it shall be entitled to stop any construction in violation of such plans and specifications, applicable Architectural Guidelines or any other provisions of the Declaration. If the Declarant fails to approve or to disapprove submitted plans and specifications within forty-five (45) days after receipt of all required information, such approval shall be

deemed to have been given. If construction does not commence on a project for which plans have been approved within twelve (12) months of such approval, such approval shall be deemed withdrawn, and it shall be necessary for the Owner to resubmit the plans to the Declarant for reconsideration.

As a condition of approval under this Article, each Owner, on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for the maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance to and on any improvement, change, modification, addition or alteration. In the discretion of the Declarant, an Owner may be required to verify such condition of approval by a recordable written instrument acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest. The Declarant and its representatives and agents shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any property in the Community to determine whether or not these restrictive covenants have been or are being complied with and such Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry; provided, however, nothing herein shall be construed as permitting the Association to enter any residential dwelling located on a Lot without the consent of the Owner thereof.

- 6.4 Architectural Guidelines. The Declarant may adopt written architectural, landscaping and fencing guidelines (collectively the "Architectural Guidelines") and application and review procedures, which may provide for a review fee. The Declarant shall have the sole and full authority to prepare, amend and modify, from time to time at its sole discretion and without notice, the Architectural Guidelines. In the event Declarant modifies, expands or repeals all or any portion of the Architectural Guidelines, said new Architectural Guidelines shall be distributed to all Owners and Occupants prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and Occupants. The Declarant shall make the Architectural Guidelines available to Owners and Occupants who seek to engage in construction upon all or any portion of the Community and such Owners and Occupants shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith and with the provisions of this Article 6. The Declarant shall provide, without cost, a copy of the Architectural Guidelines then in effect to any requesting Owner or Mortgagee.
- 6.5 <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Plans and specifications are not approved for engineering or structural design, quality of materials or for compliance with applicable building codes, permitting requirements, zoning conditions or other applicable governmental laws, ordinances and regulations governing construction in the Community and by approving such plans and specifications the Declarant the Association and their respective directors, officers, members, representatives, agents or employees assume no liability or responsibility therefor or for any defect in any structure or improvement constructed from such plans and specifications or for any violation of applicable building codes, zoning conditions, permitting requirements or for any other violation of governmental laws, ordinances and regulations governing construction in the Community. Neither Declarant, Approved Developer, the Association, nor their respective officers, directors, members, employees and agents shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans and specifications for approval or to any Owner of property affected by these

restrictions by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications. Every Person who submits plans and specifications and every Owner agrees that such Person or Owner will not bring any action or suit against the Declarant, Approved Developer, the Association or their respective officers, directors, members, employees, representatives and agents to recover any damages and hereby releases, remises, quitclaims and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.

- 6.6 No Waiver. The approval of the Declarant of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval or consent of the Declarant, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications or drawings or matters whatsoever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.
- 6.7 <u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Declarant shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration and the Architectural Guidelines if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case is dictated by unique circumstances, such as, but not limited to, topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic considerations or environmental considerations. No variance issued shall: (a) be effective unless in writing; (b) be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community; or (c) estop the Declarant from denying a variance in other similar circumstances. For purposes of this provision, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency or the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.
- 6.8 Enforcement. Any structure, improvement or landscaping improvement placed or made in violation of this Article shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written request from Declarant, an Owner shall, at its own cost and expense, remove such nonconforming structure or improvement and restore the land to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the nonconforming work. Should an Owner fail to remove and restore as required, Declarant and its agents shall have the right to enter the property, remove the nonconforming structure or improvement, and restore the property to substantially the same condition as previously existed. All costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, may be assessed against the Lot as a specific assessment. In such event, neither Declarant, the Association nor their respective officers, directors, members, employees and agents shall be held liable to any Person for exercising the rights granted by this Section, including, without limitation, claims for damages resulting from the removal of the nonconforming structure or improvement in accordance with the procedures set forth herein. Any contractor, subcontractor, agent, employee or other invitee of an Owner who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of this Article and the Architectural Guidelines, if any, may be excluded by the Declarant from

the Community, subject to any applicable notice and hearing procedures contained herein or in the Bylaws. In the event of noncompliance with this Article, the Association or Declarant, respectively, may also record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation hereunder naming the violating Owner. In addition to the foregoing, Declarant or the Association, acting through its Board, shall have the authority and standing to pursue any and all remedies available at law and equity to enforce the provisions of this Article, including, without limitation, the right to levy and collect fines against non-complying Owners and Occupants in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration and the Bylaws.

6.9 Architectural Review By Declarant. Until: (a) the Declarant no longer owns any property in the Community and no longer has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community; and (b) each Lot has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued, the Declarant shall have the sole right, power and authority under this Article. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant may in its sole discretion relinquish architectural control as to certain types of improvements or modifications to the Board of Directors while retaining control over all other building and construction in the Community; provided, however, any right, power or authority of the Declarant which may be relinquished to the Board of Directors prior to the termination of the rights of Declarant hereunder shall only be by a written instrument executed by Declarant and recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records and no such right, power or authority shall be relinquished by implication or otherwise. For example and without limitation, the Declarant may relinquish control over modifications of existing structures to the Board of Directors while retaining all authority to review and approve new home construction. Upon the surrender in writing of all or a portion of such right and authority, the Board of Directors shall then have such jurisdiction over architectural control under this Article as may have been relinquished by the Declarant. The establishment of an advisory architectural review committee shall not be deemed to be a relinquishment by Declarant of any of its right, power and authority hereunder.

After the termination of all rights of Declarant hereunder, the Board of Directors shall have all right, power and authority to review and approve all building and construction activity within the Community and this Article shall then be read and interpreted as if any reference to the authority of or action by the Declarant in this Article 6 were a reference to the authority of or action by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, but shall have no obligation to, establish an architectural review committee ("ARC"), which shall then have such rights, powers and authority as may be granted to it by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may grant to the ARC all of its rights, powers and authorities hereunder, or may grant the ARC such limited rights as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion. In the event that all or any portion of such rights, powers and authorities are granted to an ARC, this Article or portions thereof, as appropriate, shall then be read and interpreted as if any reference to the authority of or action by the Declarant in this Article 6 were a reference to the ARC. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Board of Directors shall have the sole right and authority to appoint and remove the members of the ARC.

Article 7 Use Restrictions and Rules

7.1 Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, with the consent of the Declarant and without a vote of the members, promulgate, modify or delete reasonable rules and regulations applicable to the Community. Such rules and regulations shall be distributed to all Owners prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless overruled, canceled or modified by a majority of the Total Association Vote, Approved Developer and the Declarant.

Any rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any rules and regulations adopted by the Master Association pursuant to the Master Declaration. In the event of a conflict between the rules and regulations of the Association and the Master Association, the stricter standard shall prevail.

7.2 Residential Use. Each Lot shall be used for residential purposes exclusively. Leasing of a Lot for residential occupancy shall not be considered a business or business activity. No trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Lot, except that the Owner or Occupant residing at the Lot may conduct business activities within the residential dwelling located thereon so long as the business activity: (a) does not otherwise violate the provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws or any rules and regulations of the Association; (b) is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound or smell from the exterior of the Lot; (c) does not unduly increase traffic flow or parking congestion; (d) conforms to all zoning requirements for the Community; (e) does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the ability of the Association to obtain insurance coverage; (f) is consistent with the residential character of the Community; (g) does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use; (h) does not threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Community; and (i) does not involve door-to-door solicitation within the Community, all as may be determined in each case in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

The Board may issue rules regarding permitted business activities. The terms "business" and "trade", as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to Persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (x) the activity is engaged in full or part-time; (y) the activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (z) a license is required for the activity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 7.2 shall be construed as prohibiting the Declarant or Approved Developer from maintaining model homes, speculative housing or sales and construction trailers on Lots within the Community.

7.3 Signs. No sign of any kind shall be erected or displayed within the Community without prior written approval under Article 6 hereof; provided, however, the following signs may be erected on any Lot without approval: (a) for-sale signs, for rent signs, and security signs not larger than 18-inches by 18-inches which are consistent with the Community-Wide Standard; (b) signs required by legal proceedings; (c) one (1) "life event" sign commemorating a birth, graduation, or similar life event for a period not to exceed seven (7) days from the date of the event; and (d) such other signs as may be permitted under the Architectural Guidelines. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board, on behalf of the Association, Approved Developer or the Declarant shall have the right to erect and display reasonable and appropriate signs including, without limitation, marketing and sales signs relating to the development, construction and sales of residential dwellings located on Lots in the Community. The Board of Directors shall also have the right to adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing the display and placement of signs in the Community, including, without limitation, imposing reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. The Board or Declarant, as the case may be, may impose a fine, in an amount determined by the Board of Directors, for the display of any sign which violates this provision and is not removed within twenty-four (24) hours after written demand is delivered to the Owner at that Lot. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any Mortgagee in possession due to foreclosure of a first Mortgage or as grantee pursuant to any deed in lieu of such foreclosure.

7.4 Vehicles; Parking.

- (a) General. Vehicles shall be parked only in appropriate parking spaces serving the Lot or other designated parking areas established by the Board, if any. The term "vehicles," as used herein, shall include, without limitation, motor homes, boats, trailers, motorcycles, minibikes, scooters, go carts, golf carts, trucks, campers, buses, vans and automobiles. The term "parking areas serving a Lot" shall refer to the number of garage parking spaces and such other areas as may be designated by the Board, if any. All parking shall be further subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board may adopt from time to time.
- (b) <u>Garages</u>. Garage doors should be kept closed at all times, except during times of ingress and egress from the garage. Garages shall be used primarily for the parking of vehicles and not for storage or other purposes. Garages shall not be converted to additional living space unless the same has been approved in accordance with Article 6 hereof.
- (c) <u>Parallel Parking Spaces</u>. The designated parallel parking spaces located throughout the Community shall be available for use by Owners, Occupants and their invitees and guests on a first-come first-served basis, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board may adopt from time to time. The parallel parking spaces are part of the Common Property and Owners and Occupants shall have no exclusive rights to use the parallel parking spaces located adjacent to their Lot.

- (d) Disabled and Stored Vehicles. No vehicle may be left upon any portion of the Community, except in an enclosed garage or other area designated by the Board, if any, for a period of more than five (5) days if it is not licensed or if it is in a condition such that it is incapable of being operated upon the public highways. After such five-day period, such vehicle may be removed from the Community by the Board of Directors or the appropriate authority of Cobb County. No towed vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, recreational vehicle, motor home, trailer, motorcycle, minibike, scooter, go cart, golf cart, commercial vehicle, camper, bus or mobile home shall be regularly stored in the Community or temporarily kept in the Community. except if kept in an enclosed garage or other area designated by the Board, if any, for periods longer than forty-eight (48) hours (the temporary removal of such vehicle from the Community shall not be sufficient to establish compliance with the forty-eight (48) consecutive hour provision provided for herein). Trucks with mounted campers which are used as a primary means of transportation shall not be considered recreational vehicles provided they are used on a regular basis for transportation and the camper is stored in the garage upon removal. No eighteen wheel trucks or the cabs of such trucks or trucks with a load capacity in excess of threequarters of a ton shall be parked, kept or stored within the Community except as may be reasonably necessary to provide service to or delivery within the Community or as otherwise permitted by the Board of Directors.
- (e) <u>Commercial Vehicles</u>. The term "<u>commercial vehicles</u>" as used in this paragraph, shall include, without limitation, any vehicle which bears any indicia of commercial use, including, but not limited to, writing, logos, ladders, ladder racks, vehicles displaying signage of a commercial or business nature or vehicles which are not primarily used for the transportation of passengers, all as determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Commercial vehicles shall not be permitted in the Community, except if kept in an enclosed garage; provided however, construction, service, and delivery vehicles shall be exempt from this provision for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to provide service to or make a delivery within the Community.
- (f) Remedies of the Association for Noncompliance. If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Common Property in violation of this Section or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, the Board or agent of the Association may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity that will do the towing and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within twelve (12) months of such notice, the Board or agent of the Association may have the vehicle towed in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the Owner or user of the vehicle. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if a vehicle parked on the Common Property, including the private Community streets, is blocking another vehicle, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked on any grassy or landscaped area, or otherwise creates a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the Board or agent of the Association may have the vehicle towed immediately. If a vehicle is towed

in accordance with this Section, the Declarant, the Association and their respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees or agents shall not be liable to any Person for any claim of damage resulting from the towing activity. The Board of Directors may exercise any and all remedies available for a violation of this Section, including, without limitation, the right to levy and collect fines against non-complying Owners or Occupants, which remedies shall be in addition to not in lieu of its authority to remove the violating vehicle.

(g) <u>Declarant and Approved Developer Exemption</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant and Approved Developer and their respective agents, subcontractors and assigns shall have the right, during regular business hours, to park vehicles on any and all streets within the Community as needed in order to facilitate the construction, development and build out of the Community.

7.5 Animals and Pets.

(a) General. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept or permitted on any Lot, with the exception of dogs, cats or other usual and common household pets in a reasonable number as determined by the Board from time to time. No pets shall be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. No dog runs, runners or exterior pens for household pets shall be erected or maintained on any Lot unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Dogs shall at all times when outside of a dwelling located on a Lot be kept on a leash or otherwise under the physical control of a responsible person; provided, however, dogs shall not be required to be on a leash while in the Community dog park. All Owners must control their pets at all times, whether or not such Owner is present, in a manner that will prevent any pet from: (a) making noise at objectionable sound levels for extended periods of time, whether continuously or intermittently; (b) endangering the health or safety of other Owners, their families, guests or invitees or creating fear in other Owners as to the safety of themselves, their families, guests or invitees; or (c) otherwise constituting a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owner(s) or Occupant(s) of any other Lot; all of the foregoing as determined by the Association in its sole discretion.

All pets shall be registered, licensed and inoculated if and as required by law. Animal control authorities shall be permitted to enter the Community to patrol and remove unlicensed pets. Animal waste deposited in the Community must be removed by the owner of the animal or the person responsible for the animal. The Association may adopt reasonable rules and regulations designed to minimize damage and disturbance to other Owners and Occupants, including without limitation, regulations requiring damage deposits, waste removal, leash controls and noise controls. The Association may require that an Owner remove any animal that presents an actual threat to the health or safety of residents and require abatement of any nuisance or unreasonable source of annoyance. In the event that the Owner fails to remove an animal as provided herein, the Association shall have the right to institute legal action to have the animal removed and all costs associated therewith, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, shall be a specific assessment against the Lot of such Owner.

- (b) <u>Dog Park</u>. The Community contains a fenced dog park, as more particularly shown on the subdivision plat(s) for the Community. No animals other than dogs shall be permitted in the dog park. The gates providing access to and from the dog park shall be closed and latched after entering or exiting the dog park. Owners shall closely supervise their dogs and have a leash in hand at all times. Dogs that attack or otherwise present a danger or interfere with the freedom of movement of Persons and/or other dogs shall constitute a nuisance and shall be removed from the dog park immediately. The Association shall have the right to prohibit from the dog park any dog it determines, in its sole discretion, constitutes a nuisance to other Persons and/or dogs. Female dogs in season shall not be permitted in the dog park. Owners are responsible for promptly removing the waste deposited by their dog in the dog park. Use of the dog park shall be subject to applicable city and/or county code provisions and such reasonable rules and regulations as may be adopted or promulgated by the Board from time to time, which may include, but shall not be limited to, rules and regulations regulating: (a) the number of dogs permitted in the dog park at one time; (b) the hours in which the dog park may be used and/or accessed; and (c) the activities permitted in the dog park.
- 7.6 Nuisance. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and Occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly or unkempt condition on a Lot. No property within the Community shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Lot to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing or material be kept that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on within the Community, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance or nuisance to any Person using any property within the Community. No plants, animals, device or thing of any sort shall be maintained in the Community whose activities or existence is in any way noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Community by other Owners and Occupants. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no exterior speaker, horn, whistle, siren, bell, amplifier or other sound device, except such devices as may be used exclusively for security purposes, screaming, shouting, excessively loud talking, fighting, raucous behavior, insobriety, playing loud music or television, use of any alarm, equipment, or device, mechanical or otherwise which creates or produces excessively loud sounds or any vibrations, or any conduct which creates any noxious or offensive odors outside of a home shall be permitted, located, used, placed, installed or maintained upon any Lot, or any portion thereof. The inconvenience complained of shall not be fanciful, or such as would affect only one of fastidious taste, but it shall be such as would affect an ordinary, reasonable person as determined in a particular instance by the Board. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, each Owner and Occupant acknowledges that the Declarant, Approved Developer and their respective agents, subcontractors or employees may engage in construction activities on one or more Lots in the Community and further agrees that such construction activities shall not be deemed a nuisance as provided herein.

- 7.7 <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken in any part of the Community.
- 7.8 Antennae. No exterior antenna, receiving dish or similar apparatus of any kind for receiving or transmitting audio or video signals shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot, unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof; provided, however, no such approval shall be necessary to install the following on a residential dwelling located on a Lot: (a) antennae designed to receive direct broadcast satellite services, including direct-to-home satellite services or antennae designed to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals via satellite, that are one meter or less in diameter; (b) antennae designed to receive video programming services via multi-point distribution services or antennae designed to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals other than via satellite that are one meter or less in diameter or diagonal measurement; or (c) antennae that are designed and intended to receive television broadcast signals. Owners shall install any permitted antennae on the rear of the residential dwelling located on a Lot unless such installation: (x) imposes unreasonable delay or prevents the use of the antennae; (y) unreasonably increases the cost of installation; or (z) an acceptable quality signal cannot otherwise be obtained.
- 7.9 Tree Removal. No trees that are more than four (4) inches in diameter at a point twelve (12) inches above the ground and no ornamental or flowering trees, including, but not limited to, dogwood trees, cottonwood trees, cherry trees or apple trees, regardless of diameter shall be removed without prior written approval under Article 6 hereof or otherwise in accordance with applicable Architectural Guidelines. The Association and Owners shall also comply with all zoning conditions and local ordinances applicable to tree removal. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Section and any zoning condition or local ordinance, the more restrictive provision shall govern. This provision shall not apply to the removal of trees by the Declarant or the Association.
- 7.10 <u>Drainage</u>. Catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, drainage easement areas and related drainage facilities are for the purpose of controlling the natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Owner may obstruct or alter the drainage flow after the location and installation of catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, drainage swales, storm sewers or storm drains without approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. In the event storm water drainage from any Lot or Lots flows across another Lot, provisions shall be made by the Owner of such downstream Lot to permit such drainage to continue, without restriction or reduction, across the downstream Lot and into the natural drainage channel or course although no specific drainage easement for such flow of water is provided on the subdivision plat for the Community recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

- 7.11 <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. All property located at street intersections shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, shrub or other planting or thing shall be placed or permitted to remain where, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, it would create an unsafe condition.
- 7.12 Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Etc. All garbage cans, recycling bins, woodpiles, swimming pool pumps, filters and related equipment, and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from the view of neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash, garbage, recycling materials and yard waste shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate. Trash, garbage, debris, yard waste or other waste matter of any kind may not be burned within the Community. Trash, recycling and yard waste receptacles shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before pick up and shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours. Trash removal, recycling and yard waste pick-up shall also be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt from time to time.
- 7.13 <u>Subdivision of Lot</u>. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Declarant and Approved Developer, however, hereby expressly reserve the right to subdivide and/or revise and re-record the subdivision plat of any Lot(s) with the consent of the Owner of the affected Lot(s) and to approve the revision and re-recording of any plat of any Lot(s) owned by any builder or developer, including, but not limited to, changing any Lot to Common Property or creating a public or private street over any Lot or property that was formerly a Lot, without the consent of any Person, other than the Owner(s) of such Lot(s).
- 7.14 <u>Firearms and Fireworks</u>. The discharge of firearms and fireworks within the Community is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes, but is not limited to, "B-B" guns, pellet guns, archery equipment and firearms of all types, regardless of size. The term "fireworks" shall include, but not be limited to, those items as listed in <u>O.C.G.A.</u> Section 25-10-1, as amended.
- 7.15 Fences. No fence or fencing type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed or maintained upon any Lot without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof or in compliance with applicable Architectural Guidelines. Guidelines detailing acceptable fence styles or specifications may be issued pursuant to Article 6, but in no event may a chain link or barbed wire fence be approved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant, Approved Developer and the Association may erect any type of fence on the Common Property or elsewhere within the Community as they may deem appropriate or as necessary to satisfy the requirements of any law, regulation or governmental entity or for the health and safety of Owners and Occupants.
- 7.16 <u>Utility Lines</u>. No overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, shall be installed within the Community.

- 7.17 Air-Conditioning Units. No window air conditioning units may be installed.
- 7.18 Lighting. Exterior lighting on any Lot visible from the street shall not be permitted, except for: (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; (b) one decorative post light; (c) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for the Community; (d) seasonal decorative lights for a reasonable period of time during the holiday season as may be determined by the Board in its sole discretion; (e) front house illumination of model homes; or (f) other lighting approved under and pursuant to Article 6 hereof or as may be otherwise permitted under applicable Architectural Guidelines. Religious or holiday symbols and decorations may be displayed on a Lot of the kinds normally displayed in single-family residential neighborhoods; provided, however, the Association may adopt reasonable time, place and manner restrictions with respect to said symbols and decorations visible from outside structures on the Lot, including, without limitation, limitations on appearance, style, size, and number.
- 7.19 Artificial Vegetation, Gardens, Play Equipment, Exterior Sculpture, Water Features and Similar Items. No artificial vegetation shall be permitted in the Community. No vegetable garden, hammock, statuary, play equipment (including, without limitation, basketball goals), exterior sculpture, fountains or water features may be erected on any Lot without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof and/or in compliance with the Architectural Guidelines established thereunder.
- 7.20 Flags. Except for flags which may be installed by the Declarant, no flags may be displayed on any Lot without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof or as may be otherwise permitted in the Architectural Guidelines established thereunder; provided, however no such approval shall be required to display the flag of the United States of America and the current flag of the State of Georgia on a Lot in accordance with the provisions of the U.S. Flag Code (36 US Code 10) and usual and customary practice. The Board of Directors of the Association may promulgate reasonable rules and regulations with respect to the display of flags in the Community, including, without limitation, regulating the size of flags that may be displayed and imposing reasonable time, place and manner restrictions pertaining to the display of the United States flag; provided, however, the Association shall not enact any rule or regulation which has the effect of prohibiting any Owner from displaying the flag of the United States of America on a Lot in the Community in contravention of the Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005.
- 7.21 <u>Conservation Equipment</u>. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed on a Lot unless as an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure or otherwise screened from view and approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof or otherwise permitted in the Architectural Guidelines.

- 7.22 Swimming Pools. No swimming pool, hot tub or water spa shall be constructed, erected or maintained upon any Lot without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof and in no event shall any above-ground swimming pool be permitted; provided, however, portable or inflatable wading pools designed for use by small children shall be permitted so long as the same are properly maintained and stored out of view from neighboring property or the public streets when not in use.
 - 7.23 Clotheslines. No exterior clotheslines of any type shall be permitted upon any Lot.
- 7.24 Entry Features. Owners shall not alter, remove or add improvements to any entry features or streetscapes constructed or erected by or on behalf of the Declarant or the Association on any Lot in connection with the original development of the Community, or any part of any easement area associated therewith without prior approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof.
- 7.25 Window Treatments. No foil or other reflective materials shall be used on any windows for sunscreens, blinds, shades or for any other purpose. The side of all window treatments, with the exception of stained wood blinds or shutters, which can be seen at any time from the outside of any structure located on a Lot shall be white, off-white or such other color(s) as may be permitted in the Architectural Guidelines. Bed sheets, blankets, towels, black plastic, paper and similar type items shall not be used as window treatments.
- 7.26 <u>Garage Sales</u>. No garage sale, carport sale, yard sale, flea market, or similar activity shall be conducted in any portion of the Community without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. If permitted, such activities shall be subject to all reasonable conditions that the Board may impose.
- 7.27 Outbuildings and Similar Structures. No structure of a temporary nature shall be erected or allowed to remain on any Lot, and no trailer, camper, shack, tent, garage, barn or other structure may be used as a residence, either temporarily or permanently, without written approval under Article 6 hereof or in compliance with applicable Architectural Guidelines. However, this Section shall not be construed to prevent Declarant, Approved Developer and those engaged in development, construction, marketing, property management or sales in the Community from using sheds, trailers or other temporary structures for any of the foregoing purposes. In addition, nothing in this Section shall be construed as preventing Declarant and Approved Developer from developing, constructing, marketing, or maintaining model homes, speculative housing or sales trailers and construction trailers on Lots in the Community.
- 7.28 <u>Decks, Patios and Porches</u>. No laundry, garments, towels or objects other than potted plants, grills and patio furniture, shall be placed on a deck, patio or porch, except as may be authorized by the Board of Directors or permitted under applicable Architectural Guidelines. Objects shall not be permitted to hang over or be attached to any deck, patio or porch or to

otherwise protrude outside of the vertical plane formed by the exterior surface of any deck, patio or porch. No deck, patio or porch shall be enclosed without prior approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Declaration.

- 7.29 <u>Traffic Regulations</u>. All vehicular traffic on any private streets in the Community shall be subject to the provisions of the state and local laws concerning operation of motor vehicles on public streets. The Association is hereby authorized to promulgate, administer, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including reasonable safety measures and speed limits. The Association shall be entitled to enforce the same by establishing such enforcement procedures as it deems appropriate, including levying and collecting fines for the violations thereof. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of state and local laws and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Association, the rules and regulations of the Association shall govern. Only drivers properly licensed to operate motor vehicles on the public roads within the State of Georgia may operate any type of motor vehicle within the Community. All vehicles of any kind and nature which are operated on the streets or alleys in the Community shall be operated in a careful, prudent, safe, and quiet manner and with due consideration for the rights of all Owners and Occupants.
- 7.30 Storm Water Detention/Retention Ponds, Creeks and Streams. Except as herein provided, all storm water retention/detention ponds, creeks and streams within the Community shall be used for aesthetic amenities and storm water drainage only; no other use thereof, including, without limitation, swimming, ice skating, playing, or use of personal flotation devices, and other recreation, shall be permitted, without the written consent of the Board of Directors. The Association, Approved Developer and/or the Declarant shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of the any storm water detention/retention pond, creek or stream within the Community. No Owner shall have any right to place rocks, stones, trash, garbage, sewage, waste water, rubbish, debris, ashes or other refuse in any body of water located within the Community. Applicable governmental agencies, the Declarant, Approved Developer and the Association, shall have the sole right to control the water level of all bodies of water located within the Community and to control the growth and eradication of plants, fowls, reptiles, animals, fish and fungi in and around any storm water detention/retention pond, creek and stream within the Community. Owners shall have no riparian or littoral rights with respect to the waters in any creek or stream within the Community and shall not be permitted to withdraw water from any creek or stream as may exist in the Community without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors.

Article 8 Restriction on Leasing

8.1 General. In order to protect the equity of the individual members, to carry out the purpose for which the Association was formed by preserving the character of the Community as a homogenous residential community of predominantly owner-occupied homes and by preventing the Community from assuming the character of a renter-occupied neighborhood, and to comply with the eligibility requirements for financing in the secondary mortgage market insofar as such criteria provide that the project be substantially owner-occupied, leasing of Lots shall be governed by the restrictions imposed by this Article.

No Owner may lease his or her Lot unless the Owner has received either a leasing permit or a hardship leasing permit, in writing, from the Board of Directors, all as may be more specifically set forth below. A leasing permit or hardship leasing permit will allow an Owner to lease his or her Lot in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Section and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association and the covenants and conditions set forth in the Declaration. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, leasing permits and hardship leasing permits shall only be valid as to a specific Owner and Lot and shall not be transferrable between Lots or subsequent Owners.

For purposes of this Article 8, leasing means the regular, exclusive occupancy of a Lot by any Person(s) other than the Owner for which the Owner received any consideration or benefit, including, but not limited to, a fee, rent, gratuity or emolument. For purposes hereof the following shall not constitute leasing: (a) occupancy of the Lot by member of the Owner's family; (b) occupancy of the Lot by a roommate of an Owner-Occupant; (c) occupancy of the Lot by one or more wards if the Lot is owned by their legal guardian, or (d) occupancy of the Lot by one or more beneficiaries of a trust if the Lot is owned in trust by the trustee.

8.2 Leasing Permits. Any Owner desiring to lease a Lot shall submit a written request regarding the same to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall automatically approve an Owner's application for a leasing permit and shall issue the same if less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Lots in the Community are leased. If twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the Lots in the Community are leased, no additional leasing permits shall be issued, except for hardship leasing permits as provided below, until that number falls below twenty-five percent (25%). Owners who have been denied a leasing permit shall be placed on a waiting list to be issued such a permit. When the number of leased Lots falls below twenty-five percent (25%), the Owner at the top of the waiting list shall be issued a leasing permit and shall have ninety (90) days to lease such Lot at which time if the Lot is not leased, the leasing permit shall be revoked and the Owner shall automatically be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the issuance of a hardship leasing permit to an Owner shall not cause such Owner to be removed from the waiting list for a leasing permit.

Leasing permits are automatically revoked upon: (a) the sale or transfer of a Lot to a third party (excluding sales or transfers to an Owner's spouse); (b) the failure of an Owner to lease his or her Lot within ninety (90) consecutive days at any time after the issuance of such leasing permit; or (c) the occupancy of the Lot by the Owner.

8.3 <u>Hardship Leasing Permits</u>. If an Owner must lease his or her Lot to avoid an undue hardship, the Owner shall apply to the Board in writing for a hardship leasing permit. The Board may issue or deny requests for hardship leasing permits in its discretion after considering the following factors, which include, but are not limited to: (a) the nature, degree and likely duration of the hardship; (b) the harm, if any, which will result to the Community if the hardship leasing permit is approved; (c) the number of hardship leasing permits which have been issued to other Owners; (d) the Owner's role in causing the hardship or ability to cure the hardship; and (e) whether previous hardship leasing permits have been issued to the Owner.

A hardship hereunder shall include, but not be limited to, the following situations: (a) an Owner dies and the Lot is being administered by his or her estate; (b) an Owner must relocate outside metropolitan Atlanta and cannot, within six months from the date that the Lot was placed on the market, sell the Lot except at a price below the current appraised market value, after making reasonable efforts to do so; or (c) an Owner takes a leave of absence or temporarily relocates out of the metropolitan Atlanta area and intends to return to reside in the Lot within one year.

Hardship leasing permits shall be valid for a term not to exceed one (1) year. Owners may reapply for additional hardship leasing permits at the expiration of a hardship leasing permit in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

- 8.4 <u>Leasing Provisions</u>. Leasing authorized under this Article shall be governed by the following provisions:
- (a) Notice. Within ten (10) days after executing a lease agreement for the lease of a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Board of Directors with the following information: (i) a copy of the fully executed lease agreement; (ii) the name of the lessee and all other people occupying the Lot; (iii) the phone number of the lessee; (iv) the Owner's address and telephone number other than at the Lot; and (v) other such information as the Board may reasonably require.
- (b) General. Lots may be leased only in their entirety; rooms, basements or fractions or portions of a Lot may not be leased without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors. All leases shall be in writing. There shall be no subleasing of Lots or assignment of leases unless approved in writing by the Board of Directors. All leases must be for an initial term of at least one (1) year, except with written approval by the Board of Directors, which shall not be unreasonably withheld in cases of undue hardship. The Owner must provide the lessee with copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines of the Association and the lease shall provide that the Owner has made available to the lessee

copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the Association's rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines.

- (c) <u>Compliance</u>; <u>Liability for Assessments</u>. If a Lot is leased or occupied in violation of this Article, then the Board of Directors shall be authorized, in addition to all other available remedies, to terminate the lease and occupancy, and to suspend all voting rights and the right to use and enjoy the Common Property, including, without limitation, the right to use and enjoy the Community recreational facilities, of the Owner and any unauthorized tenants(s) or Occupant(s). Each Owner covenants and agrees that any lease of a Lot shall contain the following language and agrees that if such language is not expressly contained therein, then such language shall be incorporated into the lease by existence of this covenant, and the lessee, by occupancy of the Lot, agrees to the applicability of this covenant and incorporation of the following language into the lease:
- (i) Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and Architectural Guidelines and Master Declaration. Lessee shall abide by and comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines adopted pursuant thereto and the Master Declaration and any Design Guidelines, as such term is defined in the Master Declaration, adopted pursuant to the Master Declaration. Lessee shall control the conduct of all other Occupants and guests of the leased Lot in order to ensure such compliance. The Owner agrees to cause all Occupants of his or her Lot to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines adopted pursuant thereto and is responsible for all violations caused by such Occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such Occupants of the Lot are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws and rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines adopted pursuant thereto.

In the event that the lessee or a person living with the lessee violates the Declaration, Bylaws, or a rule or regulation or Architectural Guideline for which a fine is imposed, notice of the violation shall be given to the Owner and the lessee, and such fine may be assessed against the lessee in accordance with the provisions contained herein. If the fine is not paid by the lessee within the time period set by the Board of Directors, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Association of the lessee's failure to pay the fine. Unpaid fines shall constitute a lien against the Lot.

Any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines adopted pursuant thereto by the lessee, any Occupant, or any guest of the lessee, is deemed to be a default under the terms of the lesse and authorizes the Owner to terminate the lease without liability and to evict the lessee in accordance with Georgia law.

(ii) <u>Liability for Assessments</u>; <u>Assignment of Rent</u>. If an Owner who is leasing his or her Lot fails to pay any general, special or specific assessment or any other charge owed to the Association for a period of more than thirty (30) days after it is due and payable, then the

delinquent Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the lessee during the period of delinquency, and, upon request by the Board of Directors, lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid general, special and specific assessments and other charges payable during and prior to the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by lessee. However, lessee need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for, monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Board of Director's request. All such payments made by lessee shall reduce, by the same amount, lessee's obligation to make monthly rental payments to lessor. If lessee fails to comply with the Board of Director's request to pay assessments or other charges, lessee shall pay to the Association all amounts authorized under the Declaration as if lessee were an Owner. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.

- (iii) <u>Right to Common Property</u>. The Owner transfers and assigns to the lessee, for the term of the lease, any and all rights and privileges that the Owner has to use the Common Property, including, without limitation, the right to use and enjoy the Community recreation facilities.
- 8.5 Mortgagee Exemption. The provisions of this Article shall not apply to any Mortgagee in possession of a Lot through foreclosure or otherwise as a result of the exercise of any rights arising out of a first priority Mortgage on a Lot.

Article 9 Insurance and Casualty Losses

9.1 Insurance Obtained by Association. The Association shall obtain the insurance coverage necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as applicable to the Community. Accordingly, the Board of Directors shall obtain casualty insurance for all insurable improvements, whether or not located on the Common Property, which the Association is obligated to maintain. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 9.1 shall be construed as obligating the Association to obtain or maintain insurance on a Lot, including, without limitation, any structures or improvements located thereon or a Lot Owner's or Occupant's personal property. Insurance obtained and maintained by the Association shall provide, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. The Board of Directors shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents, and, if reasonably available, directors' and officers' liability insurance. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least One Million and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Policies may contain a reasonable deductible as determined by the Board of Directors.

In addition to the other insurance coverage required by this Section, the Board of Directors shall obtain workers compensation insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable law, and, if available at reasonable cost, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, a fidelity bond or employee dishonesty coverage covering directors, officers, employees and other Persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds. The amount of fidelity or employees dishonesty coverage, if obtained, shall be determined in the director's best business judgment and shall satisfy local, state or federal requirements for such coverage, if any. Such coverage, if obtained, shall also contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of Persons serving without compensation and shall not be subject to cancellation, nonrenewal or substantial modification without at least ten (10) days' prior written notice to the Association. The Association shall also obtain construction code endorsements, steam boiler coverage and flood insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the applicable requirements of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

- 9.2 <u>Insurance Obtained by Lot Owners</u>. By virtue of taking title to a Lot subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner acknowledges that the Association has no obligation to provide any insurance for any portion of a Lot and each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each Owner shall obtain and maintain the following: (a) all-risk casualty insurance on the Lot and all structures, dwellings and improvements located or constructed thereon, which shall cover loss or damage by fire and other hazards commonly insured under an all-risk policy and, if reasonably available, shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard; (b) insurance covering an Owner's or Occupant's personal property; and (c) a liability policy covering damage or injury occurring on a Lot. The policies required hereunder shall be in effect at all times.
- 9.3 Damage and Destruction -- Insured by Association. Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to any portion of any structure or improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this Section, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. Any damage or destruction to property covered by insurance written in the name of the Association shall be repaired or reconstructed unless, within sixty (60) days after the casualty, a proposal not to repair or reconstruct such property is approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote, Approved Developer and the Declarant. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within such period, then the

period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the members of the Association, levy a special assessment against the Owner of each Lot. Additional assessments may be made in like manner, as necessary, at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction. If the funds available from insurance exceed the costs of repair or reconstruction or if the improvements are not repaired or reconstructed, such excess funds shall be deposited to the benefit of the Association. In the event that it should be determined by the Association in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, the property shall thereafter be maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration.

9.4 <u>Damage and Destruction -- Insured by Owners</u>. The damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any structure or improvement located on a Lot shall be repaired or reconstructed by the Owner thereof in a manner consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Article 6 of this Declaration. Said repair or reconstruction shall be completed within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction occurred or, where repairs cannot be completed within seventy-five (75) days, they shall be commenced within such period and shall be completed within a reasonable period of time thereafter. Alternatively, the Owner of the Lot may elect to demolish all improvements on the Lot and remove all debris and ruins therefrom within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction occurred and thereafter maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration. The Owner shall pay all costs which are not covered by insurance proceeds.

Article 10 Easements

- 10.1 General. Each Lot shall be subject to those easements, if any, shown or set forth on the recorded subdivision plat(s) for the Community, as amended from time to time, as well as the easements now or hereafter established by the Approved Developer or Declarant in this Declaration or by any other document recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia.
- 10.2 Easements for Use and Enjoyment. Every Owner of a Lot shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment by the Owner and the Occupants of the Owner's Lot in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot, subject to the following:
- (a) the right of the Association to suspend the right of an Owner to use and enjoy the Common Property, including, without limitation, the right to use and enjoy the Community

recreational facilities for any period during which any past due assessment against any Lot of the Owner remains unpaid; and, for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations or Architectural Guidelines;

- (b) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of Community recreational facilities, to limit the number of Persons who may use the Community recreational facilities and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by authorized users and their guests and invitees;
- (c) the right of the Association to deactivate any card access system, gate code or other method used in connection with the Gate System which restricts vehicular access to the Community for any period during which any past due assessment against any Lot of the Owner remains unpaid; and, for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations or Architectural Guidelines;
- (d) the right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Property, or any portion thereof, or for constructing, repairing or improving any facilities located or to be located thereon and, upon the affirmative vote of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots and the consent of Declarant and Approved Developer, to give as security for the payment of any such loan a Mortgage conveying all or any portion of the Common Property; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such Mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant, Approved Developer or any Owner or the holder of any Mortgage encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community (regardless of any contrary provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association, the exercise of any rights by the holder of such Mortgage in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant, Approved Developer or any Owner or the holder of any Mortgage encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community);
- (e) the right of the Association, acting through the Board of Directors and without a vote of the members, to dedicate or grant licenses, permits, easements and rights-of-way over, under and through the Common Property;
- (f) the right of the Association to transfer or convey title to all or any portion of the Common Property upon the approval of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots and the consent of Declarant and Approved Developer;
- (g) all other rights of the Association, Declarant, Approved Developer, Owners and Occupants set forth in this Declaration, in any Supplementary Declaration, or in any deed conveying Common Property to the Association; and

- (h) all encumbrances and other matters shown by the public records affecting title to the Common Property.
- 10.3 Easements for Utilities. There is hereby reserved to the Approved Developer and granted to the Declarant and the Association a blanket easement upon, across, above and under all property within the Community for access, ingress, egress, installing, altering, repairing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving the Community or any portion thereof, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, water quality vault, telephone and electricity, as well as storm drainage and any other service such as, but not limited to, a master television antenna system, cable television system, or security system which the Approved Developer, Declarant or the Association might decide to have installed to serve the Community. Declarant, Approved Developer, the Association or their respective designees, as the case may be, may alter drainage and water flow, install, repair, replace and maintain or authorize the installation, repair, replacement and maintenance of such wires, conduits, cables and other equipment related to the providing of any utility or service. Should any party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, Approved Developer, Declarant or the Board shall have the right to grant such easement. The Board of Directors, without a vote of the Owners, shall have the right, power and authority to grant permits, licenses, utility easements or other easements under, through, or over the Lots and/or the Common Property as may be reasonably necessary to or desirable for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Community.
- 10.4 Easement for Emergency Entry. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon any Lot for emergency, security and safety reasons and to inspect for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Declaration, any Supplementary Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations of the Association and Architectural Guidelines, which right may be exercised by any member of the Board, the officers, agents, employees, and managers of the Association and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter upon any Lot to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire, slope erosion or other hazard in an emergency situation and in the event an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition within a reasonable period of time after requested by the Association, but shall not authorize entry into any single family residential dwelling located on a Lot without the permission of the Owner.
- 10.5 Easement for Association Maintenance. Approved Developer hereby grants to the Association a perpetual easement across the exterior portions of all Lots as may be reasonably necessary for the maintenance required hereunder. Such maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of Lots, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property and damage shall be repaired by the Association or its contractor(s) at their sole cost and expense.

- 10.6 Easement for Lot Maintenance. Approved Developer hereby reserves for the benefit of each Lot reciprocal appurtenant easements between adjacent Lots for the purpose of maintaining or repairing the improvements located on each Lot which easement shall extend to a distance of three (3) feet as measured from any point on the common boundary between the Lots. The easement shall be used only for such period of time as is reasonably necessary in order to complete the maintenance or repair. The Owner exercising this easement right shall be liable for the prompt repair of any damage to the Lot over which this easement is exercised which arises out of such maintenance or repair work.
- 10.7 Easement for Entry Features and Streetscapes. There is hereby reserved to the Approved Developer and granted to the Declarant and the Association an easement for ingress, egress, installation, construction, landscaping and maintenance of entry features and similar streetscapes for the Community, over and upon any portion of a Lot containing such entry features or streetscapes as may be more fully described on the recorded subdivision plat(s) for the Community. The easement and right herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around entry features and streetscapes and the right to grade the land under and around the same.
- 10.8 Easement for Drainage. There is hereby reserved by the Approved Developer and granted to the Declarant and the Association an easement upon, across, above and under all storm water drainage easement areas as shown on the recorded subdivision plat(s) for the Community for access, ingress, egress, installing, altering, repairing, replacing, and maintaining the storm water drainage system and related facilities serving the Community or any portion thereof. This easement shall include the right to construct and maintain catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, water quality vaults, bioretention facilities, drainage swales, storm sewers, storm drains, sloping banks, cut or fill. In addition, there is hereby reserved to the Approved Developer and granted to the Declarant and the Association a blanket easement across all Lots for creating and maintaining satisfactory drainage in the Community; provided, however, such easement area shall not include any portion of a Lot within the outer perimeter of the dwelling structure. It is anticipated that increased storm water run-off across downstream Lots will result from the construction of impervious surface within or adjacent to the Community. Neither the Declarant, Approved Developer, the Association nor any builder or Owner constructing according to plans and specifications approved under Article 6 hereof shall have any liability to any Owner due to the increased flow or increased velocity of surface water resulting from approved construction within the Community.
- 10.9 Easement During Construction and Sale Period. Notwithstanding any provisions now or hereafter contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, use restrictions, rules and regulations, Architectural Guidelines, and amendments or revisions thereto, Approved Developer reserves and grants to Declarant an easement across the Community to maintain and carry on, upon such portion of the Community as it may reasonably deem necessary, such facilities and activities as in its sole opinion may be required or convenient for its development, construction and sales activities related to property hereby and hereafter

subjected to this Declaration or for the development, construction or benefit of any neighboring property, including, but not limited to: (a) the right to place or authorize the placement of marketing and directional signs on Lots or right-of-way(s) at street intersections within the Community; (b) the right of access, ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and construction activities over, under, on or in the Community, including, without limitation, any Lot; (c) the right to tie into any portion of the Community with streets, driveways, paths, parking areas and walkways; (d) the right to tie into and/or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain and repair any device which provides utility or similar services including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, cable television, natural gas, water, sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community; (e) the right to grant easements over, under, in or on the Community, including without limitation the Lots, for the benefit of neighboring properties for the purpose of tying into and/or otherwise connecting and using sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community; (f) the right to convert Lots (with the consent of the Owner thereof) to Common Property and/or streets; (g) the right to construct utilities, recreational facilities and other improvements on Common Property; (h) the right to carry on sales and promotional activities in the Community; and (i) the right to construct and operate business offices, signs, construction trailers, model residences and sales offices. Declarant and Approved Developer may use residences, offices or other buildings owned or leased by Declarant or Approved Developer as model residences and sales offices. This Section shall not be amended without the written consent of Declarant and Approved Developer until their rights have terminated as provided in Sections 11.5 and 11.6 hereof.

10.10 Easement for Private Streets, Sidewalks and Signs. Approved Developer hereby grants, conveys, declares, creates, imposes and establishes a perpetual, non-exclusive right-of-way easement for vehicular and pedestrian access, ingress and egress over and across the private streets and sidewalks located within the Community. At such time as one or more subdivision plats for the property submitted to this Declaration are recorded in the real estate records of the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, any reference to private streets shall then and thereafter mean a reference to the private streets as actually constructed and depicted on the recorded subdivision plat. The right-of-way easement herein granted shall permit joint usage of such easement by (a) the Owners and Occupants, (b) the legal representatives, successors and assigns of the Owners, and (c) invitees and licensees of the Owners and Occupants. Approved Developer hereby expressly reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, all rights and privileges incident to the ownership of the fee simple estate of any right-of-way easement area which are not inconsistent with the rights and privileges herein granted, including, without limitation, the right to maintain one or more proprietary signs on the easement area and the right to grant additional non-exclusive easements to third parties, over, under and across the easement area. Approved Developer hereby reserves for itself and grants to the Declarant and the Association as Common Property, the perpetual nonexclusive right and easement upon, over and across those utility easement areas and private streets, roads and sidewalks for the installation, maintenance, and use of such streets and roads, sidewalks, traffic directional signs, grading for proper drainage of said streets and roads, and related activities and improvements.

Article 11 General Provisions

11.1 Enforcement. Each Owner and Occupant shall comply strictly with the Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions and Architectural Guidelines, as amended or modified from time to time, and with the covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions set forth in this Declaration, the recorded subdivision plat(s) for the Community and in the deed to such Owner's Lot, if any. Declarant or the Association, acting through the Board of Directors, may impose fines or other sanctions for violations of the foregoing in accordance with this Declaration and the Bylaws, which fines shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments; provided, however, only one fine may be imposed for a single violation such that an Owner or Occupant may not be fined by Declarant and the Association for the same violation; and provided, further, Declarant or the Association, as the case may be, may count each day a violation continues after notice thereof as a separate violation. In the event fines or other sanctions are imposed by Declarant, Declarant shall have any and all rights to collect such fines or sanctions (which fines shall be payable to the Association) and any related charges, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees actually incurred and costs of collection, in the same manner as provided herein for the collection of assessments by the Association acting through the Board.

The failure to comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws, use restrictions, the rules and regulations and the Architectural Guidelines shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due for damages, injunctive relief or both, and shall include, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, maintainable by the Association, Declarant or an aggrieved Owner. The failure by the Declarant, the Association or any Owner to enforce any of the foregoing shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. Declarant or the Association shall have the right to record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions or Architectural Guidelines and to assess the cost of recording and removing such notice against the Lot of the Owner who is responsible (or whose Occupants are responsible) for violating the foregoing.

- 11.2 Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions and Architectural Guidelines which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all Occupants and the guests and invitees of Owners and Occupants. The Owner shall be responsible for insuring that the Occupants, guests, invitees and licensees of the Owner and Occupant strictly comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions and Architectural Guidelines. Fines may be levied against Owners or Occupants. If a fine is first levied against an Occupant and is not timely paid, the fine may then be levied against the Owner.
- 11.3 <u>Self-Help</u>. In addition to any other remedies provided for herein, the Association, acting through the Board, Declarant or their respective duly authorized agents shall have the power to enter upon any Lot or any other portion of the Community to abate or remove any

structure, improvement, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, the Bylaws, the rules and regulations, the use restrictions or the Architectural Guidelines. Unless an emergency situation exists, the violating Owner shall be given ten (10) days' written notice of the intent to exercise self-help. Notwithstanding the foregoing, vehicles may be towed after giving any notice required herein or by law. All costs of self-help, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, shall be assessed against the Lot of the violating Owner as a specific assessment.

- 11.4 <u>Duration</u>. The covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements contained in this Declaration shall run with and bind the Community, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association, Declarant and any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent provided by law; provided, however, if and to the extent that Georgia law limits the period during which covenants restricting land to certain uses may run, any provisions of this Declaration affected thereby shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by such law, after which time, any such provision(s) shall be: (a) automatically extended for successive periods of twenty (20) years (or the maximum period allowed by applicable law, if less), unless a written instrument signed by the then Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots has been recorded within the year immediately preceding the beginning of a twenty (20) year renewal period agreeing to change such provisions, in whole or in part, or to terminate the same, in which case this Declaration shall be modified or terminated to the extent specified therein; or (b) extended, renewed, modified or terminated as otherwise provided herein or by applicable law.
- 11.5 <u>Termination of Rights of Approved Developer</u>. The rights of Approved Developer to take, approve or consent to actions under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws shall cease and be of no further force and effect upon the earlier of: (a) the date that the Approved Developer no longer owns any property in the Community and no longer has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community as provided herein and a certificate of occupancy has been issued for the residential dwelling located on each Lot in the Community; or (b) the date of recording by Approved Developer in the Cobb County, Georgia land records of a written instrument terminating all of Declarant's rights hereunder.
- 11.6 Termination of Rights of Declarant. The rights of Declarant to take, approve or consent to actions under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws shall cease and be of no further force and effect upon the earlier of: (a) the date that the Declarant no longer owns any property in the Community and no longer has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community as provided herein and a certificate of occupancy has been issued for the residential dwelling located on each Lot in the Community; or (b) the date of recording by Declarant in the Cobb County, Georgia land records of a written instrument terminating all of Declarant's rights hereunder.

11.7 Amendment.

(a) By the Declarant or Approved Developer. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant or Approved Developer if such amendment is: (i) necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (ii) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to this Declaration; (iii) required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, without limitation, the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; or (iv) necessary to enable any governmental agency or private insurance company, including without limitation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; provided, however, such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Owner to use his or her Lot without the consent of the affected Owner.

Further, Declarant or Approved Developer may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided, however, such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Owner to use his or her Lot without the consent of the affected Owner.

- (b) By the Board. The Board of Directors, with the written consent of the Approved Developer and the Declarant, and without a vote of the members may amend this Declaration: (i) to elect to be governed by and thereafter comply with the provisions of the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-220 et seq.; (ii) to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (iii) to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to this Declaration; (iv) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, without limitation, the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; or (v) to enable any governmental agency or private insurance company, including without limitation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; provided, however, such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Owner to use his or her Lot without the consent of the affected Owner.
- (c) By the Association. In addition to the above, this Declaration may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent or any combination thereof of Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots, Approved Developer and Declarant. Amendments to this Declaration shall become effective upon recordation unless a later effective date is specified therein.

The consent of Approved Developer and Declarant to any amendment shall be evidenced by the execution of said amendment by Approved Developer and Declarant. The consent of the requisite number of Owners to any amendment shall be evidenced by the execution of the amendment by said Owners, or, in the alternative, the sworn statement of the President or any Vice President or the Secretary of the Association attached to or incorporated in the amendment, which sworn statement states unequivocally that the consent of the required number of Owners was obtained and that any notices required by this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and Georgia law were given. The amendments authorized by this Section may be of uniform or non-uniform application and Owners shall be deemed to have agreed that the Declaration may be amended as provided herein and that any rule of law requiring unanimous approval of amendments having a non-uniform application shall not apply.

- 11.8 <u>Gender and Grammar</u>. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the use of the masculine or feminine pronoun shall include the neuter, masculine and feminine.
- 11.9 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of this Declaration to any Person or to any property shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of any provision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are declared to be severable.
- 11.10 <u>Captions</u>. The captions of each Article and Section hereof, as to the contents of each Article and Section, are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer.
- 11.11 No Merger. There shall be no merger of any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements created or reserved hereby with the fee estate of Approved Developer, by reason of the fact that Approved Developer may own or hold the estate or interest both encumbered and benefited by such covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements and no such merger shall occur unless and until Approved Developer, while owning all of the estate or interests shall execute a written statement or instrument affecting such merger and shall duly record the same.
- 11.12 <u>Preparer</u>. This Declaration was prepared by David N. Dorough, Jr. and Katharine A. Dyott, Dorough & Dorough, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 160 Clairemont Avenue, Suite 650, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

- 11.13 Notices. Except as otherwise specifically provided in such document(s), as the case may be, notices provided for in this Declaration or the Articles or Bylaws shall be in writing, and shall be addressed to an Owner at the address of the Lot and to the Approved Developer, Declarant and to the Association at the address of their respective registered agent on file with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia. Any Owner may designate a different address, including an electronic mail address, for notices to such Owner by giving written notice to the Association. Owners shall keep the Association advised of their current address and phone number(s) where they can be reached. Notices addressed as above shall be mailed by United States Registered or Certified Mail, return receipt requested, postage paid, or delivered in person, including delivery by Federal Express or other reputable commercial courier service, or issued electronically in accordance with Chapter 12 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act". The time period in which a response to any such notice must be given or any action taken with respect thereto, shall commence to run from the date of personal delivery or date of receipt shown on the return receipt. Rejection or other refusal to accept or the inability to deliver because of changed address of which no notice was given shall be deemed to be receipt of the notice sent.
- 11.14 <u>No Discrimination</u>. No action shall be taken by the Approved Developer, Declarant, the Association or the Board of Directors which would discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability.
- 11.15 Security. ALL OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, GUESTS, LICENSEES, AND INVITEES, AS APPLICABLE, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT APPROVED DEVELOPER, DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, IF ANY, 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 APPROVED DEVELOPER, DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, IF ANY, ARE NOT INSURERS OR PROVIDERS OF SAFETY OR SECURITY AND SHALL HAVE NO DUTY TO PROVIDE ANY SAFETY OR SECURITY ON THE COMMON PROPERTY OR OTHERWISE; AND THAT EACH OWNER, OCCUPANT, GUEST, LICENSEE, AND INVITEE ASSUMES ALL RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AND FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT APPROVED DEVELOPER, DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, IF ANY, 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 OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE RELATIVE TO ANY SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED.

- 11.16 Indemnification. To the fullest extent allowed by the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, and in accordance therewith, the Association shall indemnify every current and former officer, director and committee member against any and all expenses, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by any officer, director or committee member in connection with any action, suit or other proceeding (including settlement of any suit or proceeding, if approved by the then Board of Directors) to which such officer, director or committee member may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director or committee member. The officers, directors and committee members shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct or bad faith. The officers, directors and committee members shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer, director and committee member free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any officer, director or committee member, or former officer, director or committee member, may be entitled. The Association shall maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such coverage is reasonably available.
- 11.17 Notice of Sale or Acquisition. Owners must keep the Association apprised of their name, address and telephone number. Accordingly, prior to the sale of a Lot, the Owner shall provide the Association with written notice of the name of the purchaser and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Upon acquisition of a Lot, each new Owner shall provide the Association with written notice of the name, mailing address and telephone number of the Owner, the names of the Occupants of the Lot, if any, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. All Owners shall notify the Association of any change in name, address or telephone number.
- 11.18 Agreements. Subject to the prior approval of Approved Developer and Declarant, all agreements and determinations, including settlement agreements regarding litigation involving the Association, lawfully authorized by the Board of Directors, shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns and others having an interest in the Community or the privilege of possession and enjoyment of any part of the Community.
- 11.19 <u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Declarant and the Board of Directors, with the consent of the Declarant, shall be authorized to grant individual variances from 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 Community.

Article 12 <u>Dispute Resolution and Limitation on Litigation</u>

12.1 Agreement to Encourage Resolution of Disputes Without Litigation.

- (a) <u>Bound Parties</u>. The Declarant, Approved Developer, the Association and its officers, directors, and committee members, Owners, and all other Persons subject to this Declaration, and any Person not otherwise subject to this Declaration who agrees to submit to this Article (collectively "<u>Bound Parties</u>"), agree that it is in the best interest of all concerned to encourage the amicable resolution of disputes involving the Community without the emotional and financial costs of litigation. Accordingly, each Bound Party agrees not to file suit in any court with respect to a Claim described in subsection (b), unless and until it has first submitted such Claim to the alternative dispute resolution procedures set forth herein in a good faith effort to resolve such Claim.
- (b) <u>Claims</u>. As used in this Article, the term "Claim" shall refer to any claim, grievance, or dispute arising out of or relating to:
- (i) the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the Declaration, Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Governing Documents");
- (ii) the rights, obligations, and duties of any Bound Party under the Governing Documents; or
- (iii) the design or construction of improvements within the Community, other than matters of aesthetic judgment under Article 6 hereof, which shall not be subject to review.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following shall not be considered "Claims" unless all parties to the matter otherwise agree to submit the matter to the procedures set forth in Section 12.2:

- (iv) any action brought by the Association to collect assessments or other amounts due from any Owners;
- (v) any action brought by the Association to obtain a temporary restraining order (or emergency equitable relief) and such ancillary relief as the court may deem necessary in order to maintain the status quo and preserve the Association's ability to enforce the provisions of this Declaration;

- (vi) any action that does not include the Declarant, Approved Developer, an affiliate of the Declarant or Approved Developer, or the Association as a party, if such action asserts a Claim that would constitute a cause of action independent of the Governing Documents;
- (vii) any dispute which affects the material rights or obligations of a party who is not a Bound Party and has not agreed to submit to the procedures set forth in Section 12.2;
- (viii) any suit as to which any applicable statute of limitations would expire within 180 days of giving the Notice required by Section 12.2(a), unless the party or parties against whom the Claim is made agree to toll, or extend, the Claim's statute of limitations to comply with this Article;
- (ix) any action brought by the Association to enforce the Governing Documents;
 - (x) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation;
 - (xi) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings against it; and
- (xii) actions brought by the Association against any contractor, vendor, or supplier of goods or services arising out of a contract for goods or services to which the Association is a party.

12.2 Dispute Resolution Procedures.

- (a) <u>Notice</u>. The Bound Party asserting a Claim ("<u>Claimant</u>") against another Bound Party ("<u>Respondent</u>") shall give written notice ("<u>Notice</u>") by mail or personal delivery to each Respondent and to the Board, in accordance with Section 11.13 of this Declaration, stating plainly and concisely:
- (i) the nature of the Claim, including the Persons involved and the Respondent's role in the Claim;
- (ii) the legal basis of the Claim (i.e., the specific authority out of which the Claim arises);
 - (iii) the Claimant's proposed resolution or remedy; and
- (iv) the Claimant's desire to meet with the Respondent to discuss, in good faith, ways to resolve the Claim.
- (b) <u>Negotiation</u>. The Claimant and Respondent shall make every reasonable effort to meet in person and confer for the purpose of resolving the Claim by good faith negotiation.

Within sixty (60) days after Respondent's receipt of the Notice, Respondent and Claimant will meet at a mutually acceptable place and time to discuss the Claim. If requested in writing, accompanied by a copy of the Notice, the Board may appoint a representative to assist the parties in negotiating a resolution of the Claim. If the Claim involves any portion of the Community, including, without limitation, the Common Property, Respondent and Respondent's representatives shall have full access to the portion of the Community that is subject to the Claim for the purpose of inspecting such portion of the Community. If Respondent elects to take corrective action, Claimant will provide Respondent and Respondent's representatives and agents with full access to the Community to take and complete corrective action.

- (c) Settlement. Any settlement of the Claim through negotiation shall be documented in writing and signed by the parties. If any party thereafter fails to abide by the terms of such agreement, then any other party may file suit or initiate proceedings to enforce such agreement without the need to comply again with the procedures set forth in this Section. In such event, the party taking action to enforce the agreement or award shall, upon prevailing, be entitled to recover from the non-complying party (or if more than one non-complying party, from all such parties in equal proportions) all costs incurred in enforcing such agreement or award, including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred.
- (d) <u>Binding Arbitration of Claims</u>. If the parties have not resolved the Claim through negotiation within ninety (90) days of the date of the Notice (or within such other agreed upon period), the Claimant shall have thirty (30) additional days to submit the Claim to arbitration in accordance with this Subsection.
- (i) <u>Arbitrator</u>. A company actively involved in the dispute resolution business and mutually agreeable to all parties shall conduct the arbitration. In the event all parties cannot agree on an arbitration company, the arbitration shall be conducted by and through the American Arbitration Association. All arbitrations shall be conducted by a single arbitrator appointed by the applicable arbitration company.
- (ii) General Rules. The arbitration hearing shall be conducted in the metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia area. All claims and causes of actions of all persons and entities entitled to enforce (or bound by) this arbitration provision shall be asserted in a single arbitration proceeding, and multiple parties may be joined in the arbitration proceeding so that all disputes may be resolved in one forum. No claim or cause of action may be asserted that would be barred by the statute of limitations or the statute or repose.
- (iii) <u>Discovery Rules</u>. In any arbitration proceeding, requests for production of documents may be served by each party, and non-privileged, responsive documents that would be discoverable under Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (were the claims and causes of action being asserted in the United States District Court) shall be produced. Depositions may be taken as allowed by the arbitrator, which arbitrator shall reasonably limit the number of depositions in order to avoid unnecessary or excessive expense, delay or harassment.

- (iv) <u>Arbitrator's Decision</u>. The arbitrator shall be instructed to issue a written decision identifying with specificity each claim or cause of action asserted or resolved in any arbitration, and the legal principles of *res judicata* and collateral estoppel shall be applicable to any arbitration award. Any arbitration award may be confirmed and enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (v) Enforceability. This arbitration provision is expressly intended to benefit and be enforceable by each Person referenced in this Article whether or not such Person is bound by this arbitration provision. Any attempt by any such Person to enforce this arbitration provision shall constitute conclusive evidence of its intent to be bound hereby. Any portion of this provision that may be held to be unenforceable shall be severable from the balance of this provision so that the remainder of this provision shall remain in full force and effect.
- (vi) Acknowledgement. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE FOREGOING AND AGREES TO SUBMIT ANY DISPUTES OR CLAIMS OR CONTROVERSIES ARISING OUT OF THE MATTERS INCLUDED WITHIN THIS ARTICLE TO BINDING ARBITRATION AS SPECIFIED HEREIN.
- 12.3 <u>Initiation of Proceedings by Association</u>. In addition to compliance with the foregoing alternative dispute resolution procedures, if applicable, the Association shall not commence or prosecute any Claim unless first approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote, which approval must be accompanied by the approval of a reasonable arbitration budget and the approval of a special assessment in an amount equal to the arbitration budget to be levied equally among the Lots and collected before commencement of any action. This Section shall not apply to those actions exempted in Section 12.2(b)(iv) (xii). This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is made unilaterally by the Declarant as provided herein or is approved by the percentage of votes necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.
- 12.4 <u>Disputes Between Owners</u>. Unless otherwise required under the Declaration, the Association is not responsible for resolving, nor is it obligated to serve as an intermediary with respect to, dispute between Owners. Owners are encouraged to utilize alternative dispute resolution procedures in an attempt to resolve disputes with other Owners.
- 12.5 Contractor Disputes Disclosure. GEORGIA LAW CONTAINS IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS YOU MUST FOLLOW BEFORE YOU MAY FILE A LAWSUIT OR OTHER ACTION FOR DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR WHO CONSTRUCTED, IMPROVED, OR REPAIRED YOUR HOME. NINETY DAYS BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR LAWSUIT OR OTHER ACTION, YOU MUST SERVE THE CONTRACTOR A WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS YOU ALLEGE ARE DEFECTIVE. UNDER THE LAW, A CONTRACTOR HAS THE

OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN OFFER TO REPAIR OR PAY FOR THE DEFECTS OR BOTH. YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO ACCEPT ANY OFFER MADE BY A CONTRACTOR. THERE ARE STRICT DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES UNDER STATE LAW, AND FAILURE TO FOLLOW THEM MAY AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO FILE A LAWSUIT OR OTHER ACTION.

The term "Contractor," as used in this subparagraph, shall include Declarant, Approved Developer and all other parties defined as "Contractor" in O.C.G.A. Section 8-2-36(5).

[SIGNATURES BEGIN ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHER under seal, this 1245 day of		ein has caused this instrument to be executed _, 2015.
	DECLARANT:	WEEKLEY HOMES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
	By: Name: Title:	John Burchfield General Counsel
Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:		

NOTARY PUBLIC

[AFFIX NOTARY SEAL]

Donna E Monroe Notary Public State of Texas My Commission Expires; January 4, 2017

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Approved De executed under seal, this 124 day of	veloper herein has caused this instrument to be 2015.
APPROVED DEVELOPER:	CLASSIC NEIGHBORHOOD – FC HOLDINGS, LLC, a Texas limited liability company
Ву:	DM Weekley Inc., a Delaware corporation, its Sole Manager
By: Name: Title:	Heather Humphrey Chief Financial Officer

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 1417

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Founder under the Master Declaration hereby consents to the foregoing Declaration and executes this instrument under seal this 24 day of 2015.

FOUNDER:

HALPERN ENTERPRISES INC., a

Georgia corporation

By:

Print Name:

Title:

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[CORPORATE SEAL]

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 1. 27.17

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DARA W TABB
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 27, 2017
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

CONSENT OF LIEN HOLDER

FIRST CONTINENTAL INVESTMENT CO., LTD., a Texas limited partnership ("Lender"), as holder of that certain Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement, dated August 21, 2014 and recorded August 22, 2014 in Deed Book 15180, Page 1823, et seq., Cobb County, Georgia land records (hereinafter referred to as "Deed to Secure Debt"), encumbering all or a portion of the property described in Exhibit "A" hereof, hereby consents to the Declaration and agrees that any foreclosure of the security title and interest under the Deed to Secure Debt or any other instrument that Lender holds shall be subject to the Declaration and any amendments thereto with respect to the property described in Exhibit "A".

This 6 day of March	, 2015.
LENDER:	FIRST CONTINENTAL INVESTMENT CO., LTD., a Texas limited partnership
By: Print Name: Title:	TODO AIREN (SEAL) EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of:

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

[NOTARY SEAL]

GINGER PAWLAK
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
May 14, 2017

EXHIBIT "A" **Property Description**

Belmont Village - Tract A Part of Belmont Hills Redevelopment, Parcel C

ALL That tract or parcel of land lying or being in Land Lot 490 of the 17th District, City of Smyrna, Cobb

County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies) and the northwesterly right-of-way line of Fleming Street (right-of-way varies) said point being the POINT OF COMMENCEMENT;

THENCE along the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies) North 44 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds West, a distance of 161.25 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing along the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies) North 43 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds West, a distance of 142.27 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing along the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies) North 46 degrees 28 minutes 53 seconds West, a distance of 100.73 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing along the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies) North 42 degrees 59 minutes 37 seconds West, a distance of 14.90 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE leaving the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road proceed South 44 degrees 51 minutes 51 seconds West, a distance of 86.48 feet to a point;

THENCE northwesterly a distance of 108.35 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 1659.91 feet and being subtended by a chord which bears North 41 degrees 35 minutes 37 seconds West, for a distance of 108.34 feet, to a point;

THENCE South 63 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 69.27 feet to a point;

THENCE North 26 degrees 00 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 5.00 feet to a point;

THENCE South 63 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 30.00 feet to a point;

THENCE North 26 degrees 00 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 101.00 feet to a point;

THENCE North 63 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 38.60 feet to a point;

THENCE northeasterly a distance of 16.31 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 100.00 feet and being subtended by a chord which bears North 59 degrees 19 minutes 35 seconds East, for a distance of 16.29 feet, to a point;

THENCE North 54 degrees 39 minutes 16 seconds East, a distance of 21.76 feet to a point;

THENCE North 35 degrees 39 minutes 19 seconds West, a distance of 7.79 feet to a point;

THENCE North 54 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds East, a distance of 85.98 feet to a point on the southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies);

THENCE along the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road southeasterly a distance of 170.67 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 1573.80 feet and being subtended by a chord which bears South 38 degrees 39 minutes 13 seconds East, for a distance of 170.58 feet, to a point;

THENCE continuing along the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road South 42 degrees 59 minutes 37 seconds East, a distance of 44.26 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said tract or parcel of land containing 28,346 Square Feet or 0.651 Acres, more or less.

TOGETHER WITH:

Belmont Village - Tract B (Remainder)
Part of Belmont Hills Redevelopment, Parcel C

ALL That tract or parcel of land lying or being in Land Lots 489, 490, 519 & 520 of the 17th District, City of Smyrna, Cobb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies) and the northwesterly right-of-way line of Fleming Street (right-of-way varies) said point being the <u>POINT OF BEGINNING</u>;

THENCE along the said northwesterly right-of-way line of Fleming Street South 69 degrees 25 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 152.35 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing along the said northwesterly right-of-way line of Fleming Street South 68 degrees 32 minutes 31 seconds West, a distance of 466.94 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing along the said northwesterly right-of-way line of Fleming Street South 68 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 148.68 feet to a point at the intersection of the mitered right-of-way of Belmont Place (64-foot right-of-way);

THENCE leaving the said northwesterly right-of-way line of Fleming Street proceed along the said mittered right-of-way line of Belmont Place (64-foot right-of-way) North 66 degrees 18 minutes 27 seconds West, a distance of 19.75 feet to a point;

THENCE along the northeasterly right-of-way line of Belmont Place (64-foot right-of-way) North 21 degrees 19 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 70.59 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing along the northeasterly right-of-way line of Belmont Place a distance of 178.62 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 1034.00 feet and being subtended by a chord which bears North 26 degrees 16 minutes 12 seconds West, for a distance of 178.40 feet, to a point;

THENCE continuing along the northeasterly right-of-way line of Belmont Place North 31 degrees 13 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 194.77 feet to a point;

THENCE continuing along the northeasterly right-of-way line of Belmont Place northwesterly a distance of 88.01 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 966.00 feet and being subtended by a chord which bears North 28 degrees 36 minutes 31 seconds West, for a distance of 87.98 feet, to a point;

THENCE continuing along the northeasterly right-of-way line of Belmont Place North 25 degrees 59 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 69.18 feet to a point on the mitered right-of-way of Belmont Place (64-foot right-of-way) and a Future Road (90-foot right-of-way);

THENCE along the said mitered right-of-way North 19 degrees 53 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 64.59 feet to a point on the southeasterly right-of-way of a Future Road (90-foot right-of-way);

THENCE along the said southeasterly right-of-way of a Future Road (90-foot right-of-way) North 63 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 521.35 feet to a point at the mitered intersection of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies);

THENCE along the said mitered intersection South 83 degrees 49 minutes 28 seconds East, a distance of 33.79 feet to a point on the southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road (right-of-way varies);

THENCE along the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road southeasterly a distance of 101.17 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 1573.80 feet and being subtended by a chord which bears South 33 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds East, for a distance of 101.15 feet, to a point;

THENCE leaving the said southwesterly right-of-way line of Atlanta Road proceed South 54 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds West, a distance of 85.98 feet to a point;

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Said tract or parcel of land containing 427,024 Square Feet or 9.803 Acres, more or less.

EXHIBIT "B" Additional Property Which May Be Unilaterally Submitted To This Declaration by Declarant

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 489, 490, 519 and 520 of the 17th District, Cobb County, Georgia.