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MASTER DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR WHITE COLUMNS

THIS MASTER DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR WHITE COLUMNS is made this Lotted day of October, 1994 by AJB COMPANY, INC., a Georgia corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant"), and joined by WHITE COLUMNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Georgia not-for-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

- A. Declarant holds title to that certain real property located in Fulton County, Georgia as defined in this Declaration as the "Property."
- B. Declarant intends to develop the Property (including any Additional Property added thereto) in accordance with this Declaration as a master planned residential community to be known as White Columns.
- C. Declarant has caused an association, named White Columns Community Association, Inc., to be formed for the purposes set forth in this Declaration and the Articles of Incorporation for the Association.

STATEMENT OF DECLARATION

The Property shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, assessments and other provisions set forth in this Declaration, which shall run with the Property, be binding on all parties having any right, title, or interest in any part of the Property, their successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof and which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- 1.01 "Additional Property" shall mean the real property described on Exhibit "B" attached hereto, which may be subjected to this Declaration by Declarant from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Declaration. Prior to the Turnover Date (as hereinafter defined), Declarant may unilaterally modify Exhibit "B" as Declarant may determine, in its sole and absolute discretion.
- 1.02 "Area of Common Responsibility" shall mean and refer to the Common Area, together with those areas, if any, which by the terms of this Declaration, a resolution of the Board, or an agreement with the Club, a Neighborhood Association or a governmental agency, shall become the responsibility of the Association. Public rights-of-way, medians, canals,

lakes, reservoirs and other public areas located within or adjacent to the Property may be part of the Area of Common Responsibility.

- 1.03 "Articles" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- 1.04 "Assessment" shall mean and refer to charges levied against Lots to fund Common Expenses, Neighborhood Expenses and any other expense of the Association and shall include Common Assessments, Special Assessments and Neighborhood Assessments.
- 1.05 "Association" shall mean and refer to White Columns Community Association, Inc. and its successors or assigns.
- 1.06 "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the governing body of the Association.
- 1.07 "Builder" shall mean a Person who acquires a Lot for the purpose of constructing and reselling a Unit on it.
- 1.08 "By-Laws" shall mean and refer to the By-Laws of the Association, as the same may be adopted or amended from time to time.
- 1.09 "Club Property" shall mean the real property described on Exhibit "C" attached hereto together with all of the recreational and social facilities constructed thereon, which are commonly known as White Columns Golf Club, including without limitation, the golf course, golf practice facilities, swim and tennis center and the golf clubhouse. THE CLUB PROPERTY IS NOT COMMON AREA AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION.
- 1.10 "Club" shall mean Summit Point Partnership, doing business as White Columns Golf Club, which has been organized for the purpose of owning, developing and operating Club Property.
- 1.11 "Common Area" shall mean all of the real property owned by the Association, plus all property designated as Common Areas in any future Supplemental Declaration or any portion of a plat or replat of the Property dedicated to or for the Association together with any improvements thereon and any personal property owned by the Association, and which are intended for the common use and enjoyment of all Members of the Association. Common Area shall also include the Exclusive Common Area unless the context otherwise requires.
- 1.12 "Common Assessments" shall mean those Assessments for which all Members of the Association are responsible to pay for Common Expenses.
- 1.13 "Common Expenses" shall mean the actual and estimated costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Association for the general benefit of all Owners, including any reasonable reserves for deferred maintenance, repairs or replacements, which the Board of Directors may find necessary and appropriate.

- 1.14 "Community" shall mean the master planned community to be known as White Columns and approved by the Planning Commission of Fulton County, Georgia as the same may be amended from time to time.
- 1.15 "Community-Wide Standards" shall mean the standards of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors and the New Construction Committee.
- 1.16 "Declarant" shall mean and refer to AJB Company, Inc. and its successors or assigns who are designated as the Declarant hereunder in a recorded instrument executed by the immediately preceding Declarant. The Declarant may assign all or part of its rights hereunder by a Supplemental Declaration.
- 1.17 "Declaration" shall mean this document, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.
- 1.18 "<u>Documents</u>" shall mean this Declaration, and the Articles, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- 1.19 "Exclusive Common Area" shall mean and refer to certain portions of the Common Area, including any improvements and fixtures thereon, the use of which has been granted exclusively or primarily to one or more, but less than all, Units for the common use and enjoyment of Owners of such Units. Such Exclusive Common Area shall be designated by Supplemental Declaration.
- 1.20 "Lot" shall be an inclusive term referring to Residential Lots and Non-Residential Lots.
- 1.21 "Master Plan" shall mean and refer to the plan for the development of the Property most recently approved by Fulton County, Georgia, and all other governmental agencies having jurisdiction thereof, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.
- 1.22 "Member" shall mean and refer to a Person entitled to membership in the Association. All Owners shall be Members of the Association; provided, however, that there shall be no more than one Member for each Lot. In addition, Declarant shall also be a Member of the Association as described more fully in Section 8.01 hereof and the By-Laws of Association.
- 1.23 "Modifications Committee" or "MC" shall mean the committee established by the Board of Directors to review and approve modifications to existing structures.
- 1.24 "Mortgagee" shall mean: (a) any generally recognized lending institution having a first mortgage lien upon a Lot or (b) such other lenders as the Board of Directors shall hereafter approve in writing which have acquired a first mortgage lien upon a Lot.

- 1.25 "Neighborhood" shall mean and refer to any Lots which are designated as a Neighborhood by Declarant in a Supplemental Declaration, in which Owners may have common interests other than those common to all Owners, such as a common theme, entrance feature, development name and/or common area and facilities which are not available for use by all Owners.
- 1.26 "Neighborhood Assessments" shall mean assessments levied against the Lots in a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods to fund Neighborhood Expenses, as more particularly described in Section 9.05 of this Declaration.
- 1.27 "Neighborhood Association" shall mean any property owners association, condominium association or such other entity, its successors and assigns, which shall be responsible for administering any Neighborhood. A Neighborhood (other than a Neighborhood which is subject to the condominium form of ownership) shall not be required to have a Neighborhood Association.
- 1.28 "Neighborhood Declaration" shall mean the protective covenants, conditions, restrictions and other provisions (if any) imposed by a recorded instrument upon one or more Neighborhoods. A Neighborhood may, but shall not be required to, have a Neighborhood Declaration.
- 1.29 "Neighborhood Documents" shall mean a Neighborhood Declaration together with the articles of association, by-laws and rules and regulations of a Neighborhood.
- 1.30 "Neighborhood Expenses" shall mean and include those actual and estimated expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Association primarily for the benefit of the Owners of Lots within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods, which may include a reasonable reserve for deferred maintenance, repairs, and replacements, all as may be specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors and as more particularly authorized herein.
- 1.31 "New Construction Committee" or "NCC" shall mean the committee formed to promulgate design and development guidelines and application and review procedures for new construction upon the Property and to review and approve the plans for same.
- 1.32 "Non-Residential Lot" shall mean a portion of the Property, whether developed or undeveloped, intended for development and use for purposes other than residential purposes and shall include, without limitation, business, sales, or real estate offices for Declarant or the Association, restaurants, offices, and shops. The term shall include all portions of the property owned as well as all improvements on the property. In case of a structure which is subdivided for multiple ownership, each subdivided portion intended for separate ownership shall be deemed a separate Non-Residential Lot. Non-Residential Lots may be developed, used and defined as provided in this Declaration or in Supplemental Declarations.

In the case of a parcel of vacant land or land on which improvements are under construction, the parcel shall be deemed to contain the number of Non-Residential Lots designated for non-residential use for such parcel on the site plan approved by Declarant, until such time as a subdivision plat has been recorded in the public records of Fulton County, Georgia on all or a portion thereof. After issuance of a certificate of occupancy on any portion thereof, the portion designated in the certificate of occupancy shall constitute a separate Non-Residential Lot or Non-Residential Lots as determined above and the number of Non-Residential Lots on the remaining land, if any, shall continue to be determined in accordance with this paragraph.

- 1.33 "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner of fee simple title to a Lot (including Declarant and Builders but specifically excluding any party holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation). The term Owner may also include any other Person who owns any portion of the Property other than the Association.
 - 1.34 "Person" means any individual, corporation or other legal entity.
- 1.35 "Property" shall mean and refer to the real property legally described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, together with such additional property as is hereafter subjected to this Declaration by a Supplemental Declaration.
- 1.36 "Residential Lot" shall mean a portion of the Property, whether developed or undeveloped, intended for development, use, and occupancy as a residence and shall, unless otherwise specified, include within its meaning by way of illustration, but not limitation, condominium units, villas, patio homes, and single-family homes, as well as vacant land intended for development as such, all as may be developed, used and defined as herein provided or as provided in Supplemental Declarations covering all or a part of the Property. The term shall include all portions of the lot owned as well as any structure thereon. In the case of a structure which contains multiple dwellings, each dwelling shall be deemed to be a separate Residential Lot.

In the case of a parcel of vacant land or land on which improvements are under construction, the parcel shall be deemed to contain the number of Residential Lots designated for residential use for such parcel on the site plan approved by Declarant, until such time as a subdivision plat has been recorded in the public records of Fulton County, Georgia on all or a portion thereof. After a subdivision plat has been recorded on any portion thereof, the portion designated in the certificate of occupancy shall constitute a separate Residential Lot or Residential Lots as determined above and the number of Residential Lots on the remaining land, if any, shall continue to be determined in accordance with this paragraph.

1.37 "Special Assessment" shall mean and refer to assessments levied in accordance with Section 9.06 hereof.

- 1.38 "Supplemental Declaration" shall mean a supplement to this Declaration executed by or consented to by Declarant in accordance with Section 2.02 hereof.
- 1.39 "<u>Turnover Date</u>" shall mean the date on which the Class "B" Membership ceases to exist and is converted to a Class "A" Membership, as further described in Section 8.03 hereof.
 - 1.40 "Unit" shall mean and refer to any structure constructed on a Lot.

ARTICLE II GENERAL PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT

2.01 Plan for Development.

- (a) <u>General</u>. Declarant presently plans to develop the Property as a multi-phased residential community with golf and related recreational amenities, and various common areas, in accordance with the Master Plan and subject to any required governmental approvals. Declarant also reserves the right to develop any portion of the Property for commercial uses in accordance with this Declaration, the Master Plan and subject to any required governmental approvals. Declarant reserves the right to modify the Master Plan in its sole discretion from time to time and the consent of the Association, any Owner and any mortgagee of any Owner shall not be required in connection therewith.
- (b) <u>Declaration</u>: <u>Association</u>. This Declaration is not a declaration of condominium. No portion of the Property is submitted by this Declaration to the condominium form of ownership. Declarant has caused the Association to be formed to perform certain administrative and operational functions regarding the Property as set forth more fully in the Documents.
- (c) <u>Neighborhoods</u>. Declarant intends that Residential Lots may, but need not be, grouped together in residential Neighborhoods. Neighborhoods may, but are not required to be, administered by Neighborhood Associations.
- 2.02 <u>Supplemental Declarations</u>. Declarant shall have the right, alone and in its sole discretion, to execute and record in Fulton County, Georgia, Supplemental Declarations from time to time containing provisions which (a) assign a specific use to a portion of the Property; (b) designate a Neighborhood and any specific uses or provisions with respect to the Neighborhood; (c) impose additional restrictions or delete restrictions on a portion of the Property; (d) assign some or all of Declarant's rights and obligations hereunder; (e) subject additional property to the effect of this Declaration; or (f) do anything else permitted by this Declaration.
- 2.03 <u>Neighborhood Declaration</u>. Declarant, or another Person with Declarant's prior written consent, may record instruments subjecting a

Neighborhood to a Neighborhood Declaration, upon which event the Property shall then be subject to both this Declaration and such Neighborhood Declaration. Such Neighborhood Declaration may also create a Neighborhood Association, and such Neighborhood Association may have the same, additional, or different rights, powers, duties or privileges with respect to such Neighborhood as the Association, in which event such Neighborhood may be subject to the jurisdiction of both the Neighborhood Association and the Association, and may cause the Owners of Lots within the Neighborhood to be members of the Neighborhood Association under such terms and conditions as may be provided therein, which may be the same as or substantially different from the terms and conditions of membership in the Association as provided herein. When in conflict, the Documents shall prevail over Neighborhood Documents.

2.04 Annexation of Additional Property

- (a) Prior to the Turnover Date. Prior to the Turnover Date, Declarant shall have the right, privilege, and option, in its sole discretion, to subject any additional property to the provisions of this Declaration and to the administration of the Association by filing a Supplemental Declaration in Fulton County, Georgia. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of the Members, any mortgagee of any portion of the Property or the Association, but shall require the consent of the owner of such additional property, if the owner of such additional property is other than Declarant. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing of record of such Supplemental Declaration unless otherwise provided therein. Declarant shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to transfer to any other Person the right, privilege, and option to annex additional property which is reserved herein to Declarant, provided that such transfer is memorialized in a Supplemental Declaration.
- (b) After the Turnover Date. Following the Turnover Date, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege and option, from time to time and at any time until all of the Additional Property has been subjected to this Declaration or December 31, 2010, whichever is earlier, to subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association all or any portion of the Additional Property. Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing in the public records of Fulton County, Georgia, a Supplemental Declaration annexing such property. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of any of the Members, any mortgagee of any portion of the Property or the Association, but shall require the consent of the owner of such property, if other than Declarant. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplemental Declaration unless otherwise provided therein. Following the Turnover Date, the Association may not subject any property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association subject without: (a) the affirmative votes of a majority of the Class "A" Members of the Association either in writing or present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for such purpose, (b) the consent of the owner of such additional property, and (c) the consent of Declarant so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property.

2.05 Amendment of Article. This Article shall not be amended without the prior written consent of Declarant so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property.

ARTICLE III LAND DESIGNATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- 3.01 <u>In General</u>. The Property may be subjected to designated uses in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, by any Supplemental Declaration or by any other reasonable means by Declarant. Declarant may, in its sole and absolute discretion, establish any use for the Property consistent with the terms of the Master Plan, this Declaration and applicable law. Without limiting the foregoing, the Property may be used in the following manner:
- (a) Residential Areas. Residential areas shall be those areas used for residential use, which shall include Lots and improvements associated with residential purposes and uses including, but not limited to streets, driveways, sidewalks, entranceways, street lighting, open spaces, parking spaces, landscaping, swimming pools, other recreational facilities and other areas or amenities appurtenant to the Lots. Unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Declaration or Neighborhood Documents, each Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of his or her Lot.

(b) Common Area, Exclusive Common Area.

(1) In General: Every Owner shall have a right and non-exclusive easement of use, access and enjoyment in and to the Common Area, subject to this Declaration as it may be amended from time to time and to any restrictions or limitations contained in any deed conveying such property to the Association. Any Owner may delegate his or her right of use and enjoyment in the Common Area to the members of his or her family, lessees and invitees, as applicable, subject to reasonable regulation by the Board and in accordance with procedures it may adopt. An Owner who leases his or her Unit shall be deemed to have delegated all such rights to the Unit's lessee.

Declarant shall determine the manner of making improvements to all Common Area and the use thereof so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property, and, thereafter, the Association shall have the same right provided the general quality of the Master Plan is not materially and detrimentally changed.

(2) Administration and Operation: The administration and operation of the Common Area shall be the responsibility of the Association, except that the Association with the prior consent of the accepting party may assign or delegate such responsibility, in whole or in part, exclusively or non-exclusively, and permanently or temporarily, for any portion of the Common Area to a Neighborhood Association, the Club, governmental entity or other Person determined to be appropriate by Declarant.

- (3) Certain Declarant Rights: Declarant shall have the right, so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property, to, in its sole and absolute discretion, alter the boundaries of the Common Area and construct, develop or modify the Common Area and any improvements, easements and use rights thereon or appurtenant thereto in a manner determined appropriate by Declarant, in its sole discretion, without the joinder or consent of any Person, including, without limitation, the Association, any Neighborhood Association, any Owners or any mortgagee of any portion of the Property.
- (4) <u>Declarant Approval:</u> The Association shall abandon, partition, alienate, release, transfer, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber the Common Area so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property without the prior written approval of Declarant and, thereafter, without the prior approval of a majority of the votes eligible to be cast by the Class "A" Members. The preceding sentence shall not prohibit the Association from granting such easements over, under and above Common Area as are reasonably necessary or appropriate for development and operation of the Property in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Declaration, nor shall the foregoing prohibit the Association from encumbering Common Area provided such encumbrances are solely to secure loans obtained for improving Common Area, and the lien of such encumbrance is not superior to the provisions of this Declaration.
- (5) Exclusive Common Area. Certain provisions of the Common Areas may be designated as Exclusive Common Areas and reserved for the exclusive use of Owners and occupants of Lots within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods. By way of illustration and not limitation, Exclusive Common Areas may include recreational facilities intended for the exclusive use of Owners within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods, and supported exclusively by Neighborhood Assessments.
- (c) Other Uses. Declarant may use any portion of the Property for commercial purposes. Any such use shall be designated by Declarant in a Supplemental Declaration, and Declarant may, in any such Supplemental Declaration, set forth any restrictions, conditions and covenants that run with such portion of the Property. Declarant may also set forth any rights and obligations of the Owner of such portion of the Property, and the manner in which such portion of the Property shall be administered and assessed under this Declaration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a portion of the Property may be used as a sales center for the sale and resale of Lots within the Community or other communities designated by Declarant.
- 3.02 <u>Disputes as to Use</u>. If there is any dispute as to whether the designation of any portion of the Property complies with this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, or any other documents, then, so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property, the dispute shall be referred to Declarant. After Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property, the dispute shall be referred to the Association. The determination rendered by Declarant or the Association, as

the case may be, shall be final and binding on all Persons involved in the dispute.

ARTICLE IV DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON AREAS

- 4.01 <u>Construction and Inspection of Common Area.</u> Declarant will construct, furnish and equip, at its sole cost and expense, Common Area. Upon completion of construction of Common Area, Declarant will engage independent licensed inspectors to inspect Common Area to determine if they were built in substantial accordance with the applicable plans and specifications as modified by any change orders. Any repairs indicated by the inspection reports shall be completed by Declarant, at its sole cost and expense.
- 4.02 <u>Transfer of Common Area</u>. Declarant agrees to convey, transfer, assign and deliver to the Association on or before the Turnover Date and the Association shall accept, Declarant's interest in the Common Area as the same exists on the date of conveyance.
- Disclaimer of Warranties. The Association agrees that the Common Area shall be conveyed in its "where is, as is" condition and without recourse, and Declarant disclaims and makes no representations, warranties or other agreements express or implied with respect thereto, including without limitation, representations or warranties of merchantability or fitness for the ordinary or any particular purpose, and representations or warranties regarding the condition, design, construction, accuracy, completeness. adequacy of the size or capacity in relation to utilization or the future economic performance or operations of the Common Area. No claim shall be made by the Association or any Owner relating to the condition, operation, use, accuracy or completeness of the Common Area or for incidental or consequential damages arising therefrom. Declarant will transfer and assign to the Association, without recourse, all warranties which it receives from manufacturers and suppliers relating to any of the Common Area which exist and are assignable.

ARTICLE V USE RESTRICTIONS

5.01 General. The Property shall be used only for residential, recreational, and related business and commercial purposes, which purposes may include, without limitation, offices for any property manager retained by the Association or business, sales, or real estate offices for Declarant or the Association and other businesses which serve and are a part of the Community, as may more particularly be set forth in this Declaration and amendments hereto. Any Supplemental Declaration or additional covenants imposed on the property within any Neighborhood may impose stricter standards than those contained in this Article. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors and the Club, shall have standing and the power to enforce such

standards. Any Supplemental Declaration or Neighborhood Documents may impose stricter standards than those contained herein. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have the standing and the power to enforce standards imposed by this Declaration and Neighborhood Documents. The Association, acting through its Board of Directors, shall have authority to make, and the Association acting through its Board of Directors and the Club shall have the authority to enforce standards and restrictions governing the use of the Property in addition to those contained herein and in the Community-Wide Standards. Such regulations and use restrictions shall be binding upon all Owners, occupants, invitees and licensees. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Declarant shall be exempt from application of the provisions of this Article.

- (a) Accessory Structures. Dog houses, tool sheds or structures of a similar kind or nature are not permitted on any part of the Property.
- (b) Air Conditioning Units. Except as may be permitted by the NCC or the MC, no window air conditioning units may be installed in any Unit.
- (c) Animals and Pets. No animals, reptiles, livestock, wildlife or poultry or any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any portion of the Property, except that dogs, cats or other usual and common household pets may be permitted on a Lot. However, those pets which are permitted to roam free, or which, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, endanger the health and safety of the Members of the Association, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the other Members of the Association shall be removed upon request of the Board of Directors. If the Owner fails to honor such request, the pet may be removed by the Board of Directors. No pets shall be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Household pets shall at all times whenever they are outside the Owner's Unit be confined on a leash held by a responsible person.
- (d) Antennas, Satellite Dishes. No exterior antennas, aerials, satellite dishes, or other apparatus for the transmission of television, radio, or other signals of any kind shall be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any Unit or Lot, except as permitted by Declarant. The Association may, but shall not be required to, enter into a bulk rate cable television agreement to provide cable television service to all of the Lots. If a bulk rate cable television agreement is executed, the cost of cable service to all of the Lots shall be assessed against all of such Lots which have habitable units as a Special Assessment, whether or not the Owner desires cable television.
- (e) Artificial Vegetation, Exterior Decorations, and Similar Items. No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on any Lot. Exterior decorations, including without limitation, sculptures, fountains, flags, and similar items must be approved by the NCC or the MC.
- (f) <u>Clotheslines, Garbage Cans, Tanks.</u> Clotheslines, garbage cans, storage tanks, mechanical equipment, including, without limitation,

electrical meters, gas meters and air conditioning compressors, or other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring Lots, streets and the Club Property. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be stored in appropriate containers with lids and regularly removed from the Property and shall not be allowed to accumulate thereon. All basketball hoops, backboards, storage tents, mechanical equipment, garbage can storage structures and other such items shall be subject to the approval of the NCC or the MC.

- (g) <u>Business Use</u>. No trade or business may be conducted in or from any Unit. Notwithstanding the above, the leasing or rental of a Unit shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this Section. This Section shall not apply to any activity conducted by Declarant with respect to its development, sale or resale of any portion of the Property.
- (h) <u>Decks</u>. Decks must be located at the rear of Units and must be approved by the NCC or the MC. The configuration, detail and railing design of a deck should be harmonious with the architectural style of the Unit.
- (i) <u>Drainage</u>. Catch basins and drainage areas are for the purpose of natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Person, other than Declarant, the Club or the Association, may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains. Declarant hereby reserves for itself, the Club and the Association a perpetual easement across the Property for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow.
- (j) Energy Conservation Equipment. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed on any Lot or Unit unless it is an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of the Lot or Unit, as determined in the sole discretion of the NCC or the MC. Under no circumstances shall solar panels be installed so as to be visible from any street in the Community or from any portion of the Club Property.
- (k) <u>Firearms</u>. The discharge of firearms within the Property is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in the By-Laws, the Association shall not be obligated to take action to enforce this Section.
- (1) <u>Golf Carts</u>. No private golf carts will be permitted within the Community.
- (m) <u>Irrigation</u>. No sprinkler or irrigation systems of any type which draws from any body of water within the Property shall be installed, constructed or operated by any Person (other than the Association, Declarant or the Club), without the prior written approval of the NCC or the MC. All parcels which are developed may be required to have an underground irrigation system. In the event effluent irrigation water is available, each Builder, at

its sole cost and expense, may be required to connect the irrigation system for its parcel to the effluent source. Private wells are permitted on the Property for irrigation purposes, provided the same are approved by the New Construction Committee.

- (n) <u>Lighting</u>. Each Builder may be required to install on any Units constructed by such Builder exterior lighting as determined by the NCC. Lots or Owners of the Lots or Units served by such lighting will be responsible for maintaining the lighting and the Association shall have the right, at Owner's cost and expense, to maintain such lighting in the event Owner fails to do so. All exterior lighting must be approved by the NCC or MC prior to installation.
- (o) <u>Mailboxes and Exterior Hardware</u>. The style and design of all mailboxes, lettering and numbering, and exterior hardware must be in accordance with the Design Guidelines.

(p) Maintenance of Lots.

- (i) <u>Landscaping</u>. No weeds, underbrush, or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to grow or remain upon any Lot, and no refuse or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or suffered to remain upon any Lot. All landscaping, sprinkler systems and any property, structure, improvement and appurtenance shall be kept in good, safe, clean, neat and attractive condition.
- (ii) <u>Painting</u>. The exterior of all Units shall have a fresh coat of paint, applied evenly and no excessive cracks, peelings, or strippings shall be allowed to remain unremedied.
- (iii) <u>Roofing</u>. The roofs of all Units shall be maintained in a clean, neat and attractive condition with a full compliment of roof tiles or shingles. Upon the failure to maintain the premises as aforesaid to the satisfaction of the Association, the Association may, but shall not be required to, enter upon such premises and make such improvements or corrections as may be necessary, the costs of which along with an administrative surcharge of ten percent of such amount shall be assessed against the affected Owners in accordance with Article X hereof.
- (q) <u>Nuisance</u>. No portion of the Property shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause it 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 upon any portion of the Property 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 Units. No noxious, illegal or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any portion of the Property.

- (r) On-Site Fuel Storage. No on-site storage of gasoline or other fuels shall be permitted on any part of the Property except that the Association shall be permitted to store fuel for operation of maintenance vehicles, generators and similar equipment. Notwithstanding this provision, fuel tanks for storage of fuel for ranges, ovens, dryers, water heaters, dwellings, pools, gas grills and similar equipment may be permitted if installed underground or appropriately screened and approved by the NCC or the MC.
- (s) Playground. Play Equipment. Strollers. All bicycles, tricycles, scooters, skateboards, and other play equipment, wading pools, baby strollers and similar items shall be stored so as not to be visible from streets or property adjacent to the Unit. No such items shall be allowed to remain in the open so as to be visible from adjacent property when not in use. Notwithstanding the above, the Board of Directors may, but shall not be obligated to, permit swing sets and similar permanent playground equipment to be erected within the Community provided they are approved by the NCC or the MC. Any playground or other play areas or equipment furnished by the Association or erected within the Community shall be used at the risk of the user, and the Association shall not be held liable to any Person for any claim, damage, or injury occurring thereon or related to use thereof.
- (t) <u>Pools</u>. No above-ground pools shall be erected, constructed or installed on any Lots, except that above ground spas and jacuzzis may be permitted as approved by the NCC or the MC.
- (u) Prohibited Vehicles. Commercial vehicles, vehicles with commercial writing on their exteriors, vehicles primarily used or designed for commercial purposes, pick-up trucks, tractors, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, trailers (either with or without wheels), campers, camper trailers, boats and other watercraft, and boat trailers shall be parked only in enclosed garages. Stored vehicles and vehicles which are either obviously inoperable or do not have current operating licenses shall not be permitted within the Community, except within enclosed garages. For purposes hereof, a vehicle shall be considered "stored" if it is put up on blocks or covered with a tarpaulin and remains on blocks or so covered for fourteen (14) consecutive days without the prior approval of the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, service and delivery vehicles may be parked in the driveway of a Lot during daylight hours for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to provide service or make a delivery to a Lot. Any vehicle which is parked in violation of this paragraph may be towed by the Board of Directors at the Owner's expense.
- (v) <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, or shrub planting shall be placed or permitted to remain where it would create a traffic or sight problem.
- (w) <u>Signs and Flagpoles</u>. No sign, billboard or advertisement shall be erected except as otherwise permitted by the NCC or the MC. The

Board of Directors shall have the right to erect signs as it deems appropriate, in its discretion.

- (x) Tents. Trailers and Temporary Structures. Except as may be permitted by the NCC or the MC, during initial construction within the Community, no tent, utility shed, shack, trailer or other structure of a temporary nature shall be placed within the Community.
- (y) <u>Tree Removal</u>. No trees, other than diseased or dead trees and trees needing to be removed to promote the growth of other trees or for safety reasons, shall be removed unless approved by the NCC or the MC. This Section shall not apply to the Club.
- (z) <u>Utility Lines</u>. No overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, shall be permitted within the Community, except for temporary lines as may be required during construction and high voltage lines if required by law or for safety purposes.
- (aa) <u>Walls and Fencing</u>. Except as otherwise permitted by the NCC or the MC, walls and fencing on a Lot shall not be permitted.
- (bb) Wetlands, Lakes and Water Bodies. All wetlands, lakes, ponds, and streams within the Property, if any, shall be storm water retention facilities or aesthetic amenities only, and no other use thereof, including, without limitation, fishing, swimming, boating, playing, or use of personal flotation devices, shall be permitted without the prior approval of the Board of Directors and the Club. Neither the Declarant, the Association nor the Club shall be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of lakes, ponds, streams or mangrove shoreline within the Property. No docks, piers, or other structures shall be constructed on or over any body of water within the Property, except such as may be constructed by the Declarant, the Association, or as approved pursuant to Article VI of this Declaration. The elevation of the land shall not be altered and fill shall not be used to extend the boundaries of a Lot or to change the bulkhead line on any Lot bounded by a wetland, lake, or other body of water unless approved in accordance with Article VI of this Declaration.
- 5.02 Exculpations and Approvals. Declarant, the Association, the NCC, the MC, the Club or any of their agents may grant, withhold or deny their consent, permission or approval in any instance when their consent, permission or approval is permitted or required at their sole discretion and without any liability of any nature or kind to any Owner or any other Person for any reason whatsoever and shall be indemnified and held harmless by such Owner or other Person from any and all damages resulting therefrom, including, but not limited to, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. Every consent, permission or approval by Declarant, the Association, the NCC, the MC, the Club or their agents under this Declaration shall be, in writing, and binding upon all Persons.

5.03 <u>Community-Wide Standards</u>. Rules <u>and Regulations</u>. The Association, through the Board, shall have the right to promulgate and impose further Community-Wide Standards or any rules and regulations of the Association and thereafter to modify, alter, amend, rescind and augment any of the same with respect to the use, operation and enjoyment of all or a portion of the Property, the Common Area, the Exclusive Common Area and any improvements located thereon including, but not limited to, establishing reasonable fees for the use of facilities and establishing hours and manner of operation.

ARTICLE VI ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS AND REVIEW

- 6.01 General. All construction improvements and modifications shall comply with the Master Plan, the applicable building regulations and standards established by the applicable governmental authority from time to time as well as the terms and conditions set forth in this Declaration. EACH OWNER AND BUILDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT, THE PLANS FOR SUCH CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE NCC OR THE MC.
- 6.02 Architectural Standards. No construction (which term shall include, without limitation, staking, clearing, excavating, grading, and other site work), no exterior alteration, improvement or modification of existing improvements, and no plantings or removal of plants, trees, or shrubs shall take place except in strict compliance with this Article, until the requirements below have been fully met, and until the approval of the appropriate committee has been obtained pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) below. The Board of Directors may establish reasonable fees to be charged by the committees on behalf of the Association for review of an application for approval hereunder, which fees, if established, shall be paid in full prior to review of any application hereunder. All structures constructed on any portion of the Property shall be designed by and built in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

This Article shall not apply to any construction on or improvements or modifications to the Common Areas made by or on behalf of the Association or to the activities of Declarant. The Board of Directors shall have the authority and standing, on behalf of the Association, to enforce in courts of competent jurisdiction decisions of the committees established in this Article VI. This Article may not be amended without the Declarant's prior written consent so long as the Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property.

(a) <u>New Construction Committee</u>. The New Construction Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction to review and approve all original construction on any portion of the Property. Declarant retains the right, so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property, to appoint all members of the NCC, which shall consist of not less than three,

nor more than five, persons. Upon the expiration of such right, the Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the NCC in the same manner as provided in subparagraph (b) below for the MC.

The NCC shall prepare and promulgate on behalf of the Board of Directors design and development guidelines and application and review procedures ("Design Guidelines"). Copies of the Design Guidelines shall be available from the NCC for review. The Design Guidelines shall be those of the Association, and the NCC shall have sole and full authority to prepare and to amend them. The Design Guidelines shall be available to Owners and Builders who seek to engage in development of or construction upon all or any portion of the Property, and such Owners and Builders shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith. In the event that the NCC fails to approve or disapprove plans submitted to it, or to request additional information reasonably required within forty-five days after submission thereof, the plans shall be deemed approved.

(b) Modifications Committee. The Board of Directors may establish a Modifications Committee which, if established, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over modifications, additions, or alterations made on or to existing Lots or Units and the open space, if any, appurtenant thereto. The MC shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine persons, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Members of the MC may include architects or similar professionals who are not Members of the Association. Until establishment of the MC, the NCC shall have jurisdiction over all improvements and modifications in accordance with this Section.

The MC shall promulgate detailed standards and procedures governing its areas of responsibility and practice ("Modification Guidelines") consistent with those of the NCC. In the event of any conflict, the ruling of the NCC shall be controlling. In addition thereto, the following shall apply. The MC may delegate this authority to the appropriate board of any Neighborhood Association subsequently created so long as the MC has determined that such board has in force, review and enforcement practices, procedures, and appropriate standards substantially similar to the Modification Guidelines.

In the event that the MC fails to approve or to disapprove such plans or to request additional information reasonably required within forty-five days after submission, the plans shall be deemed approved.

6.03 No Waiver of Future Approvals. The approval of either the NCC or the MC 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 and consent of such committee, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or other matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.

- 6.04 <u>Variance</u>. The NCC may authorize variances from compliance with any of its guidelines and procedures when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, or aesthetic or environmental considerations require. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall be effective unless it is reduced to writing. No variance shall estop the NCC from denying a variance in other circumstances. For purposes of this Section, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency, the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.
- 6.05 No Liability. No review or approval by the NCC or the MC shall imply or be deemed to constitute an opinion by the NCC or the MC, nor impose upon the NCC, the MC, the Association, Declarant or any other party, any liability for the design or construction of building elements, including, but not limited to, structural integrity or life and safety requirements. The scope of any such review and approval by the NCC or the MC is limited solely to whether the respective plans or work meet certain requirements, standards, and guidelines relating to aesthetics and the harmony and compatibility of proposed improvements in the Community. No review or approval will be for any other Person or purpose, and no Person other than the NCC or the MC shall have any right to rely thereon, and any review or approval by the NCC or the MC will create no liability whatsoever of the NCC, the MC, Declarant or the Association to any other Person or party whatsoever.
- 6.06 <u>Compliance</u>. Any Owner, Builder, or contractor, subcontractor, agent or employee of an Owner or Builder who fails to comply with the terms and provisions of the guidelines and procedures promulgated by the NCC or the MC may be fined and/or excluded by the Board of Directors from the Property without liability to any Person, subject to the notice and hearing procedures contained in the By-Laws, and any improvements constructed in violation of this Section may be razed by the Association without payment or liability to any Person.
- 6.07 Rights of the Club. The Club shall be given notice of all meetings of the NCC and the MC wherein the construction or improvement under consideration (or any portion thereof) is contiguous to the Club Property. If in the reasonable opinion of the Club the construction or modification being reviewed has a material adverse impact on the golf course whether by restriction of view, hazards to person or otherwise, then, in that event, the Club may disapprove the proposed construction irrespective of the approval of same by the NCC or the MC and the Owner shall resubmit to the NCC or the MC the proposed construction or modification so as to take into account the objection of the Club which shall be given in writing to the Owner by the NCC or the MC.

ARTICLE VII NEIGHBORHOODS; NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

7.01 <u>Neighborhoods</u>. A parcel of land intended for development as residential area may constitute a Neighborhood, subject to further division

into more than one Neighborhood upon further development. designate Neighborhoods by Supplemental Declarations. The Lots within a particular Neighborhood may be subject to additional covenants and/or the Owners may be members of a Neighborhood Association in addition to the Association, but no such Neighborhood Association shall be required except in the case of a condominium or as otherwise required by law. Each Neighborhood, upon the affirmative vote, or written consent, or a combination thereof, of a majority of Owners within the Neighborhood, may request that the Association provide a higher level of service or special services for the benefit of Lots in such Neighborhood, the cost of which shall be assessed against the benefitted Lots as a Neighborhood Assessment. The Association may, but is not required to, provide such higher level of services. The Board of Directors of the Association may consult on an advisory basis with the Board of Directors of a Neighborhood Association on maintenance of Exclusive Common Area and other issues affecting the Neighborhood.

7.02 Exclusive Common Area.

- (a) <u>Neighborhood Expense</u>. The cost and expense of the Exclusive Common Area shall be borne by the Owners of Lots located in the Neighborhood benefitted by such Exclusive Common Area, as set forth in a Supplemental Declaration, a Neighborhood Declaration, or otherwise.
- (b) Operation of Neighborhood Association. A Neighborhood Association shall have the right, subject to Declarant's prior consent, to contract with the Association to provide for the operation and maintenance of its Exclusive Common Area.
- 7.03 <u>Certain Rights of Declarant Regarding Neighborhood Associations.</u>
 Declarant hereby reserves the right, and the power, but neither the duty nor the obligation, without the consent of any other Person:
- (a) to determine consistency of any Neighborhood Documents with this Declaration, and approve and consent to any Neighborhood Documents and any amendments thereto prior to their recordation in Fulton County, Georgia. Neighborhood Documents shall not be effective until Declarant approves and consents to them in writing;
- (b) to require that specific provisions be included in Neighborhood Documents as Declarant reasonably deems appropriate, including, without limitation, any provisions required to render such Neighborhood Documents consistent with this Declaration;
- (c) to require that the fiscal year of any Neighborhood Association be the same as that of the Association;
- (d) to require that the Association approve the budget of any Neighborhood Association prior to the approval by the Neighborhood Association;

- (e) to create additional Neighborhood Associations for the operation, administration and maintenance of any Neighborhood, or groups of Neighborhoods; and
- (f) to approve the merger of any two or more Neighborhood Associations.

7.04 Certain Rights of Association Regarding Neighborhood Associations.

- (a) Enforcement. If any Neighborhood Association fails to comply with this Declaration or any of the other Documents or any Neighborhood Documents, the Association shall have the right and power, but neither the duty nor the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration or the Neighborhood Documents, or to perform the Neighborhood Association's duties and responsibilities, or to seek judicial relief or remedy to require compliance with same, and to obtain payment of the cost of such performance or enforcement, plus a reasonable administrative charge equal to ten percent (10%) of such amount.
- (b) <u>Special Assessments</u>. The Association shall have the right, in addition to any other rights of the Association, to specially assess the members of a Neighborhood Association and such Neighborhood Association for expenses incurred by the Association for such Neighborhood Association.
- (c) Entry Rights. The Association shall have the right, for itself, its designee, or any agent or employee, to enter upon any property administered by a Neighborhood Association to carry out the provisions of the Documents or the applicable Neighborhood Documents, and the same shall not constitute a trespass.
- (d) <u>Delegation</u>. The Association shall have the right and power, but neither the duty nor the obligation, to delegate in whole or in part, exclusively or non-exclusively, and on a permanent or temporary basis, to any Neighborhood Association any obligation of maintenance or repair created under this Declaration or by delegation from Declarant. If a Neighborhood Association does not accept such rights and obligations in a manner consistent with the standards established by the Association, then the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, by its sole act, to terminate such assignment, and again fulfill such rights and obligations.
- (e) Right to Maintain Exclusive Common Area. The Association shall have the right to maintain the Exclusive Common Area of a Neighborhood, including in particular, all landscaping within the Neighborhood, and may assess the cost of such maintenance as a Neighborhood Expense.
- (f) <u>Priority</u>. When Neighborhood Documents are in conflict with this Declaration, the Articles or any of the other Documents, the latter shall prevail.

ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

- 8.01 <u>Classes of Membership and Voting Rights</u>. There shall be two classes of membership in the Association as follows:
- (a) <u>Class "A" Membership</u>. Each Owner of a Lot, other than Declarant, shall be a Class "A" Member. Each Class "A" Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned by the Member.
- (b) Class "B" Membership. Declarant shall be a Class "B" Member until the Turnover Date, after which time Declarant shall be a Class "A" Member. The Class "B" Member shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each Lot owned by the Class "B" Member. After Declarant is converted to a Class "A" Member, it shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot it owns. The Class "B" Member shall be entitled to appoint all of the members of the Board of Directors until the Turnover Date as specified in the By-Laws.
- 8.02 <u>Joint Ownership</u>. Voting rights may be exercised by a Member or the Member's spouse. In any situation where more than one Person holds an interest in a Lot, the vote for the respective Lot shall be exercised by any such Person; provided, however, the Persons holding the interest in the Lot can notify the Secretary of the Association, in writing, prior to or during any meeting of the manner in which the vote for the Lot is to be exercised and, in the absence of such notice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended if more than one Person seeks to exercise it. The voting rights of a Member that is a company or other form of entity ownership shall be exercised by the individual designated from time to time by the Owner in a written instrument provided to the Secretary.
- 8.03 <u>Turnover Date</u>. The Turnover Date shall occur within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of the earlier of the following conditions:
- (a) the sale to persons other than Declarant or Builders of all of the Lots intended to be developed within the Property and the Additional Property;
 - (b) December 31, 2010; or
- (c) such earlier date, as determined by the Class "B" Member, in its sole and absolute discretion.

ARTICLE IX ASSESSMENTS

9.01 Affirmative Covenant to Pay Assessments. There is hereby imposed upon each Owner and each Lot, the affirmative covenant and obligation to pay to the Association all Assessments in respect of the Lot. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other instrument of conveying title to a Lot, whether

or not it is so expressed in such deed or instrument, shall be obligated and agrees to pay all Assessments, regardless of their nature, including, but not limited to, any then past due Assessments in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration and consents and agrees to the lien rights hereunder against The liability for Assessments is personal to the Owner and may not be avoided by waiver of the use or enjoyment of Common Area or Exclusive Common Area, or by abandonment of the Lot for which the Assessments are made. Neither the liability for Assessments, nor the amount of Assessments, shall be reduced or avoided due to the fact that all or any portions of the Common Area, Exclusive Common Area or other portions of the Property are not No diminution or abatement of assessment or set-off shall be completed. claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association or the Board of Directors to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association or the Board of Directors under this Declaration or the Articles, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements, or from any action taken to comply with any law or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority.

- 9.02 <u>Creation of Assessments</u>. There are hereby created Assessments for expenses of the Association as the Board of Directors may authorize from time to time to be commenced at the time and in the manner set forth in Section 9.03 hereof. There shall be three (3) types of Assessments:
- (a) <u>Common Assessments</u>. Common Assessments shall be levied equally on all Lots.
- (b) <u>Neighborhood Assessments</u>. Neighborhood Assessments shall be levied equally on all Lots within the Neighborhood for whose benefit Neighborhood Expenses are incurred as provided in Section 9.05, below; and
- (c) <u>Special Assessments</u>. Special Assessments shall be levied as provided in Section 9.06, below.
- 9.03 Payment of Assessments. Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, which may include, without limitation, an acceleration of the annual Common Assessment and any Neighborhood Assessment for delinquents. Unless the Board of Directors provides otherwise, the Common Assessment and any Neighborhood Assessment shall be paid in advance on a quarterly basis. The Association shall, upon demand at any time, furnish to any Owner liable for any type of Assessment a certificate, in writing, signed by an officer of the Association, setting forth whether such Assessment has been paid in respect of any particular Lot. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence that the assessment stated therein shall have been paid to the Association. The Association may require the advance payment of a reasonable processing fee for the issuance of such certificate.
- 9.04 <u>Computation of Common Assessment</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to prepare a budget annually covering the estimated Common

Expenses of the Association for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget may include a capital contribution for purposes of establishing a reserve fund. The Common Assessment levied against each Lot which is subject to the Common Assessment shall be computed by dividing the budgeted Common Expenses by the total number of Lots which are subject to Common Assessments plus the total number Lots reasonably anticipated to become subject to Common Assessments during the fiscal year. The Board of Directors shall cause a copy of the Common Expense budget and notice of the amount of the Common Assessment to be levied for the following year to be delivered to each Owner at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The budget and the amount of the Common Assessment shall be determined by the Board of Directors in their sole and absolute discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue; provided, however, that upon the adoption of a new budget, the same shall be deemed retroactive to the beginning of the then current budget year and each Owner shall pay the increase, if any, in the Common Assessment for the beginning of such year at the time the next installment is due.

Computation of Neighborhood Assessments. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors annually to prepare a separate budget covering the estimated Neighborhood Expenses to be incurred by the Association for each Neighborhood on whose behalf Neighborhood Expenses are expected to be incurred for the ensuing fiscal year. The Board of Directors shall be entitled to set such budget only to the extent that this Declaration or a Supplemental Declaration specifically authorizes the Board of Directors to assess certain Any Neighborhood may request that costs as a Neighborhood Assessment. additional services or a higher level of services be provided by the Association, and in such case, any additional costs shall be added to the This budget may include a capital contribution Neighborhood's budget. establishing a reserve fund for repair and replacement of capital items within the Neighborhood, as appropriate. The Neighborhood Assessment levied against each Lot in that Neighborhood which is subject to the Neighborhood Assessment shall be computed by dividing the budgeted Neighborhood Expenses for that Neighborhood by the total number of Lots within such Neighborhood which are subject to the Neighborhood Assessments plus the total number of Lots in that Neighborhood reasonably anticipated to become subject to the Neighborhood Assessments during the fiscal year. The Board of Directors shall cause a copy of such budget and notice of the amount of the Neighborhood Assessment to be levied on each Lot for the coming year to be delivered to each Owner of a Lot in the benefitted Neighborhood at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. In the event the Board of Directors fails for any reason to determine the budget for any year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue.

9.06 Special Assessments.

- (a) As To All Members. The Board of Directors, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of votes of the Association and the consent of the Class "B" Member so long as the Class "B" Membership exists, may levy Special Assessments for capital improvements and repairs from time to time. No membership vote shall be required for Special Assessments due to budget shortfalls in any year. Special Assessments pursuant to this paragraph shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Board of Directors, and may, if the Board of Directors so determines, be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Special Assessment is approved.
- (b) Less Than All Members. Without a membership vote, the Association may levy a Special Assessment against any Member individually and against such Member's Lot to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing a Member and the Lot or Unit into compliance with the provisions of Declaration. any amendments thereto and the Articles, Community-Wide Standards or Rules and Regulations of the Association, which Special Assessment may be levied upon the vote of the Board of Directors after notice to the Member and an opportunity for a hearing. The Association may also levy, without a membership vote, a Special Assessment against the Lots in any Neighborhood to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing the Neighborhood into compliance with the provisions of this Declaration, any amendments thereto, any Supplemental Declaration, if applicable, and the Articles, By-Laws, Community-Wide Standards and Rules and Regulations of the Association, which Special Assessment may be levied upon the vote of the Board of Directors after notice to the Members from such Neighborhood and an opportunity for a hearing. In the event the Association enters into a bulk rate cable television agreement for the Community, the Association shall specially assess all Lots for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued for cable television service. For any Special Assessment levied for failure to comply with the Documents, the Association may add an administration charge equal to ten percent of such amount.
- 9.07 Declarant's Obligation for Assessments. Beginning on the date of the recordation hereof, and continuing so long as Declarant owns one or more Lots, Declarant shall not pay Assessments on Lots which Declarant owns, but shall pay the difference, if any, between the amount of Assessments payable by Owners other than Declarant and the actual Common Expenses incurred by the Association for each Assessment period. If Declarant determines not to pay the difference between the amount of Assessments payable by Owners other than Declarant and the actual Common Expenses, then Declarant shall pay Assessments for the Lots which Declarant owns. Unless Declarant otherwise notifies the Board of Directors in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the fiscal year, Declarant shall be deemed to have elected to continue paying on the same basis as the preceding fiscal year. Declarant's obligations hereunder may be satisfied in the form of a cash subsidy or by "in kind" contributions of services or materials, or a combination of the same.

9.08 Establishment of Lien. Any and all Assessments, together with interest at a rate not to exceed the highest rate allowed by applicable usury law as computed from the date the delinquency first occurs, and such late charges and fines as may be established by the Board of Directors and costs and reasonable attorneys' fees may, upon compliance with applicable law, become a lien upon the Lot against which each Assessment is made and any other assets of the Owner. Each Assessment, together with interest, late charges, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the Assessment arose, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance.

The Association, acting on behalf of its Members, shall have the power to bid for the Lot or the other portions of the property so affected at a foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same. During the period in which the Lot or the other property so affected is owned by the Association following foreclosure: (a) no right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; (b) no Assessment shall be levied on it; and (c) each other Lot shall be charged, in addition to its usual Assessment, its equal pro rata share of the Assessment that would have been charged such Lot had it not been acquired by the Association. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid Common Expenses and attorneys' fees shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

- 9.09 Reserve Budget and Capital Contribution. The Board of Directors may annually prepare a reserve budget to take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board of Directors may set the required capital contribution in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected needs of the Association, as shown on the budget, with respect both to amount and timing by Assessments over the period of the budget. The capital contribution required (if any) may be fixed by the Board of Directors and included within and distributed with the budget and Common Assessment.
- 9.10 Exempt Property. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, all Common Area, Exclusive Common Area, all property owned by Declarant, and all property dedicated by Declarant to utility companies or governmental authorities shall be exempt from payment of Common Assessments, Neighborhood Assessments, and Special Assessments.

ARTICLE X MAINTENANCE

10.01 Association's Responsibility. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Areas of Common Responsibility, such maintenance to be funded as herein provided. This maintenance shall include, but need not be limited to, maintenance, repair, and replacement of roadways, waterways, preserves, landscaping, flora, fauna, structures and improvements which form the Common Area, and such portions of any additional property included within

the Area of Common Responsibility as may be dedicated by this Declaration, a resolution of the Board, or by an agreement for maintenance by the Association. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, to the extent that the Community's entrance feature, including landscaping improvements, signage or other improvements is located in whole or in part on any Lot on the Property, this area shall be deemed to be part of the Area of Common Responsibility for all purposes hereunder and the Association and its agents and designees shall have an easement over and across the Lot for ingress and egress to perform maintenance on this portion of the Area of Common Responsibility.

All costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of Areas of Common Responsibility shall be a Common Expense to be allocated among Lots as part of the Common Assessment. All costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of Exclusive Common Area shall be a Neighborhood Expense and shall be assessed against the Lots within the Neighborhood or Neighborhoods to which the Exclusive Common Area is assigned.

The Association shall also be responsible for exterior grounds maintenance within any Neighborhood and maintenance, repair and replacement of other property within any Neighborhood to the extent designated in any Supplemental Declaration affecting the Neighborhood. As provided in this Declaration, or any other written agreement, the Association may also assume maintenance responsibilities with respect to any Neighborhood in addition to those designated by Supplemental Declaration.

The Association may maintain other property which it does not own, including, without limitation, property dedicated to the public, if the Board of Directors determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard. The costs of such maintenance shall be allocated among the benefitted Lots as a Common Assessment, Neighborhood Assessment, or Special Assessment against a particular Lot, as the Board of Directors determines appropriate.

- 10.02 <u>Neighborhood Association's Responsibility</u>. Any Neighborhood Association having responsibility for maintenance of all or a portion of the Property within a particular Neighborhood pursuant to Neighborhood Documents shall perform such maintenance responsibility in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. If any such Neighborhood fails to perform its maintenance responsibility as required herein and in any Neighborhood Documents, the Association may perform it and assess the costs against all Lots within such Neighborhood as provided in Article IX of this Declaration.
- 10.03 Owner's Responsibility. Each Owner shall maintain his or her Lot, Unit and all parking areas and other improvements in connection therewith in accordance with Article V hereof and the Community-Wide Standards.
- 10.04 <u>Landscape Maintenance</u>. In accordance with Section 5.03, the Board of Directors of the Association may adopt Community-Wide Standards regarding landscape maintenance and irrigation, including but not limited to

frequency and quantity of maintenance and frequency, quantity and time of day of irrigation. All such Community-Wide Standards shall be adopted in accordance with good agronomical practices. The Association may, but shall not be required to, provide landscape maintenance services to Lots which shall either be mandatory or provided on a voluntary contract basis. The cost of landscape services shall be allocated among the Lots being maintained as a Special Assessment.

- 10.05 <u>Assessments</u>. All maintenance required by Sections 10.03 and 10.04 shall be performed in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. If any Neighborhood Association or Owner fails to perform its or his or her maintenance responsibility in accordance with the Community-Wide Standard, the Association may perform it and assess all costs incurred by the Association plus an administrative surcharge equal to ten percent of the amount assessed against the Lot and the Owner thereof as a Special Assessment. Prior to entry, the Association shall afford the Owner ten days' written notice to remedy a condition inconsistent with the Community-Wide Standard, except when entry is required due to an emergency.
- 10.06 <u>Sanctions</u>. Sanctions under the Documents may include reasonable monetary fines (as determined by the Board of Directors) and exclusion from the Property of any Builder, contractor, subcontractor, agent or other invitee who fails to comply with the provisions of the Documents. The Board of Directors shall, in addition, have the power to seek relief in any court for violations of the Documents or to abate nuisances.

ARTICLE XI INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES

11.01 <u>Insurance</u>. The Board of Directors, or its duly authorized agent, shall obtain blanket all-risk casualty insurance, if reasonably available, for all insurable improvements on the Common Area. If blanket all-risk coverage is not reasonably available, then at a minimum an insurance policy providing fire and extended coverage shall be obtained. This insurance shall be in an amount sufficient to cover one hundred percent of the replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any insured hazard.

In addition to casualty insurance on the Common Area, the Association may, in its discretion or upon request of a Neighborhood obtain and continue in effect adequate blanket all-risk casualty insurance, if reasonably available, on all insurable improvements on the Exclusive Common Area within the Neighborhood. If all-risk insurance is not reasonably available, then fire and extended coverage may be substituted. Such coverage may be in such form as the Board of Directors deems appropriate for one hundred percent of the replacement cost of all structures to be insured. The costs thereof shall be charged to the Owners of Lots within the benefitted Neighborhood as a Neighborhood Assessment.

Insurance obtained on the improvements within any Neighborhood, whether obtained by the Neighborhood Association or the Association, shall at a minimum comply with the applicable provisions of this Section 11.01, including the provisions of this Article applicable to policy provisions, loss adjustment, and all other subjects to which this Article applies with regard to insurance on the Common Area. All such insurance shall be for the full replacement cost. All such policies shall provide for a certificate of insurance to be furnished to the Association and to the Neighborhood Association.

The Board of Directors shall also obtain a public liability policy covering the Common Area, the Association and its Members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its Members or agents. The public liability policy shall have the liability limits established by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Premiums for all insurance on the Common Area shall be Common Expenses of the Association and shall be included in the Common Assessment. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible, and, in the case of casualty insurance, the amount thereof shall be added to the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement costs. The deductible shall be paid by the party who would be liable for the loss or repair in the absence of insurance and in the event of multiple parties shall be allocated in relation to the amount each party's loss bears to the total.

All insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association as trustee for the respective benefitted parties, as further identified in subsection (b) below. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:

- $\mbox{\ensuremath{\text{(a)}}}$ All policies shall be written with a company authorized to do business in the State of Georgia.
- (b) All policies on the Common Area shall be for the benefit of the Association, its Members and Institutional Mortgagee, if any, as their interests may appear; all policies secured at the request of a Neighborhood shall be for the benefit of the Neighborhood Association, if any, the Owners of Lots within the Neighborhood, and their Institutional Mortgagees, as their interests may appear.
- (c) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association on the Property shall be vested in the Board of Directors; provided, however, no Institutional Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
- (d) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Board of Directors hereunder be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Members, occupants, or their Institutional Mortgagees.

- (e) All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement, if reasonably available, and an agreed amount endorsement with an annual review by one or more qualified Persons.
- (f) The Board of Directors shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:
- (i) a waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Board of Directors, and the Association's manager, Members, and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;
- (ii) a waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct, instead of paying cash;
- (iii) a statement that no policy may be cancelled, invalidated, suspended, or subject to nonrenewal on account of any one or more individual Members;
- (iv) a statement that no policy may be cancelled, invalidated, suspended, or subject to nonrenewal on account of the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which the defect may be cured by the Association, its manager, any Member, or Institutional Mortgagee;
- (v) that any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Members' policies from consideration; and
- (vi) that the Association will be given at least thirty days' prior written notice of any cancellation, substantial modification, or nonrenewal.

In addition to the other insurance required by this Section, the Board of Directors shall obtain, as a Common Expense, worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent required by law, directors' and officers' liability coverage, if reasonably available, a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees, and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds, if reasonably available. The amount of fidelity coverage shall be determined in the directors best business judgment but, if reasonably available, may not be less than three months' Assessments on all Lots, plus reserves on hand. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and shall require at least thirty days' prior written notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification, or nonrenewal.

11.02 <u>Damage and Destruction</u>.

- (a) Filing Claims. Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any part of the Property 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 paragraph, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition in which they existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes.
- Repair and Reconstruction. Any damage or destruction to the Common Area or to Exclusive Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Class "B" Member and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total votes eligible to be cast by the Class "A" Members of the Association if Common Area (or at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total votes eligible to be cast by the Class "A" Members of the Neighborhood whose Exclusive Common Area is damaged) shall decide within sixty (60) days after the casualty not to repair or reconstruct. 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 said period, then the period shall be extended until such funds or information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) additional days. No Institutional Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction to Common Area, Exclusive Common Area or Lots shall bе repaired reconstructed. In the event that it should be determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction to the Common Area or Exclusive Common Area shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then and in that event the affected portion of the Property shall be restored to their natural state and maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive condition consistent with Community-Wide Standard.
- 11.03 Disbursement of Proceeds. If the damage or destruction for which proceeds of insurance policies are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed, the proceeds, or such portion thereof as may be required for such purpose, shall be disbursed in payment of such repairs or reconstruction as hereinafter provided. Any proceeds remaining after defraying such costs of repair or reconstruction to the Common Area or the Exclusive Common Area shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association and placed in a capital improvements account. In the event no repair or reconstruction is made, any proceeds remaining after making such settlement as is necessary and appropriate with the affected Members and their Institutional Mortgagees as their interests may appear, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of any Institutional Mortgagee of a Lot and may be enforced by such Institutional Mortgagee.

11.04 Repair and Reconstruction. If the damage or destruction to the Common Area or to Exclusive Common Area for which 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, levy a Special Assessment against all Members on the same basis as provided for Common Assessments, provided, if the damage or destruction involves the Exclusive Common Area, only the Members of Lots in the affected Neighborhood shall be subject to Assessment therefor. Additional Assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction.

ARTICLE XII NO PARTITION

Except as is permitted in this Declaration or any amendments hereto, there shall be no judicial partition of the Common Area or any part thereof, nor shall any Person acquiring any interest in the Property or any part thereof seek any judicial partition unless the Property has been removed from the provisions of this Declaration. This Article shall not be construed to prohibit the Board of Directors from acquiring and disposing of tangible personal property, nor from acquiring title to real property which may or may not be subject to this Declaration.

ARTICLE XIII CONDEMNATION

Whenever all or any part of the Common Area shall be taken, or conveyed under threat of condemnation by the Board of Directors by any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Member shall be entitled to notice thereof. The award made for such taking shall be payable to the Association as trustee for all Members to be disbursed as follows:

- (a) If the taking involves a portion of the Common Area on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking Declarant (as long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property) and Members representing at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total vote of the Association shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Common Area to the extent lands are available therefor, in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. If such improvements are to be repaired or restored, the above provisions of Sections 11.03 and 11.04 regarding the disbursement of funds, and any required Assessments, in respect to casualty damage or destruction which is to be repaired shall apply.
- (b) If the taking does not involve any improvements on the Common Area, or if there is a decision made not to repair or restore, then such award or net funds shall be disbursed to the Association and used for

such capital improvements as the Board of Directors of the Association shall determine.

ARTICLE XIV EASEMENTS AND OTHER RIGHTS

It is the intent of Declarant that Declarant, the Association, any Neighborhood Association, the Club and the Owners shall be provided ingress and egress to the Property or portions thereof, in connection with exercising the rights and in carrying out the obligations set forth in the Documents, and any Supplemental Declaration. Declarant may, by separate instruments to be recorded in Fulton County, grant exclusive and non-exclusive easements on, upon, over, across, through and under the Property for, among other things, the following purposes:

- (a) use of Common Area for all proper and normal purposes set forth herein;
- (b) ingress, egress and access to and from, through and between the Property;
- (c) inspecting any construction, proposed construction or improvements;
- (d) repairing or maintaining the Property, and any facilities or improvements thereon;
- (e) installing and maintaining the Community's utilities and drainage facilities;
- (f) encroachments for minor inaccuracies in survey, construction or reconstruction or due to settlement or movement;
 - (g) errant golf balls;
- (h) maintenance, installation, construction and repair of utilities and facilities; and
- (i) a right of access to each Lot in favor of the Association for maintaining, repairing, replacing and preserving the Common Area.

Notwithstanding the absence of a separate recorded document, the rights set forth in this Section shall still exist for the purposes intended in the Documents or as provided in any Supplemental Declaration.

ARTICLE XV TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

Declarant reserves unto itself and its designees, successors, assigns and licensees the right to enter into one or more contracts for the provision of one or more master telecommunications receiving and distribution systems and electronic surveillance systems (all or any part of which shall be referred to herein as the "System") for all or any part of the Community. The exact description, location and nature of the System has not yet been fixed or determined. Declarant will reserve for itself and its designees, successors, assigns and licensees a perpetual and exclusive right, privilege, easement and right-of-way across, over and upon the Property for the installation, construction and maintenance of the System together with a perpetual and exclusive right, privilege and easement of unlimited ingress and egress, access, over and upon the Property for installing, constructing, inspecting, maintaining, altering, moving, improving and replacing facilities equipment constituting the System. If and to the extent services provided by the System are to serve all of the Lots, then the cost of the System may be a Common Expense of the Association and shall be included in the Common Assessment. If any services provided by the System are provided only to some but not all of the Lots, then the cost of any such services may be an expense for the benefit of the Lots so served and shall be assessed as a Special Assessment against such Lots.

ARTICLE XVI DECLARANT'S RIGHTS

- 16.01 <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this Article XVI is to set forth certain Declarant rights, and to refer, for ease of reference to, certain other Declarant rights set forth in this Declaration. The purpose of this Article XVI shall in no way be a limitation of any rights of Declarant otherwise set forth in this Declaration.
- 16.02 <u>Duration of Rights</u>. The rights of Declarant set forth in this Declaration that refer to this Article XVI shall extend for a period of time ending when Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property or such earlier date as determined by Declarant, in its sole discretion.
- 16.03 <u>Declarant's Rights in the Association</u>. Prior to and after the turnover of the Association to the Owners and until Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property, whether Declarant exercises the right to appoint a majority of the Board of Directors or not, the Board shall have no authority to, and shall not, without the written consent of Declarant, which may be withheld for any or no reason whatsoever, undertake any action which shall:
- (a) prohibit or restrict in any manner the sales and marketing program of Declarant, or any Builder or the leasing activities of Declarant or any Builder;

- (b) decrease the level of maintenance services of the Association performed by the initial Board of Directors;
- (c) change the membership of the NCC or MC or diminish its powers as stated herein;
- (d) alter or amend this Declaration, the Articles or By-Laws of the Association;
- (e) terminate or waive any rights of the Association under this Declaration;
- (f) convey, lease, mortgage, alienate or pledge any easements or Common Area of the Association;
- (g) accept the conveyance, lease, mortgage, alienation or pledge of any real or personal property to the Association;
- (h) terminate or cancel any easements granted hereunder or by the Association;
- (i) terminate or impair in any fashion any easements, powers or rights of Declarant hereunder;
- (j) restrict Declarant's rights of use, access and enjoyment of any of the Property; or
- (k) cause the Association to default on any obligation of it under any contract or this Declaration.

In any such matter, Declarant's consent shall be exercised by its representative on the Board or other person designated to so act by Declarant.

16.04 Right of Declarant to Disapprove Actions. From the date of turnover of the Association by Declarant to the Owners and until the Declarant no longer owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property, Declarant shall have a right to disapprove actions of the Board and any committees, as is more fully provided in this Section. This right shall be exercisable only by Declarant, its successors, and assigns who specifically take this power in a recorded instrument, or who become a successor Declarant pursuant to a recorded assignment or court order. No action authorized by the Board of Directors or any committee shall become effective, nor shall any action, policy or program be implemented until ten (10) days following Declarant's receipt of notice of the action taken at the meeting held pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof. At any time prior to the expiration of such ten (10) day period, Declarant may exercise its right to disapprove actions of the Board and any committees and the Association shall not take any action or implement any policy, program or rule or regulation previously approved by the Association.

This right to disapprove shall not extend to the requiring of any action or counteraction on behalf of any committee, or the Board or the Association. Declarant shall not use its right to disapprove to reduce the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repairs or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

- 16.05 Recognition by Owners of Declarant's Rights to Develop and Construct Improvements on the Property. Each Owner on his, her or its own behalf and on behalf of such Owner's heirs, personal representatives, successors, mortgagees, lienors and assigns acknowledges and agrees that the completion of the development of the Community may occur over an extended period of time and that incident to such development and the construction associated therewith the quiet use and enjoyment of the Property and each portion thereof may be temporarily interfered with by the development and construction work occurring on those portions of the Property and the Additional Property owned by Declarant or its successors and assigns. Each Owner, on behalf of such Owner's heirs, assigns, personal representatives, successors, mortgagees, lienors and assigns does hereby waive all claims for interference with such quiet enjoyment and use as a result of the development and construction of any portion of the Property or the Additional Property. Each Owner on behalf of such Owner's heirs, personal representatives, successors, mortgagees, lienors and assigns agrees that the development, construction and completion of the Property and the Additional Property may interfere with such Owner's original and existing views, light and air and diminish the same and each such Owner or such Owner's behalf and on behalf of such Owner's heirs, assigns, personal representatives, successors, mortgagees, lienors and assigns does hereby release Declarant and its successors in interest and others involved from all claims that they may have in connection therewith.
- 16.06 Declarant's Rights in Connection with Development. Declarant and its successors or assigns will undertake the work of constructing buildings, dwellings and improvements related thereto. The completion of that work and the sale, resale, rental and other disposal of Lots is essential to the establishment and welfare of White Columns as a community. As used in this Section and its subparagraphs, the words "its successors or assigns" specifically do not include purchasers of completed Lots. In order that said work may be completed and White Columns established as a fully occupied community as rapidly as possible, no Owner or the Association shall do anything to interfere with Declarant's or any Builder's activities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, nothing in this Declaration or the Articles or By-Laws or any amendment thereto shall be understood or construed to prevent Declarant, its successors or assigns, or its or their contractors or subcontractors and their representatives from:
- (a) doing on any property owned by them whatever they determine to be necessary or advisable in connection with the completion of said work, including without limitation, the alteration of its construction plans and designs as Declarant or any Builder deems advisable in the course of

development (all models or sketches showing plans for future development may be modified by Declarant at any time and from time to time, without notice); or

- (b) erecting, constructing and maintaining on any property owned or controlled by Declarant, or its successors or assigns or its or their contractors or subcontractors, such structures as may be reasonably necessary for the conduct of its or their business of completing said work and establishing White Columns as a community and disposing of the same by sale, lease or otherwise; or
- (c) conducting on any property owned or controlled by Declarant or its successors or assigns, its or their business of developing, subdividing, grading and constructing improvements on such property and of disposing of Lots therein by sale, resale, lease or otherwise.

Declarant expressly reserves the right to grant easements and rights-of-way over, under and through the Common Areas so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property primarily for development and/or resale; provided, no such easement shall materially interfere with the use of the Common Area by the Members.

- 16.07 Future Easements and Modifications. Declarant reserves the right to grant, modify or enter into easements, dedications, agreements, licenses, restrictions, reservations, covenants and rights of way, to modify the boundary lines and to plat or replat portions of the Property and the Additional Property, for development of the Community. The Association and each Owner and mortgagee of a portion of the Property agree to execute and deliver any and all agreements, documents, plats and instruments which are necessary or desirable to accomplish the same.
- 16.08 Construction: Marketing. In recognition of the fact Declarant will have a continuing and substantial interest in the development and administration of the Property and the Additional Property, Declarant hereby reserves for itself, its successors, designees and assigns, the right to grant easements over, under and through and use the Common Area and use all other portions of the Property in conjunction with and as part of its program of selling, leasing, constructing, marketing, and developing any property owned or controlled by Declarant or its successors, designees or assignees including, but not limited to, the right to carry on construction and to enter and transact business, maintain models and sales, resales and rental offices, place signs, employ sales rental personnel, show Lots and Units owned by Declarant, and use portions of the Property, Lots, Units and other improvements owned by Declarant or the Association for purposes set forth above and for storage of construction materials and for construction and assembling construction components without any cost to Declarant and its successors, nominees and assigns for such rights and privileges.

In addition Declarant, its successors, designees and assigns, shall have the right to construct, maintain and use a sales, resales, rental, and construction offices within the Community. Any models, sales areas, sales,

resales or rental center, parking areas, construction office, signs and any other designated areas or other property pertaining to the sale, construction and marketing efforts of Declarant shall not be part of the Common Area or Exclusive Common Area and shall remain the property of Declarant or its nominees, as the case may be.

Declarant shall have the right to construct, maintain and repair structures and landscaping and other improvements to be located on the Property as Declarant deems necessary or appropriate for the development of any portion of the Property or the Additional Property. Declarant's use of any portion of the Property as provided in this Section shall not be a violation of the Documents. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the right of Declarant to maintain a resale office on the Property and to use the Common Area in connection therewith shall be for a term coterminous with the term of the Declaration and shall not terminate at the expiration of the time described in Section 16.02 above.

16.09 Scope. The rights and privileges of Declarant, its successors, designees and assigns, as herein set forth or referred to above are in addition to and in no way limit any other rights or privileges of Declarant, its successors, designees and assigns, under any of the Documents. The provisions above, like other provisions of this Declaration, grant or reserve rights to and for Declarant that may not be suspended, superseded or modified in any manner unless same is consented to by Declarant, and such rights may be assigned in writing by Declarant in whole or in part as Declarant deems appropriate.

ARTICLE XVII GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 17.01 Term. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by Declarant, the Association or the Owner of any portion of the Property subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, for a period of time coterminous with the term of this Declaration.
- 17.02 Amendment. Until the Turnover Date, Declarant may amend this Declaration in its sole and absolute discretion. After the Turnover Date, Declarant may amend this Declaration in its sole and absolute discretion at any time and from time to time if such amendment is (a) necessary to bring any provisions hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule or regulation, or judicial determination; (b) necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on a Lot; (c) required by an institutional lender or a government mortgage agency or purchaser of mortgage loans, to enable the same to make, insure or purchase mortgage loans on a Lot; (d) necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure mortgage loans on a Lot subject to this Declaration; or (e) correct any stenographic, scrivener's or

surveyor's error or any error of a like nature; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to a Lot unless the Owner thereof shall consent thereto in writing. After the Turnover Date and so long as it still owns any part of the Property or the Additional Property for development, Declarant may amend this Declaration in its sole and absolute discretion for any other purpose, provided the amendment has no materially adverse effect upon the rights of any Owner of a Lot. After the Turnover (a) any non-Declarant initiated amendment, or (b) any Declarant initiated amendment which has a materially adverse effect upon the rights of an Owner of a Lot, shall require the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members representing sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total votes in the Association (other than Declarant), and the consent of Declarant, so long as Declarant owns any portion of the Property or the Additional Property. However, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall be not less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause. No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of the Club without the written consent of the Club or the assignee of such right of privilege.

- 17.03 <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- 17.04 <u>Litigation</u>. No judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by a vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes eligible to be cast Association. This Section shall not apply, however, to (i) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration, (ii) the imposition and collection of Assessments as provided in Article IX hereof, (iii) proceedings ad valorem involving challenges to taxation. (iv) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it. In the event any claim is made against Declarant or the Club by the Association or any litigation is instituted against Declarant or any of its affiliates by the Association, then the Association shall assess all Members (other than the Declarant) for the costs of claim or litigation, including without limitation attorneys' fees incurred, and funds from Common Assessments shall not be used for any such claim or litigation. judicial or administrative proceeding, the prevailing party shall be entitled to receive reasonable attorneys' fees costs.
- 17.05 <u>Security</u>. The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, maintain or support certain activities within the Community designed to make the Property safer than they otherwise might be. Neither the Association, Declarant, nor any successor of Declarant shall in any way be considered insurers or guarantors of security within the Property, and neither the Association, Declarant, nor any successor of Declarant shall be held liable for any loss or damage by reason or failure to provide adequate security or ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken. All Members and occupants of any Unit, and the tenants, guests and invitees of any Member, as applicable,

acknowledge that the Association and its Board of Directors, Declarant, any successor of Declarant and the NCC and the MC do not represent or warrant that any fire protection system, burglar alarm system or other security system designated by or installed according to guidelines established by Declarant or the NCC or the MC may not be compromised or circumvented, that any fire protection or burglar alarm systems or other security systems will prevent loss by fire, smoke, burglary, theft, hold-up, or otherwise, nor that fire protection or burglar alarm systems or other security systems will in all cases provide the detection or protection for which the system is designed or intended. Each Member, and occupant of any Unit, and each tenant, guest and invitee of any Member, as applicable, acknowledges and understands that the Association, the Board of Directors, Declarant, or any successor of Declarant are not insurers and that each Member and occupant of any Unit and each tenant, guest and invitee of any Member assumes all risks for loss or damage to persons, to Units and to the contents of Units and further acknowledges that the Association, the Board of Directors, Declarant, or any successor of Declarant have made no representations or warranties, nor has any Member, occupant, tenant, guest or invitee relied upon any representations or warranties, expressed or implied, including any warranty or merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, relative to any fire and/or burglar alarm systems or other security systems recommended or installed or any security measures undertaken within the Community.

- 17.06 Notice of Transfer of Lot. In the event that any Member desires to sell or otherwise transfer title of his or her Lot, such Member shall give the Board of Directors at least fourteen (14) days' prior written notice of the name and address of the purchaser or transferee, the date on which such transfer of title is to take place, and such other information as the Board of Directors may reasonably require. The transferor shall remain jointly and severally liable with the transferee for all obligations of the Member or the Lot, including payment of all Assessments, accruing prior to the date of transfer. Until written notice is received as provided in this Section, the transferor and transferee shall be jointly and severably liable for Assessments accruing subsequent to the date of transfer. In the event that upon the conveyance of a Lot, an Owner fails in the deed of conveyance to reference the imposition of this Declaration on the Lot the transferring Owner shall remain liable for Assessments accruing on the Lot after the date of conveyance.
- 17.07 <u>Use of Words "White Columns"</u>. No person shall use the words "White Columns" or any derivative thereof in any printed or promotional material without the prior written consent of Declarant. However, Members may use the term "White Columns" in printed or promotional materials where such term is used solely to specify that a particular property is located within the Community.
- 17.08 <u>Assignment of Rights</u>. Declarant shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to assign all or part of its rights under this Declaration

- 17.09 Notice of Mortgagee Action. In the event any Owner desires to mortgage his or her Lot, such Owner shall require that the mortgage specifically provide that in the event of foreclosure or the exercise of any remedy set forth in the mortgage, the mortgagee shall acquire the Lot subject to this Declaration.
- 17.10 <u>Independent Builders</u>. The Property is a master planned community being developed by the Declarant. The individual buildings constructed within the Property may be constructed by the Declarant, Builders or others who are independent contractors who purchase unimproved Lots from the Declarant. If a building is constructed by a person or entity other than the Declarant, the Declarant shall have no liability whatsoever for such Builder's activities, whether direct or indirect, including, without limitation, marketing or construction of the building or actions of any principal, officer, trustee, partner, agent or subcontractor.
- 17.11 Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Documents including the Community-Wide Standards and use restrictions promulgated pursuant thereto, which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all occupants of his or her Unit. Every Owner shall cause all occupants of his or her Unit to comply with the Declaration, Articles, By-Laws, rules and regulations and the Community-Wide Standards adopted pursuant thereto, and shall be responsible for all violations and losses caused by such occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such occupants of a Unit are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any violation of the Documents and the Community-Wide Standards adopted pursuant thereto.
- 17.12 No Easement for View. Each Owner further acknowledges that neither Declarant, any builder, nor any person acting on behalf of Declarant or any Builder, has made or is authorized to make, any representation or commitment that any view of the Club Property or any other vistas shall be preserved, protected or remain unobstructed, and there are no express or implied easements for view purposes appurtenant to any Lot.

ARTICLE XVIII MORTGAGEE PROVISIONS

The following provisions are for the benefit of Mortgagees. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the Articles, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

- 18.01 <u>Notices of Action</u>. A Mortgagee who provides written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the number of the Lot or Unit as the case may be, therefore becoming an "eligible holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:
- (a) any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Property or which affects any Lot on which a first mortgage is held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder;

- (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by any Owner of a Lot subject to the mortgage of such eligible holder; or
- (c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association.
- 18.02 <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Member shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any mortgage encumbering such Member's Lot.

ARTICLE XIX CABLE TELEVISION

- 19.01 <u>CATV Agreement</u>. The Association may, but shall not be required to, enter into a bulk rate cable television agreement ("CATV Agreement") for the Community. If a CATV Agreement is entered into, all Lots for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued shall be charged for basic cable service as a Special Assessment, regardless of whether the Owner desires cable television service. In addition, tier, remotes, pay channels and other services may be offered by the cable provider on an individual subscriber basis.
- 19.02 <u>Easements</u>. Declarant and the Association shall have the right to grant easements to the cable provider for installation, maintenance and repair of the cable television system, including without limitation head-ends, wiring, switches and amplifiers. The cable provider shall also have the right to use easement area dedicated for utilities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the cable provider shall retain ownership of all cable television equipment installed within the Community.
- 19.03 Prewire. The cable provider shall be permitted to pre-wire each Unit constructed within the Community for cable television service at its sole cost and expense. Each Owner acknowledges that the prewire installed within the Unit shall be and remain personal property of the cable provider. Owners shall have no ownership interest in the prewire and the right of use thereof shall remain solely with the cable provider. Each Owner by acceptance of title to a Unit hereby acknowledges that Declarant shall reserve an irrevocable right which may be assigned to any cable provider to install and maintain the prewire in the Unit and agrees not to permit any other provider of cable television to utilize the prewire without the prior written consent of the cable provider, which consent may be withheld by the cable provider in its discretion. Upon termination of the CATV Agreement, the cable provider may, but is not obligated to, remove all or any portion of the prewire within the Unit, after reasonable notice to the Owner, provided no material or substantial injury to the real property would result from such removal.

ARTICLE XX CLUB PROPERTY

- The Club Property adjacent to the Community is 20.01 Club Property. privately owned and operated and is not nor intended to be subject to this Declaration or a part of the Common Area hereunder. The Club has the exclusive right to determine from time to time, in its sole discretion and without notice or approval of any change, how and by whom the Club Property shall be used. By way of example, but not limitation, the Club has the right to approve users and determine eligibility for use, to reserve use rights for future purchasers of Lots or Units within the Community, to terminate any or all use rights, to change, eliminate or cease operation of any or all of the Club Property, to transfer any or all of its rights to the Club Property or the operation thereof to anyone and on any terms which it deems appropriate, to limit the availability of use privileges, and to require the payment of a purchase price, initiation fee, membership deposit, dues and other charges for use privileges. OWNERSHIP OF A LOT OR UNIT OR ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT GIVE ANY VESTED RIGHT OR EASEMENT, PRESCRIPTIVE OR OTHERWISE, TO USE THE CLUB PROPERTY, OR TO ACQUIRE A MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB AND DOES NOT GRANT ANY OWNERSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP INTEREST IN THE CLUB OR THE CLUB PROPERTY. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or recorded contract of sale to a Lot acknowledges:
- (a) That any entry upon the Club Property without permission of the Club may be deemed a trespass, and each Owner shall refrain from, and shall cause all occupants of such Owner's Lot, there guests and invitees to refrain from, any unauthorized entry upon the Club Property;
- (b) That the proximity of the Community to the Club Property results in certain foreseeable risks, including the risk of damage or injury from errant golf balls, and that each Owner's use and enjoyment of his or her lot and the Common Area may be limited as a result and that neither the Association nor Declarant shall have any obligation to take steps to remove or alleviate such risks, nor shall they have any liability to any Owner or occupant of any Lot, their guests or invitees, for damage or injury resulting from errant golf balls being hit upon any Lots;
- (c) That the Club and its designees may add to, remove or otherwise modify the landscaping, trees, and other features of the Club Property, including changing the location, configuration, size and elevation of bunkers, fairways and greens and constructing fences, and that neither the Club, nor Declarant, nor the Association, shall have any liability to Owner as a result of such modifications to the Club Property;
- (d) That there no express or implied easements over the Club Property for view purposes, and no guaranty or representation is made by Declarant or any other Person at any view over and across the Club Property will be preserved without impairment, and that neither the Club nor any operator thereof shall have any obligation to prune or thin trees or other landscaping to preserve views from the Community over the Club Property;

- (e) That no representations or warranties which are inconsistent with this Section, either verbal or written, have been made or are made by Declarant or the Association or by any person acting on behalf of any of the foregoing; and
- (f) The Owner of the Club Property may own one or more lakes on the Property and may use such lakes for the purpose of irrigating the Club Property with the result that the water level in such lakes may from time to time vary. Each Owner of a Lot in the Community acknowledges such right on the part of the Owner of the Club Property and agrees not to commence any cause of action or other proceeding involving the Owner of the Club Property based on the exercise of such right or otherwise interfere therewith.
- members of the Club (regardless of whether such Persons are Members here-under), their guests and invitees and the employees, agents, contractors, and designees of the Club a non-exclusive easement of access and use over all roadways located within the Property reasonably necessary to travel to and from the entrance to the Community from and to the Club Property, respectively, and, further, over those portions of the Property (whether Common Area or otherwise) reasonably necessary to the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Club Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, members of the Club and permitted members of the public shall have the right to park their vehicles on the roadways located within the Property at reasonable times before, during, and after tournaments and other similar functions held at the Club Property.
- Each Owner by its 20.03 Assumption of Risk and Indemnification. purchase of a Lot expressly assumes the risks associated with the Club Property (regardless of whether the Owner is using the Club Property) and agrees that neither Declarant nor any of Declarant's affiliates or agents nor any other entity designing, constructing, owning or managing the Club Property or planning or constructing the Owner's Lot or Unit shall be liable to Owner or any other person claiming any loss or damage, including, without limitation, indirect, special or consequential loss or damage arising from personal injury, destruction of property, loss of view, noise pollution, or other visual or audible offenses, or trespass or any other alleged wrong or entitlement to remedy based upon, due to, arising from or otherwise related to the proximity of the Owner's Lot to the Club Property, including, without limitation, any claim arising, in whole or in part, from the negligence of Declarant, or any other entity designing, constructing, owning or managing the Club Property or planning or constructing the Owner's Lot or Unit. Owner hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Declarant and any other entity owning or managing the Club Property against any and all claims by Owner's guests and invitees.

Declaration this 26th day of October	
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of: Unofficial Witness	AJB COMPANY, INC., a Georgia corporation By: Its: VICE PRESIDENT. (CORPORATE SEAL)
of Ottober, 1994, by kenishing Kompany, INC., on behalf of said corporation	tokura, as pice-miscant of AJB
The undersigned hereby joins in of October, 1994.	this Declaration this 26 Th day
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of: Unofficial Witness	WHITE COLUMNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Georgia not-for-profit corporation By: Luckley
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of Ctober, 1994, by Drasley K. Nunckel, as Present of WHITE COLUMNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Georgia not-for-profit corporation, on behalf of said corporation. Philas P. Kanellov Notary Public My Commission Expires: Jet. 10, 1945 (Notary Seal)	