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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS
FOR
OLDE TOWN SQUARE**

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF COBB**

THIS DECLARATION (hereinafter referred to as the "Declaration"), made on the date hereinafter set forth by Olde Town Properties, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain real property located in Land Lots 105 and 106 of the 20th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, which is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

WHEREAS, Declarant intends to develop on lands, including the real property described above, a development to be known as Olde Town Square (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Development"); and

WHEREAS, Declarant has caused the Association (as hereinafter defined) to be formed as a non-profit civic organization to perform certain functions for the common good and general welfare of the Owners (as hereinafter defined).

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the properties described on Exhibit "A" referenced above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the real property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

Section 11. Restrictions. "Restrictions" means all covenants, restrictions, easements, charges, liens and other obligations created or imposed by this Declaration.

Section 12. Structure. "Structure" means:

(a) any thing or object the placement of which upon any Lot may affect the appearance of such Lot, including by way of illustration and not limitation, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse or bathhouse, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, fence, curbing, paving, wall, tree, shrub, sign, signboard, temporary or permanent living quarters (including any house trailer) or any other temporary or permanent improvement to such Lot;

(b) any excavation, grading, fill ditch, diversion dam or other thing, or device which affects or alters the natural flow of surface waters from, upon or across any Lot, or which affects or alters the flow of any waters in any natural or artificial creek, stream, wash or drainage channel from, upon or across any Lot; and

(c) any change in grade at any point on a Lot of more than six (6) inches, whether or not subsection (b) of this Section 12 applies to such change.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(a) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facility situated upon the Common Property;

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

(c) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Property to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such dedication or transfer signed by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members has been recorded.

(d) the right of the Declarant to dedicate the Common Property, subject to the governmental or institutional approvals required herein, to the Association, without the consent of the Association.

Further, every Owner shall have the right to ingress and egress over, upon, and across the Common Area necessary for access to his or her Lot and shall have the right to lateral support for his or her Lot, and such rights shall be appurtenant to and pass with the title to each Lot. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements for the maintenance and repair of a party wall or walls, if any.

Section 2. Parking Rights. Each Owner shall be entitled to use the automobile parking spaces located in the Common Area, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Delegation of Use. Any owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Property and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the property.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Every Owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment.

Section 2. Voting Rights. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

Class A: Initially, the Class A members shall be all Owners, with the exception of the Declarant, and shall be entitled to one vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot. If multiple owners of a lot cannot unanimously decide how to cast their vote then no vote may be cast regarding the ownership by that particular Lot.

Class B: The Class B member shall be the Declarant and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot owned. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of any of the following events:

(a) The date on which seventy five percent (75%) of the Lots located on the Property and any Additional Property which has been added to this Declaration by

(b) From and after January 1 of the year immediately following the conveyance of the first Lot to an Owner, the maximum annual assessment may be increased above five percent (5%) by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

(c) The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Property, including fixtures and personalty related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose.

Section 5. Notice and Quorum for any Action Authorized under Sections 3 and 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under Section 3 or 4 shall be sent to all members not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast sixty percent (60%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to the same notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.

Section 6. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis or annually as determined by the Board.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to all Lots on the first day of the month following the conveyance of a Lot. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot. Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, Declarant and any Owner of a lot held solely for resale by a person building a residence thereon, on behalf of themselves and their successors and assigns, covenant and agree to pay the annual assessment for each lot owned by Declarant and said builder which contains an occupied residence; provided, however, Declarant and such builder shall not be responsible for assessments on lots not containing an occupied residence for so long as Declarant or such builder funds any deficit which may exist between assessments and the annual budget of the Association. At the time Declarant fails to fund any deficit which exists between the annual assessments and the budget, all lots shall be fully

(ii) governing the procedure for such submission of plans and specifications;

(iii) establishing guidelines with respect to the approval and disapproval of design features, architectural styles, exterior colors and materials, details of construction, location and size of Structures and all other matters that require approval by the ACC pursuant to this Declaration; and

(iv) assuring the conformity and harmony of external design and general quality of the Development.

(b) The ACC shall make a published copy of its current Design Standards readily available to Members and prospective Members of the Association and to all applicants seeking the ACC's approval.

Section 6. Submission of Plans and Specifications. No Structure shall be commenced, erected, placed, moved onto or permitted to remain on any Lot nor shall any existing Structure upon any Lot be altered in any way which materially changes the exterior appearance of the Structure or Lot, unless plans and specifications therefor shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the ACC. Such plans and specifications shall be in such form and shall contain such information as may be reasonably required by the ACC in the Design Standards, including where applicable, and without being limited to:

(a) a site plan showing the location of all proposed and existing Structures on the Lot including building setbacks, open space, driveways, walkways and parking spaces including the number thereof and all siltation and erosion control measures;

(b) a foundation plan;

(c) a floor plan;

(d) exterior elevations of all proposed Structures and alterations to existing Structures, as such Structures shall appear after all back-filling and landscaping are completed;

(e) specifications of materials, color scheme, lighting scheme and other details affecting the exterior appearance of all proposed Structures and alterations to existing Structures; and

(f) plans for landscaping and grading.

Section 7. Approval of Plans and Specifications. Upon approval by the ACC of any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration, one (1) copy of such plans and specifications, as approved, shall be deposited for permanent record with the ACC and a copy of such plans and specifications bearing such approval, in writing shall be returned to the applicant submitting the same. Approval for use in connection with any Lot or Structure of any plans and specifications shall not be deemed a waiver of the ACC's right, in its discretion, to disapprove similar plans and specifications or any of the features or elements included therein if such plans, specifications, features or elements are subsequently submitted for use in connection with any other Lot or Structure. Approval of any such plans and specifications relating to any Lot or Structure, however, shall be final as to that Lot or Structure and such approval may not be revoked or rescinded thereafter, provided that there has been adherence to, and compliance with, such plans and specifications, as approved, and any conditions attached to any such approval.

Section 8. Disapproval of Plans and Specifications. The ACC shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration for any of the following reasons:

- (a) the failure to include information in such plans and specifications as may have been reasonably requested;

- (b) the failure of such plans or specifications to comply with this Declaration or the Design Standards;

- (c) any other matter which, in the judgment of the ACC, would be likely to cause the proposed installation, construction or alteration of a Structure (i) to fail to be in conformity and harmony of external design and general quality with the standards of the Development as set forth in the Design Standards, or (ii) as to location to be incompatible with topography, finished ground elevation and surrounding Structures. In any case in which the ACC shall approve the same only as modified or upon specified conditions, such disapproval or qualified approval shall be accompanied by a statement of the grounds upon which such action was based. In any such case the ACC shall, if requested, make reasonable efforts to assist and advise the applicant in order that an acceptable proposal may be prepared and submitted for approval.

Section 9. Obligation to Act. The ACC shall take action on any plans and specifications submitted as herein provided within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof. Approval by the ACC, if granted, together with any conditions imposed by the ACC shall be placed in writing on the plans and specifications and shall be returned to the applicant. Failure by ACC to take action within thirty (30) days of receipt of plans and specifications submitted for approval shall be deemed approval of such plans and specifications.

Section 10. Inspection Rights. Any employee or agent of the Association or the ACC may, after reasonable notice, at any reasonable time or times, enter upon any Lot and Structure thereon for the purpose of ascertaining whether the installation, construction, alteration or maintenance of any Structure or the use of any Lot or Structure is in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration; and neither the Association, nor the ACC, nor any such agent shall be deemed to have committed a trespass or other wrongful act solely by reason of such entry or inspection, provided such inspection is carried out in accordance with the terms of this Section.

Section 11. Violations. If any Structure shall be erected, placed, maintained or altered upon any Lot, otherwise than in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the ACC pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such erection, placement, maintenance or alteration shall be deemed to have been undertaken in violation of this Article and without the approval required herein. If in the opinion of the ACC such violation shall have occurred, the ACC shall notify the Association. If the Board shall agree with the determination of the ACC with respect to the violation, then the Board shall provide written notice to the Owner by certified mail, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the violation and the specific action or actions required to remedy the violation. If the owner shall not have taken reasonable steps toward the required remedial action within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, then the Association shall have the Right of Abatement as provided in Article VIII, Section 2 hereof.

Section 12. Certification of Compliance.

(a) Upon completion of the installation, construction or alteration of any Structure in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the ACC, the ACC shall, upon written request of the Owner thereof or upon the ACC's own initiative, issue a Certificate of Compliance, identifying such Structure and Lot upon which such Structure is place, and stating that the plans and specifications have been approved and that such Structure complies with such plans and specifications. A copy of said Certificate shall be filed for permanent record with the plans and specifications on file with the ACC.

(b) Any Certificate of Compliance issued in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated; and as to any purchaser or encumbrancer in good faith and for value, or as to any title insurer, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence that all Structures on the Lot comply with all the requirements of this Article, provided, however, that the Certificate shall in no way be construed to certify the acceptability, sufficiency or approval by the ACC of the actual construction of Structures or of the workmanship, or to represent or warrant to anyone the quality, function or operation of the Structures or of any construction, workmanship, engineering, materials or equipment. The issuance of the Certificate shall in no way be construed to certify to any party that the Structures have been built in accordance with any applicable rule or regulation other than those of the ACC.

Section 13. Fees. The ACC may impose and collect a reasonable and appropriate fee to cover the cost of inspection performed pursuant to Section 10. The fee shall be established from time to time by the ACC and published in the Design Standards.

Section 14. Non-Discrimination by ACC. The ACC shall not discriminate against any applicant requesting its approval of plans and specifications because of such applicant's race, color, sex, religion, age or natural origin. Further, the ACC in the exercise of its powers granted pursuant to this Declaration shall not take any action the intent or effect of which is to discriminate against persons of a particular race, color, sex, religion, age or national origin.

Section 15. Liability for Defects. The Declarant, the Association, the Board of Directors, officers of the Association, or the ACC shall not be liable for any defects in any plans and specifications which it approves.

ARTICLE VI

GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The following covenants and restrictions shall apply to all Lots and to all Structures erected or placed thereon:

Section 1. Residential Use. All Lots shall be restricted exclusively to single-family residential use. The use of a portion of a dwelling as an office by an Owner shall not be considered to be a violation of this covenant if such use does not create regular customer, client or employee traffic. The use of a dwelling or a portion thereof for business meetings, entertainment, or the enjoyment or business of the Owner's employees, trustees, agents, clients, or customers shall not be considered to be a violation of this covenant if such use does not create regular customer, client or employee traffic. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit or prevent Declarant or any builder of residences on the Property from using any Lot owned by Declarant or such builder for the purpose of carrying on business related to the development and sale of Lots and/or new homes on Lots.

Section 2. Common Property. The Common Property shall be used by the Owners and Declarant, and their agents, servants, tenants, family members, invitees and licensees for such other purposes as may be authorized by the Association.

Section 3. ~~XXXXXX~~ No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be dumped, placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of an Owner's Lot so as to render the same unsanitary, unsightly or offensive. No nuisance shall be permitted to exist upon any portion of the Property.

Section 4. Erosion Control. No activity which may create erosion or siltation problems shall be undertaken on any Lot except for the initial construction of residences and development of the Property unless the same is approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

(f) Adequate off-street parking for two vehicles shall be provided for each Lot.

(g) All garages must have doors, and each garage door must be coordinated in design and color with the dwelling to which it is appurtenant.

(h) Any construction on a Lot shall be at the risk of the Owner of such Lot and the Owner of such Lot shall be responsible for any damage to any curbing or street resulting from construction on such Lot; repairs of such damage must be made within thirty (30) days after completion of such construction.

Section 11. Animals. No animals, including birds, insects and reptiles, may be kept on any Lot unless kept thereon solely as household pets and not for commercial purposes. All animals must be kept indoors except when on a leash and being walked. No animal shall be allowed to become a nuisance.

Section 12. Accessory Structures Installed by Declarant. Entry signs, fences, walls and landscaping installed by Declarant on the Property shall be and are hereby dedicated to the use and benefit of all owners, and shall not be removed or altered without a two-third (2/3) vote of the Association Class A members.

Section 13. Miscellaneous Fixtures. To provide a neat, attractive and harmonious appearance throughout the neighborhood, no awnings, shades or window boxes shall be attached to, or hung or used on the exterior of, any window or door of any house; and no railings, fences, or walls shall be installed or constructed upon any lot or parcel of land without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee. Further, no foil or other reflective material shall be used on any windows or sunscreens, blinds, shades or for any other purpose, nor shall any window mounted heating, air-conditioning or fan units be permitted. Outside clotheslines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes are specifically prohibited and shall not be erected, placed or maintained upon any lot or parcel of land, nor shall any clothing, rugs or other items be hung on any railing, fence, hedge or wall.

Section 14. Antennae. No television antenna, radio receiver, satellite dish or other similar device shall be attached to or installed on any portion of the Property, unless said antenna, radio receiver, satellite dish or other device is one meter or less in diameter and is installed at the rear of the residence, nor shall radio or television signals, nor any other form of electromagnetic radiation, be permitted to originate from any Lot which may unreasonably interfere with the reception of television or radio signals within the Subdivision; provided, however, that the Association shall not be prohibited from installing equipment necessary for master antenna, security, cable television, mobile radio or other similar systems within the Subdivision, and should cable television services be unavailable and adequate television reception not be otherwise available, then an Owner may make written application to the Architectural Control Committee for permission to install a television antenna. The location of the placement of a satellite dish that is one meter or less in

violation, breach or other condition which may exist thereon contrary to the provisions hereof, without being deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act solely by reason of such entry and such actions, provided such entry and such actions are carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Section, and with the cost thereof, including the costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees, together with interest thereon at the lower of the highest rate permitted by law or 12% to be a binding personal obligation of such Owner enforceable in law, as well as a lien on such Owner's Lot enforceable pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 hereof. Such lien shall be superior to any and all charges, liens or encumbrances which may in any manner arise or be imposed upon the Lot after such entry whether arising from or imposed by judgment or decree or by any agreement, contract, mortgage, deed to secure debt, or other instrument, excepting only (i) such liens for taxes or other public charges as are by applicable law made superior, (ii) the liens created by Section 4.01 hereof and (iii) all deeds to secure debt given to secure a loan the proceeds of which are used (1) to purchase a lot or lots (together with any and all Structures which may from time to time be placed or located thereon) and (2) to finance the construction, repair or alteration of Structures.

Section 3. Specific Performance. Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to affect or limit the rights of the Declarant, the Association or any Owner to enforce the Restrictions by appropriate judicial proceedings or to recover damages. However, it is hereby declared that it may be impossible to measure accurately in money the damages which will accrue to a beneficiary hereof, its transferees, successors or assigns, by reason of a violation of, or failure to perform any of the obligations provided by, this Declaration; and, therefore, any beneficiary hereof shall be entitled to relief by way of injunction or specific performance, as well as any other relief available at law or in equity, to enforce the provisions hereof.

Section 4. Collection of Assessments and Enforcement of Lien.

(a) If any assessment, interest, cost or other charge is not paid as required by this Declaration, the Association may bring either an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or an action to foreclose any lien created by this Declaration against the Lot or Lots subject to the lien, or both, for the purpose of collecting such assessment, cost or charge, plus any interest thereon and costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(b) As an additional remedy, but in no way as a limitation on the remedies, if any assessment, interest, cost or other charge is not paid as required by this Declaration, each Owner hereby grants to the Association and its assigns the following irrevocable power of attorney to sell the said Lot or Lots subject to the lien at auction, at the usual place for conducting sales at the Courthouse in Cobb County, Georgia, to the highest bidder for cash, after advertising the time, terms and place of such sale once a week for four weeks immediately preceding such sale (but without

effective unless also signed by the Declarant, if Declarant is the owner of any real property subject to these Covenants; and provided further, however, no amendment affecting the Declarant's right to add additional property shall be effective unless also signed by the Declarant. No amendment to the provisions of these Covenants shall alter, modify, change or rescind any right, title, interest or privilege herein granted or accorded to the holder of any mortgage encumbering any Lot or the Common Property affected thereby unless such holder shall consent in writing thereto. Any such amendment shall not become effective until the instrument evidencing such change has been filed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia. The written consent thereto of any mortgage holder affected thereby shall also be filed with such amendment. Every purchaser or grantee of any interest in any real property now or hereafter subject to these Covenants, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, thereby agrees that these Covenants may be amended as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE X

ANNEXATION

Section 1. Submission of Additional Property. Declarant shall have the option and right from time to time, without the necessary of consent by the Association, the Board or the Owners, but subject to Section 2 of this Article, to submit all or portions of the Additional Property to this Declaration and thereby to cause the Additional Property, or such portions thereof, to become part of the Property. This option may be exercised by the Declarant in accordance with the conditions and limitations set out in Section 2 of this Article, which are the only conditions and limitations on such right.

Section 2. Conditions of Annexation. Any Annexation as permitted by Section 1 of this Article shall be in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(a) The option to submit portions of the Annexation Property may be exercised at any time and from time to time until seven (7) years from the date this Declaration is recorded; provided, however, that the Owners of Lots to which two-thirds of the Class A votes in the Association appertain, exclusive of any vote or votes appurtenant to Lots then owned by Declarant, may consent to the Extension of such option by vote taken not more than one (1) year prior to the date upon which such option will expire.

(b) The legal description of the Additional Property is set forth in Exhibit "B". Portions of the Additional Property may be added at different times, and there are no limitations fixing the boundaries of those portions or regulating the order in which any such portions may become part of the Property.

(c) All Lots created on portions of the Additional Property which are added to the Property will be restricted exclusively to residential use, in accordance with Article VI of this Declaration.

(d) The option reserved by Section 1 of this Article may be exercised by the Declarant alone (without the consent of the Association or any Owner) by the execution by the Declarant of an amendment to this Declaration which shall be filed for record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, together with a plat of that portion of the Additional Property which is to become part of the Property by reason of such amendment. Such plat shall indicate the boundaries of that portion of the Additional Property which is to become part of the Property, the boundaries of all Lots to be located therein, and an identifying number for each such Lot. Any such amendment shall expressly submit that portion of the Additional Property which is to become part of the Property from time to time, and upon the exercise, if any, of such option, the provisions of this Declaration shall be understood and construed as embracing all of the Property, including the initial phase and such portions of the Additional Property as have become part of the Property by annexation in this manner.

(e) In addition to the procedure outlined in sub-paragraph (d) above, the option reserved by Section 1 of this Article may be exercised with respect to any portions of the Additional Property, notwithstanding that such Additional Property may be owned by persons, including any individual, individuals, corporations, partnerships or any other type of entity, other than Declarant. Declarant shall exercise this option by an amendment to this Declaration which shall be filed for record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, together with a plat of that portion of the Additional Property which is to become part of the Property by reason of such amendment. Such plat shall indicate the boundaries of that portion of the Additional Property which is to become part of the Property, the boundaries of all Lots to be located thereon, and an identifying number for each such Lot. Any such amendment shall contain a statement consenting to the annexation of any such Additional Property, together with a reference to a Declaration, (citing the specific Deed Book and Page in which such Declaration is recorded) executed by the owner or owners thereof submitting such Additional Property to this Declaration. Upon the exercise of the foregoing procedure, the provisions of this Declaration shall be understood and construed as embracing all of the Property, including the initial phase and such portions of the Additional Property as have become part of the Property by annexation in this manner.

(f) From and after the date of annexation of any portion of the Additional Property, each Lot so added to the Property and the Owners thereof, shall have the same vote, shall share the same obligations and responsibilities, and shall have the same rights and privileges accorded every other Lot previously comprising part of

Section 1. Other Changes. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereby which may be construed to the contrary, unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the first mortgagees (based upon one vote for each first mortgage owned) or Owners (other than the Declarant) of the individual Lots in the Development have given their prior written approval, the Association shall not be entitled to:

- (a) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell or transfer the Common Property owned, directly or indirectly, by such Association (the granting of easements for public utilities or for other public purposes consistent with the intended use of such common area or property by the Association shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this clause);
- (b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues or other charges which may be levied against an Owner;
- (c) by act or omission change, waive or abandon, any scheme of regulations, or enforcement thereof, pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance of dwellings on the Lots of the Development, the exterior maintenance of Lots and improvements thereon, the maintenance of the Common Property or party walks or common fences or common roadways and driveways, or the upkeep of lawns and plantings in the Development;
- (d) fail to maintain fire and extended coverage on insurable Association Common Property if any, on a current replacement cost basis in an amount not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the insurable value (based on current replacement cost);
- (e) use hazard insurance proceeds for losses to any Association Common Property for other than the repair, replacement or reconstruction of such property.

Section 2. Rights of First Mortgagees.

- (a) First mortgagees of Lots in the Development may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the Association's Common Property and may pay overdue premiums on hazard insurance policies or secure new hazard insurance coverage on the lapse of a policy, for such Common Property and first mortgagees making such payments shall be owed immediate reimbursement therefor from the Association. Despite any other provision of this Declaration which may be interpreted otherwise, it is expressly intended that no Owner or any other party have priority over any rights of the first mortgagee of a Lot pursuant to its mortgage or security deed in the case of a distribution to such Owner of insurance

