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#### DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR BURNT HICKORY SUBDIVISION

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTION FOR BURNT HICKORY SUBDIVISION (the "Declaration") is made on the date hereinafter set forth by PINEBROOK COMMUNITIES, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "Declarant").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant acquired certain developed lots located in Land Lots 878, 879 and 880 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, Forsyth County, Georgia, which property is more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Declarant intends to develop the real property described above into a development to be known as Burnt Hickory Subdivision (hereinafter referred to as the "Development"); and

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

NOW THEREFORE, Pinebrook Communities, LLC, as Declarant, does hereby declare that all of the property described in Exhibit "A" shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, which is for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the desirability and attractiveness of said real property. The Declarant further declares that this Declaration shall run with the title to said real property, and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described property or any part thereof, and shall, subject to all limitations herein provided, inure to the benefit of each Owner, his heirs, grantees, distributees, successors and assigns, and to the benefit of the Association.

### <u>ARTICLE I</u>

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following words, when used in this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, shall have the following meanings:

1.01 <u>Additional Property</u>. "Additional Property" means the additional property which may be added to the Property and made subject to this Declaration pursuant to Article X hereof together with such other additional property and all improvements thereon as Declarant shall acquire from time to time and by amendment to Exhibit "B." A description of the Additional Property as of the date hereof is set forth on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- 1.02 Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Shall mean and refer to Declarant or such other individual(s) as Declarant may appoint, or such entity to which the ACC may assign its duties, until all Lots in the Subdivision shall have been fully developed and permanent improvements constructed thereon and sold to permanent residents. At such time as all of the Lots on the Property have been fully developed, permanent improvements constructed thereon, and sold to permanent residents, the Declarant shall notify the Board to that effect, at which time the Declarant's rights and obligations as the ACC shall terminate. Notice to the Board by Declarant under this provision shall be in writing. After receipt of said notice from the Developer, the Board shall have the right, power and authority to elect a successor ACC which shall consist of not less than three (3) Owners of Lots. The rules and regulations pursuant to which such ACC shall act shall be prescribed by the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant may, in its sole discretion, relinquish control over the ACC at any time prior to completion and sale of all Lots by so notifying the Board as set forth hereinabove.
- 1.03 <u>Association</u>. "Association" means Burnt Hickory Residents Association, Inc. (a non-profit corporation organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code), its successors and assigns.
  - 1.04 Board. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association.
- 1.05 <u>Builder</u>. "Builder" shall mean any person/entity principally engaged in the business of construction for sale to homeowners of single family residential dwellings to whom the Declarant has sold one or more Lots for the purpose of constructing single family residential dwellings.
  - 1.06 <u>Bylaws</u>. "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the Association.
- 1.07 <u>Common Property</u>. "Common Property" means all real property, including any portion of a Lot, (together with any and all improvements now or hereafter located thereon) and all personal property now or hereafter owned by the Association, or in certain instances over which the Association has been granted permanent easements, for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners and or maintenance.
- Declarant" means Pinebrook Communities, LLC, a Georgia limited liability 1.08 company, its successors and assigns. The terms shall also be applied to any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, trust, or other legal entity, or any combination thereof, which lawfully acquires the rights, privileges and options of Declarant in accordance with this Article I, Section 1.08. Should any of the Property or the Additional Property become subject to a first mortgage given by Declarant (as defined herein) as security for the repayment of a loan to improve the Property and/or Additional Property for development as part of this residential community, then all rights, privileges and options herein reserved to the Declarant, if held by the Mortgagor under said Development Loan, shall, at said Mortgagor's option, inure to the benefit of the holder of such first mortgage upon its becoming the actual owner of the Property and/or Additional Property then subject to such first mortgage through judicial foreclosure or sale made pursuant to any power of sale contained in such first mortgage or by conveyance of a deed in lieu of foreclosure. The Declarant as hereinabove defined, may transfer all of its rights, privileges and options as Declarant to a successor-in-title to all or some portion of the Property or the Additional Property, provided any such successor-in-title shall acquire for the purpose of development or sale all or some portion of such property, and provided further, that in a written instrument, such successor-in-title is expressly assigned all of Declarant's rights, privileges and options

herein reserved to Declarant. Such an assignment may be included as a recital in any deed executed by Declarant which conveys any portion of the Property or the Additional Property.

- 1.09 <u>Declaration</u>. "Declaration" means this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Burnt Hickory Subdivision.
- 1.10 <u>Lot</u>. "Lot" means any numbered parcel of land shown upon those plats of survey of Burnt Hickory Subdivision which are duly recorded in the real estate records of Forsyth County Superior Court, or as similarly shown on supplemental surveys of such tract or such additional tracts as may be added to the Property from time to time, as provided herein; provided however, that no portion of the Common Property shall ever be a lot except as provided for in Article II, Section 2.04.
  - 1.11 <u>Member</u>. "Member" means any member of the Association.
- 1.12 Owner. "Owner" means the record owner (including Declarant) whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot, provided, however, that where fee simple title has been transferred and is being held merely as security for repayment of a loan, the person or entity who would own the Lot in fee simple if such loan were paid in full shall be considered the Owner.
- 1.13 <u>Property</u>. "Property" means that certain real property hereinabove described together with such additional real property as the Declarant may acquire and subject to the provisions of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions in accordance with the provisions of Article X hereof.
- 1.14 <u>Restrictions</u>. "Restrictions" means all covenants, restrictions, easements, liens and other obligations created or imposed by this Declaration.

## 1.15 <u>Structure</u>. "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, all landscaping, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse or bathhouse, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, antennas and satellite dishes, fence, curbing, paving, wall, tree, shrub, sign, signboard, recreational equipment and/or amenities to include, but not be limited to, basketball goals and playground sets 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.

#### <u>ARTICLE II</u>

### **COMMON PROPERTY**

## 2.01 Conveyance of Common Property.

- (a) The Declarant may from time to time cause to be conveyed to the Association certain real property (which may include Lots or portions thereof) or grants of easements, as well as personal property, for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners (such real and personal property being hereinafter collectively referred to as "Common Property"). In addition, the Declarant may from time to time cause the conveyance of certain real property or grants of easements to the general public as may be required by governing authorities in accordance with this Declaration.
- (b) It is contemplated by the Declarant that the Declarant will convey to the Association Common Property for scenic and natural area preservation and for general recreational use. It is further contemplated that Declarant will grant easements to the Association for maintenance of those portions of Common Property designated as detention areas. The Declarant may, at Declarant's sole discretion, modify, alter, increase, reduce and otherwise change the Common Property contemplated to be conveyed to the Association in accordance with this subsection (b) of this Article II, Section 2.01 at any time prior to conveyance of such Common Property to the Association.
- (c) In addition to the Property described in subsection (b) of this Article II, Section 2.01, the Declarant may convey to the Association in accordance with this Article II, Section 2.01 such other real and personal property as the Declarant may determine to be necessary or proper for the completion of the Development.
- (d) Notwithstanding any legal presumption to the contrary, the fee title to, and all rights in, any portion of the Property owned by the Declarant and designated as Common Property or Recreation Area (or which is designated by any words which similarly signify such property is for the use of the Owners in the Development) whether by recorded plat of survey or otherwise, or designated for public use, shall be reserved to the Declarant until such time as the same shall be conveyed to the Association or to any municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority. Declarant shall likewise be under no obligation to improve any property for recreational use by the Owners.
- (e) The Association hereby covenants and agrees to accept all such conveyances of Common Property. With respect to any improved Common Property, issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (if required) by Forsyth County, shall be conclusive evidence that said property complies with all building and construction standards of Forsyth County. The Declarant, or any predecessor Declarant, shall not be responsible for compliance with any requirements called for by Forsyth County which are adopted after the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- 2.02 <u>Right of Enjoyment</u>. Every Owner shall have a right and easement to use and enjoy the Common Property, which right shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot upon transfer; provided, however, that no Owner shall do any act which interferes with the free use and enjoyment of the Common Property by all other Owners. The Association may permit persons who are

not Owners to use and enjoy any part or all of the Common Property subject to such limitations, and upon such terms and conditions, as it may from time to time establish. The right and easement of enjoyment granted or permitted by this Article II, Section 2.02 is subject to those items set forth in Article II, Section 2.03, which includes suspension by the Association as provided in Article II, Section 2.03 (c) and Article III, Section 3.05.

- 2.03 <u>Rights of the Association</u>. The rights and privileges conferred in Article II, Section 2.02 hereof shall be subject to the right of the Association acting through the Board to:
- (a) Promulgate rules and regulations relating to the use, operation and maintenance of the Common Property (which shall specifically include the right of the Association, acting through its Board of Directors, to allow residents of other developments outside of the Burnt Hickory Subdivision to use the Common Property);
- (b) Charge reasonable fees in connection with the admission to and use of facilities or services; provided that in setting any such fee the Board may establish reasonable classifications which shall be uniform within each such class but need not be uniform between such classes;
- (c) Suspend the voting rights of any member, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.05, and the right of enjoyment granted or permitted by Article II, Section 2.02;
- (d) Grant easements or rights of way over Common Property to any municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority, or to any quasi-public agency or to any utility company or cable television system;
- (e) Enforce all applicable provisions of valid agreements of the Association relating to the Common Property or any part thereof;
- (f) Borrow money for the purpose of carrying out the activities of the Association, including the acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping and maintenance of Common Property, and in aid thereof to encumber by deed to secure debt, mortgage or other security interest, any or all of the Association's property, including Common Property and revenues from assessments, user fees and other sources;
- (g) Dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Property or interest herein to any municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority for such purposes and subject to such provisions and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Association and such grantee, including a provision that such property or interest shall cease to be subject to this Declaration or all or any part of the Restrictions while held by any such municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority; and
- (h) To sell, lease or otherwise convey all or any part of its properties and interest therein; provided, however that the Association shall not sell, encumber by security interest, convey, dedicate or transfer any Common Property or interest therein without the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of

the Members and Declarant for so long as Declarant has the right to annex Additional Property pursuant to Article X.

- (i) To permanently close different amenities which may exist on the Common Property.
- 2.04 <u>Types of Common Property</u>. At the time of conveyance of any real property or grant of easement by the Declarant to the Association to be used as Common Property, the Declarant shall designate in the deed of conveyance or easement that such real property is to be Common Property, and further may designate in the deed of conveyance or easement the specific or general purpose or purposes for which such real property or any portion thereof may be used, and in such event, such real property or portion thereof shall not be used for any different purpose or purposes without the prior written consent of the Declarant.
- 2.05 Entrance Easements. It is contemplated that certain easements for the erection and maintenance of entrance monuments, subdivision signs, walls, fences and other structures intended to provide an attractive atmosphere or to provide privacy to Owners within the Development will be reserved by the Declarant and may be set forth on plats of survey of the Development recorded in the County Records. Such easements shall be perpetual in duration and shall include the right to erect, maintain, repair, replace and re-erect any such structures within the easement areas, as well as the right to plant grass, plants, flowers, shrubs and trees, to tend and garden the same, and to generally landscape the area within said easements to keep them clean, attractive and uniform in appearance for the benefit of all Owners within the Development. All Owners taking title to any Lot upon which such an easement lies will take title subject to the easement rights set forth herein, as well as such rights as may be set forth in the deed conveying such easements to the Association. Such easements shall be Common Property.
- 2.06 <u>Encroachment Easements</u>. If any buildings or other improvements initially constructed by Declarant, or by any Owner who constructed the original dwelling so long as said Owner has had the plans for the original dwelling approved by the ACC, on any of the Lots including without limitation any eaves, roof overhangs, balconies, siding, porches, or other structures which may be attached to the walls and roof of such buildings, encroach onto or over or extend into the air space of any portion of the Common Property, or, conversely, if any such improvements initially constructed on the Common Property encroach onto or over portions of any Lot, a valid easement for the encroachment and for the maintenance, repair and replacement thereof, shall exist so long as the encroachment exists.
- 2.07 <u>Structural Support</u>. Each Lot or improvement on a Lot which contributes to the structural support of another Lot or improvement on such Lot shall be burdened with an easement of structural support. Said easement for structural support shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every benefitted and burdened Lot.
- 2.08 <u>Delegation of Use</u>. Any Owner may delegate his right to use and enjoy the Common Property to the members of his family, his social invitees or his tenants who reside on a Lot. Tenants who reside on a Lot shall have the same rights of delegation as an Owner. Any delegation of rights must

be made in accordance with the Bylaws and will be subject to reasonable regulation by the Board and in accordance with the procedures it may adopt.

#### ARTICLE III

## THE RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

- 3.01 <u>Purposes, Powers and Duties of the Association</u>. The Association shall be formed as a non-profit civic organization for the primary purpose of performing certain functions for the common good and general welfare of the Development. To the extent necessary to carry out such purpose, the Association (a) shall have all of the powers of a corporation organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, and (b) shall have the power to exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges of the Association as set forth in this Declaration.
- 3.02 <u>Membership in the Association</u>. Every Owner shall automatically be a Member of the Association and such membership shall terminate only as provided in this Declaration.
- 3.03 <u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to one equal vote for each Lot owned. When more than one Person holds an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be cast as those Owners decide and instruct the Secretary prior to any meeting. If the Secretary is not instructed, the Lot's vote shall be suspended in the event more than one Owner of a Lot attempts to cast it.

### 3.04 Board of Directors and Officers.

- (a) <u>Board</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Board may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Lots and the Common Property which rules and regulations shall be consistent with the rights and duties established by this Declaration. The number of directors and the method of election of directors shall be set forth in this Declaration and in the Bylaws of the Association. Except to the extent otherwise expressly required or authorized by the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation code or this Declaration, the Association's Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation, the powers inherent in or expressly granted to the Association may be exercised by the Board, acting through the officers of the Association, without any further consent or action on the part of the Members.
- (b) Officers. The number of officers and the method of election of officers shall be set forth in this Declaration and the Bylaws of the Association. Notwithstanding any other language or provision to the contrary in this Declaration, in the Articles of Incorporation, or in the Bylaws of the Association, officers of the Association shall be appointed by the Board until such time as Declarant no longer has the right to appoint members to the Board of Directors.
- (c) <u>Phases.</u> The Development will be composed of Lots which may be developed in phases containing unequal numbers of Lots. Each such phase will be platted of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in which the Property lies in accordance with Article X of this Declaration. The Declarant shall notify the Association when the final phase of the Development has

been so platted or recorded. By acceptance of a deed conveying a Lot, each Owner acknowledges that, upon the filing by Declarant of the subdivision plats covering such phases, the total votes outstanding in the Association will automatically increase based upon the number of Lots in the phases added; provided, however, nothing contained herein shall obligate the Declarant to develop any proposed phase of the Development.

- (d) <u>Casting of Votes</u>. The votes of the Members shall be cast under such rules and procedures as may be prescribed in this Declaration or in the Bylaws of the Association, as amended from time to time, or by law.
- 3.05 <u>Suspension of Membership</u>. The Board may suspend the voting rights of any Member and the right of enjoyment of the Common Property of any person who:
- (a) Shall be subject to the Right of Abatement, as defined in Article VIII, Section 8.02 by reason of having failed to take reasonable steps to remedy a violation or breach of either the Restrictions or the Design Standards of the ACC (as herein defined) within thirty (30) days after having received notice of the same pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 5.11, Article VI, Section 6.02 and Article VIII, Section 8.02 hereof;
- (b) Shall be delinquent in the payment of any assessments, fine or penalty levied by the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration; or
- (c) Shall be in violation of the rules and regulations of the Association relating to the use, operation and maintenance of the Common Property.

Any suspension shall be for the balance of the period in which said Member or person shall remain in violation, breach or default, as aforesaid, except that in the case of a violation described in subsection (c) of this Article III, Section 3.05, the suspension may be for a period not to exceed 60 days after the cure or termination of such violation. No such suspension shall prevent an Owner's ingress to or egress from his Lot.

- 3.06 <u>Voting Procedures</u>. The procedures for the election of Directors of the Association and the resolution of such other issues as may be brought before the membership of the Association shall be governed by this Declaration, the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, and the Bylaws of the Association, as each shall from time to time be in force and effect.
- 3.07 Control by Declarant and Appointment of the Board. Until such time as Declarant no longer has the right to appoint members to the Board, the Board of the Association shall consist of two (2) members. Notwithstanding any other language or provision to the contrary in this Declaration, in the Articles of Incorporation, or in the Bylaws of the Association, the Declarant hereby retains the right to appoint all members to the Board. The rights of Declarant to appoint members of the Board also includes the rights to remove and replace appointees until such time as Declarant's rights to appoint members to the Board ceases.

Declarant shall retain the right to appoint and remove members of the Board until sixty (60) days after the first of the following events shall occur: (i) the date as of which 100% of the Lots in the subdivision owned by Declarant shall have been conveyed by Declarant to an Owner other than a person or persons constituting Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant; or (ii) the surrender by Declarant of the authority to appoint and replace directors by an express amendment to this Declaration executed by the Declarant and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which the Property is located. Upon the final expiration of all rights of Declarant to appoint and replace directors of the Association a special meeting of the Association shall be called. At such special meeting (the "Turnover Meeting") the Owners shall elect a new Board of Directors which shall undertake the responsibilities of the Board, and Declarant shall deliver the books, accounts, and records, if any, which Declarant has kept on behalf of the Association, and any agreements or contracts executed by or on behalf of the Association during such period, which Declarant has in its possession. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, the Board of Directors appointed by the Declarant may, by written notice to the Owners, retain the power and authority to act on behalf of the Association, and to exercise all rights available to Board members until such time as a new Board of Directors has been elected. At the Turnover Meeting, appointees of the Declarant may resign their positions as Members of the Board of Directors and/or Officers of the Association. Upon such resignation, the Declarant and all affiliated individuals, entities and appointees' positions of the Association shall have no responsibility or obligations for the management of the Association subsequent to the date of resignation. It shall be the Owners, through election of a Board of Directors comprised of Owners at the Turnover Meeting, responsibility to manage the Association subsequent to such resignation. acceptance of a deed, each Owner agrees to save harmless each Officer and Board Member appointed by the Declarant, as well as the Declarant, from and against any and all matters which in any way relate to the management of the Association subsequent to resignation of the Declarant appointees at the Turnover Meeting. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and replace directors and officers of the Association as provided in this Section.

- 3.08 <u>Implied Rights</u>. The Association may exercise any other right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration or by law and any other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it herein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.
- 3.09 <u>Association Maintenance Responsibilities</u>. Except as may be herein otherwise specifically provided, the Association shall maintain, landscape and keep in good repair as the case may be: (i) all portions of the Common Property, improvements thereon, if any, as such areas are designated on the final plat or plats of the Subdivision as recorded in Forsyth County Superior Court whether such Common Property is within the boundaries of a Lot or owned by the Association; (ii) the entry way entrance signs and monuments, landscaping, entrance wall or fence, if any; (iii) the privacy wall and/or fence, if any, serving the subdivision, all detention areas designated as Common Property whether or not such areas are included within a Lot boundary or owned by the Association; (iv) all lighting and irrigation facilities and equipment, if any, located within the Common Property or within any landscape easement as shown on the final plat or plats recorded in Forsyth County Superior Court; (v) path

systems, if any, providing access to the Recreation Area and any other recreation facility; (vi) all internal private subdivision roads and attendant storm drains and curbs, if any; and (vii) all utility lines, facilities and equipment located within the Common Property or any landscape easement as shown on the plat or plats recorded in Forsyth County Superior Court if such utility lines, facilities or equipment are not maintained by a public authority, public service district, public or private utility or other person. Specifically, the maintenance requirements shall include, but shall not be limited to, the maintenance of the drainage system and the investigation of complaints regarding the system. The obligations and duties set forth here and above shall be the sole responsibility of the Association and all costs and expenses incurred in performing such work shall be deemed to be Common Expenses. The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to any person or property caused by the elements or by any Owner or any other person. No diminution or abatement of assessments shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or to perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association under this Declaration or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of improvements or repairs which are the responsibilities of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance or with any other directive of any municipal or any governmental authority, the obligation to pay such assessments being a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner.

#### ARTICLE IV

# ASSESSMENTS AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES

- 4.01 <u>Covenant for Assessments and Creation of Lien and Personal Obligations.</u> The Declarant, to the extent that Declarant is required herein, hereby covenants and agrees, and each Owner, jointly and severally, for himself, his heirs, distributees, legal representatives, successors and assigns, by acceptance of a deed for a Lot, whether or not the covenants contained herein shall be expressed in any such deed, hereby covenants and agrees as follows:
- (a) To pay to the Association the annual assessments which may or shall be levied by the Association pursuant to this Declaration against all Lots owned by him;
- (b) To pay to the Association any special assessments for capital improvements and any fines, penalties or other charges which may or shall be levied by the Association pursuant to this Declaration against all Lots owned by him;
- (c) That there is hereby created a continuing charge and lien upon all Lots owned by him against which all assessments, fines, penalties and other charges are made to secure payment of such items and any interest thereon as provided in Article IV, Section 4.07 hereof and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees;
- (d) That such continuing charge and lien on such Lots binds such Lots in the hands of the then Owner, and the Owner's heirs, devisees, legal representatives, successors and assigns. Such charge and lien is superior to any and all charges, liens or encumbrances which may hereafter in any manner arise or be imposed upon such Lots whether arising from or imposed by judgment or decree or

by any agreement, contract, mortgage, deed to secure debt, or other instrument, except (i) such liens for taxes or other public charges as are by applicable law made superior, and (ii) all first mortgage deeds to secure debt given to secure loans;

- (e) That no sale or transfer at foreclosure or in lieu of foreclosure shall relieve any Lot or Lots from liability for any assessment thereafter assessed:
- (f) That all annual and special assessments (together with interest thereon as provided in Article IV, Section 4.07 of this Declaration and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees) levied against any Lot or Lots owned by him during the period that he is an Owner shall be (in addition to being a continuing charge and lien against such Lot or Lots as provided in section 4.01(c) of this Declaration) a personal obligation which will survive any sale or transfer of the Lots or Lots owned by him; provided, however, that such personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to an Owner's successor in title unless expressly assumed by such successor.
- 4.02 <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing for the common good and general welfare of the people of the community of the Development, including, but not limited to, and in addition to other purposes set forth in this Declaration, security, the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and equipping of the Common Property, the enforcement of the Restrictions contained in this Declaration, the enforcement of the Design Standards of the ACC, the payment of operating costs and expenses of the Association and the payment of all principal and interest when due on all debts owed by the Association.
- 4.03 Accumulation of Funds Permitted. The Association shall not be obligated to spend in any calendar year all the sums collected in such year by way of annual assessments or otherwise, and may carry forward, as surplus, any balances remaining; nor shall the Association be obligated to apply such surplus to the reduction of the amount of the Annual Assessments in any succeeding year, but may carry forward from year to year such surplus as the Board may deem to be desirable for the greater financial security of the Association and the effectuation of its purposes.

# 4.04 <u>Annual Assessment or Maintenance Charge</u>.

- (a) Subject to the terms of this Article, each Lot in the Property is hereby subjected to an annual assessment or maintenance charge for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as the "maintenance fund," which maintenance charge and assessments will be paid by the Owner or Owners of each Lot within the Property (and any area annexed under the jurisdiction of the Association). Payment of such assessments will be made in advance in monthly, quarterly, annual or semi-annual installments with the due dates being established by the Board of Directors (the "Due Dates").
- (b) The annual maintenance charge and assessments will commence as to each Lot on the first day of the month following the occupancy of the Lot as a residence.
- (c) The common assessments to be levied against each Lot for the coming year shall be set at a level which is reasonably expected to produce total revenue to the Association equal to the

total level of expenses. The Board, in its discretion, may consider other sources of funds available to the Association. In addition, the Board shall take into account the number of Lots subject to assessment on the first day of the fiscal year for which the budget is prepared and the number of Lots reasonably anticipated to become subject to assessment during the fiscal year. Until one hundred percent (100%) of the Property has been developed and conveyed to Owners in the normal course of development and sale, on an annual basis, the Declarant may elect, but shall not be obligated, to reduce the assessment for any fiscal year by paying a subsidy on such terms and under such circumstances as the Declarant in its sole discretion may decide. The payment of a subsidy shall under no circumstances obligate the Declarant to continue payment of a subsidy in the future. The Declarant's option to subsidize the assessment may be satisfied in the form of cash, or by "in kind" contributions of services or materials, or a combination of these.

- Assessments may be used by the Association to provide for, by way of (d) clarification, and not limitation, any and all of the following: normal, recurring maintenance of the Common Property (including, but not limited to, mowing, edging, watering, clipping, sweeping, pruning, raking and otherwise caring for the existing landscaping and maintaining and repairing recreational facilities) and the acquisition and installation of capital improvements to such areas; provided that the Association shall have no obligation (except as expressly provided in this Declaration) to make capital improvements to the Common Property; payment of all legal and other expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement of all recorded covenants, restrictions, and conditions affecting the Property to which said assessments apply; payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses in connection with the collection and administration of the maintenance charge and assessment; employment of security guards or watchmen, if determined necessary; caring for vacant lots; and doing any other thing or things necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Board or membership of the Association to keep the property neat and in good order, or which is considered of general benefit to the Owners or occupants of the Property, it being understood that when and if presented to the Members, the judgment of the majority of the Members of the Association in the determination of what constitutes normal, recurring maintenance shall be final and conclusive so long as such judgment is exercised in good faith. The Association may also establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair, and replacement of improvements to the Common Property.
- (e) Unless required as a matter of law, neither the Declarant or Declarant's predecessors, shall at any time be subject to any assessments; however, the Declarant hereby agrees that until such time as Declarant no longer has the right to appoint members to the Board of the Association, Declarant will pay to the Association any deficit amounts not covered by the income of the Association which are reasonably necessary to maintain the Common Property in a neat, attractive, and where such property is intended for recreational use, usable condition. In determining whether such deficit exists, paper expenses, such as depreciation shall not be taken into consideration. Any such deficit amount required to be paid by Declarant shall be treated as an assessment and subject to the provisions of Article IV, Section 4.07; provided, however, any lien for such an assessment shall apply only to those Lots owned by Declarant which are subject to this Declaration, and the amount thereof shall be divided equally among all such Lots, and provided further, than in no event shall Declarant be required to pay any amounts, specifically including any deficit amount, which would exceed an amount equal to the

number of Lots owned by Declarant at the time Declarant becomes responsible for payment, or the time the deficit is incurred, multiplied by an amount equivalent to one-fourth (1/4) of the annual assessment which should have been paid or has become due and payable by any other Owner of a Lot from the time Declarant became responsible for such payments (including assessments), or the time the deficit was incurred (for purposes of this proviso, "The time the deficit is incurred" means the time in which the expense creating such deficit becomes a binding obligation upon the Association). Notwithstanding the preceding, the full annual maintenance charge and assessment will commence as to each Lot owned by Declarant, a predecessor of Declarant, or a builder upon its occupancy as a residence in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.04(b). In addition and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Declarant may contribute assessments due from it in services or materials or a combination of services and materials, rather than in money, (herein collectively called "in kind contribution"). The amount by which monetary assessments shall be decreased as a result of any in kind contribution shall be the fair market value of the contribution. If the Declarant and the Association agree as to the value of any contribution, the value shall be as agreed. If the Association and the Declarant cannot agree as to the value of any contribution, the Declarant shall supply the Association with a detailed explanation of the service performed and material furnished, and the Association shall acquire bids for performing like services and furnishing like materials from three (3) independent contractors approved by the Declarant who are in the business of providing such services and materials. If the Association and the Declarant are still unable to agree on the value of the contribution, the value shall be deemed to be the average of the bids received from the independent contractors. This subsection 4.04(e) may only be amended with the prior written consent of the Declarant and/or any predecessor to the Declarant if either still owns at least one (1) Lot for sale.

- 4.05 <u>Special Assessments for Working Capital Fund, Nonrecurring Maintenance, and Capital Improvements</u>. In addition to the annual assessments authorized by this Article IV, the Association may levy:
- (a) Upon the first sale of each and every Lot to an Owner who will individually or through tenants or assigns occupy a Lot, such sale to be made by Declarant or by a builder who has purchased the Lot from Declarant for the purpose of erecting a dwelling thereon, and upon each and every re-sale thereafter, a special assessment payable by said Owner in an amount equal to \$300.00, which shall be collected at the closing of such sale for the benefit of the Association. The aggregate fund established by such special assessments shall be for the purpose of insuring that the Association will have cash available to meet unforseen expenditures, or to acquire additional equipment or services deemed necessary or desirable by the Board. Prior to the Turnover Meeting, as defined hereinabove, the Declarant shall establish a separate account for special assessments which have been collected.
- (b) In any assessment year, a special assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part any Association expenses not covered by the annual budget, including, but not limited to, the cost of nonrecurring maintenance, or the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon any Common Property, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that any such assessment shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for such purpose.

- 4.06 Notice and Quorum. Notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action requiring vote under Article IV, Section 4.04 and Article IV, Section 4.05 Article XIII, Section 13.03 shall be sent to all Members, or delivered to their residence, not less than fourteen (14) 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 the 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 (½) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the preceding meeting.
- 4.07 Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments. If any assessment or installment is not paid within fifteen (15) days after the Due Date there shall be imposed a late or delinquency charge in the amount of the greater of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or eighteen percent (18%) of the amount of each assessment or installment not paid when due. Any assessment or installment, and any late charge connected therewith, which is not paid within thirty (30) days after the Due Date of the assessment shall bear interest (from the Due Date with respect to the assessment or installment, and the date such charge was imposed with respect to the late charge), at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or at such rate as the Board may from time to time establish; provided, however, that in no event shall the Board have the power to establish a rate of interest in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia. If any one or more installment of any assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the Due Date the Board may declare any unpaid balance of the assessment at once due and payable.

In the event that an Owner shall fail to pay fully any portion of any assessment or installment on or before the date on which payment is due, such unpaid portion (including any remaining balance declared immediately due and payable in accordance with the preceding sentence), together with any delinquency charges, interest, and costs of collection, including court costs, the expenses of sale, any expense required for the protection and preservation of the Lot, and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a binding personal obligation of such Owner, as well as a lien on such Owner's Lot enforceable in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration. In addition to the above, if any Owner has not paid any assessment or installment, or any late charges or expenses related thereto, within sixty (60) days after the Due Date of the assessment or installment, the Association shall have the right to notify any or all mortgagees having a security interest in such Owner's Lot or Lots that such Owner is in default in the performance of his obligations under this Declaration, and of those actions taken or proposed to be taken by the Association as a result of the default.

4.08 <u>Certificate of Payment</u>. Upon written demand by an Owner, the Association shall within a reasonable period of time issue and furnish to such Owner a written certificate stating that all assessments (including penalties, interest and costs, if any) have been paid with respect to any Lot owned by said Owner as of the date of such certificate, or that all assessments, interest and costs have not been paid, setting forth the amount then due and payable. The Association may make a reasonable charge for the issuance of such certificate. Any such certificate, when duly issued as herein provided, shall be conclusive and binding with regard to any matter therein stated as between the Association and any bona fide purchaser of, or lender on, the Lot in question.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

- approve any proposed installation, construction or alteration of any Structure on any Lot to preserve a harmonious and aesthetically pleasing design to the Development. All plans shall be submitted to the ACC for approval (i) as to whether the proposed installation, construction or alteration is in conformity and harmony of external design and general quality with the existing standard of the neighborhood and with the standards of the Development, and (ii) as to the location of Structures with respect to topography, finished ground elevation and surrounding Structures. To the extent necessary to carry out such purpose, the ACC shall have all of the powers and duties to do each and every thing necessary, suitable, convenient or proper for, or in connection with, or incidental to, the accomplishment of such purpose, including, without being limited to, the power and duty to approve or disapprove plans and specifications for any installation, construction or alteration of any Structure on any Lot. Every grantee of any interest in the Property, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance document, agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Article V.
- Chairman from among their number and may appoint from among their number such other officers and subcommittees of members of the ACC as they shall from time to time determine necessary. At such time as three (3) owners (other than Declarant or builder acquiring a Lot from Declarant) are willing to serve on a sub-committee within the ACC, the ACC may form a sub-committee composed exclusively of said owners (the "Modifications Committee"). If so formed, the Modifications Committee shall have jurisdiction over proposed modifications to structures and/or Lots owned by owners other than the Declarant or a builder who acquires a Lot from Declarant. The Modifications Committee shall conduct themselves and be governed by this Article V under the same rules and procedures established for the ACC. The members of the ACC may, with the approval of the Board, be reimbursed by the Association for reasonable traveling expenses and other out-of-pocket costs incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the ACC.

#### 5.03 Operations of the ACC.

(a) Meetings. The ACC may hold regular meetings as may be established by the ACC; provided, however, that during such time as Declarant has the right to appoint and replace members of the Board of Directors the frequency of regular meetings will be established by the Board. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman and shall be called by the Chairman upon the written request of a majority of the members of the ACC then in office. Regular and special meetings of the ACC shall be held at such time and at such place as the ACC shall specify. Written or verbal notice of each regular or special meeting of the ACC shall be given to each member of the ACC at least two (2) days before the day the meeting is to be held. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any member of the ACC who signs a waiver of notice either before or after the meeting. Attendance of a member of the ACC at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting and shall constitute a waiver of any

and all objections to the place of the meeting, the time of the meeting, or the manner in which it has been called or convened, except when the member states, at the beginning of the meeting, any such objection or objections to the transaction of business. At each meeting of the ACC, the presence of a majority of the members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Except as otherwise provided herein, the act of a majority of the members of the ACC present at any regular or special meeting thereof at which a quorum is present shall constitute the act of the ACC. In the absence of a quorum, any member of the ACC present at the time and place of the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called. The ACC shall maintain both a record of voters and minutes for each of its meetings. The ACC shall make such records and minutes available at reasonable places and times for inspection by Members of the Association and by the Secretary. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the ACC, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the ACC, may be taken without a meeting if written consent, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the members of the ACC and be filed within the minutes of the proceedings of the ACC. Such consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote, and may be stated as such in any document filed by the ACC.

- (b) (i) The ACC may adopt and promulgate Design Standards, and when appropriate shall make findings, determinations rulings, and orders with respect to the conformity and harmony with the external design and the general quality of the Development and any Design Standards adopted by the ACC, of plans and specifications to be submitted for approval to the ACC pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The ACC shall, as required, issue permits, authorizations, or approvals, which may include specified requirements or conditions, pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration.
- (ii) Any two (2) or more members of the ACC may be authorized by the ACC to exercise the full authority of the ACC with respect to all matters over which the ACC has authority as may be specified by resolution of the ACC, except with respect to the adoption or promulgation of Design Standards. The unanimous action of the two (2) or more members with respect to the matters specified shall be final and binding upon the ACC and upon any applicant for an approval, permit or authorization; subject, however, to review and modification by the ACC on its own motion or appeal by the applicant to the ACC as provided in this paragraph (ii). Written notice of the decision of such two (2) or more members shall, within five (5) working days thereof, be given to any applicant for an approval, permit or authorization. The applicant may, within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of any decision which he deems to be unsatisfactory, file a written request to have the matter in question reviewed by the ACC. Upon the filing of any such request, the matter with respect to which such request was filed shall be submitted to, and reviewed promptly by, the ACC, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the filing of such request. The decision of a majority of the members of the ACC with respect to such matter shall be final and binding.

## 5.04 Design Standards.

(a) The ACC may from time to time (but shall not be required to) adopt, promulgate, amend, revoke and enforce guidelines (the "Design Standards") for the purposes of:

- (i) Governing the form and content of plans and specifications to be submitted to the ACC for approval pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration;
  - (ii) Governing the procedure for such submission of plans and specifications;
- (iii) Establishing guidelines with respect to the approval and disapproval of landscaping, 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 the general quality of the Development.
- (b) The ACC may publish copies of any current Design Standards adopted by it, in which case they shall be made readily available to Members and prospective Members of the Association and to all applicants seeking the ACC's approval.
- 5.05 <u>Submission of Plans and Specifications</u>. 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, including where applicable, and without being limited to:
- (a) Two copies of the 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 flood plan, if applicable;
- (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) Two copies of 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) Two sets of plans for landscaping and grading.

Unless modified by the ACC within its sole discretion, any request for the alteration of an existing Structure shall require the foregoing information to be submitted together with that certain "Application for Modification" attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by reference (the "Application").

- 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 to 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.
- 5.07 <u>Disapproval of Plans and Specifications</u>. 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
- (c) Any other matter which, in the judgment of the ACC and/or its authorized agent to include, but not be limited to, any licensed landscape architect employed by the ACC to make a determination as to the acceptability of the submitted plans and specifications 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, or (ii) as to location, to be incompatible with topography, finished ground elevation and surrounding Structures. In any case in which the ACC, or its authorized agent shall disapprove any plans and specifications submitted hereunder, or 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 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.
- as herein provided within sixty (60) 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/or the Application and shall be returned to the applicant. Failure by ACC to take action within sixty (60) days of receipt of plans and specifications properly submitted for approval shall be deemed approval of such plans and specifications. Upon the approval of the plans and specifications, no further approval under this Article V shall be required unless such construction has not substantially commenced within six (6) months of the approval of such plans and specifications or unless such plans and specifications are materially altered or changed or have been improperly submitted.

- 5.09 <u>Inspection Rights</u>. 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.
- 5.10 <u>Violations</u>. 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. If, in the opinion of the ACC, such violation shall have occurred, the ACC shall notify the Board. If the Board concurs with the ACC with respect to the violation, then the Board shall pursue its Right of Abatement (as authorized and defined in Article VIII, Section 8.02).

Notwithstanding the foregoing contained in this Section 5.10, if any structure shall be erected, placed, maintained or altered upon any Lot otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Article, and no action is taken by the ACC or the Board for a time period commencing with the completion of said structure and ending nine (9) months thereafter without any effort to conceal the improvement, then such erection, placement, maintenance or alteration shall be deemed to be approved and the ACC, the Board of Directors and the Association shall be estopped from enforcing any of their rights under this Article V of the Declaration.

- 5.11 Fees. The ACC may impose and collect reasonable fees to cover the costs of inspections and plan reviews performed pursuant to this Article, said fees may include, but shall not be limited to, the fees of a licensed landscape architect employed by the ACC to approve or disapprove submitted plans and specifications. The fees which are established and available to the ACC may be and published in the Design Standards.
- 5.12 <u>Nondiscrimination by ACC</u>. 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 national 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.
- 5.13 <u>Disclaimer as to ACC Approval</u>. Plans and specifications are not reviewed for engineering or structural design or quality of materials, and by approving such plans and specifications neither the ACC, the members thereof, nor the Association assumes liability or responsibility therefor, nor for any defect in any structure constructed from plans and specifications nor compliance with any local, state or federal law including local building codes and zoning ordinances. Neither Declarant, the Association, the ACC, the Board, nor the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans and specifications to any of them for

approval, or to any Owner of property affected by these Restrictions by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications. Every person who submits plans or specifications and every Owner agrees that he will not bring any action or suit against Declarant, the Association, the ACC, the Board or the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them to recover any such damages and hereby releases, remises, quit-claims, and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands, and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.

5.14 <u>Declarant</u>. The provisions contained in this Article, as well as all other architectural control provisions, including but not limited to building setbacks, contained in the Development documents shall not apply to Declarant or to any predecessor of Declarant. In addition, said provisions shall not apply to any Builder; provided, however, any Builder must submit to Declarant (in a format satisfactory to Declarant within Declarant's sole discretion) plans and specifications of Builder's proposed structures(s). Builder shall not commence construction of any structure on the Lot without obtaining Declarant's written approval, said approval being in Declarant's sole discretion.

#### ARTICLE VI

# GENERAL COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 6.01 <u>Application</u>. The covenants and restrictions contained in this Article VI shall pertain and apply to all Lots and to all Structures erected or placed thereon.
- 6.02 Maintenance. Each Owner shall keep and maintain each Lot and Structure owned by him, as well as all landscaping located thereon, in good conditions and repair, including, but not limited to (i) the repairing and painting (or other appropriate external care) of all Structures; (ii) the seeding, watering and mowing of all lawns; and (iii) the pruning and trimming of all trees, hedges and shrubbery so that the same are not obstructive of a view by motorists or pedestrians of street traffic and (iv) any and all fencing located within his Lot boundaries. If in the opinion of the ACC, any Owner shall fail to perform the duties imposed by this Section, the ACC shall notify the Association. If the Board shall agree with the determination of the ACC with respect to the failure of said Owner to perform the duties imposed by this Section, then the Board shall give written notice to the Owner to remedy the condition in question, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the condition and the specific action or actions needed to be taken to remedy such condition. If the Owner shall fail to take reasonable steps to remedy the condition within thirty (30) days after the mailing of said written notice, then the Association shall have the Right of Abatement as provided in Article VIII, Section 8.02 hereof. Guidelines relating to the maintenance of Structures and landscaping may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.
- 6.03 <u>Restriction of Use</u>. Lots may be used for single-family residence purposes only and for no other purpose. The use of a portion of the residence as an office by Owner or his tenant shall not be a violation of this covenant if such use does not create regular customer client or employee traffic or

otherwise create a nuisance. Declarant may operate a Sales Office and/or Model Home on a Lot or Lots designated by Declarant. No business may be conducted within a Lot which would require increased subdivision traffic by the regular attendance of non-residents of the Development within and to such Lot. No trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Lot, except that the Owner or Occupant in residence at the Lot may conduct business activities within the house so long as the business activity: (a) does not otherwise violate the provisions of the Declaration or ByLaws; (b) is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound or smell outside of the Lot; (c) does not unduly increase traffic flow or parking congestion; (d) conforms to all zoning requirements for the Subdivision; (e) does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the ability of the Association to obtain insurance coverage; (f) is consistent with the residential character of the Subdivision; (g) does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use; and (h) does not threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Subdivision, all as may be determined in each case in the sole discretion of the Board. The Board may issue rules regarding permitted business activities. The terms "business" and "trade" as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to Persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (x) the activity is engaged in full or part-time; (y) the activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (z) a license is required for the activity.

- 6.04 <u>Resubdivision of Property</u>. Except for split, division or subdivision of a Lot which is authorized by Declarant, no Lot may be split, divided, or subdivided for sale, resale, gift, transfer, or otherwise, without the prior written approval of the ACC
- 6.05 <u>Erosion Control</u>. No activity which may create erosion or siltation problems shall be undertaken on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC of plans and specifications for the prevention and control of such erosion or siltation. The ACC may, as a condition or approval of such plans and specifications, require the use of certain means of preventing and controlling such erosion or siltation. Such means may include (by way of example and not of limitation) physical devices of controlling the run-off and drainage of water, special precautions in grading and otherwise changing the natural landscape, and require landscaping as provided for in Article VI, Section 6.06.
- 6.06 <u>Landscaping</u>. No construction or alteration of any Structure shall take place without the prior written approval by the ACC of plans and specifications for the landscaping to accompany such construction or alteration.
- 6.07 <u>Temporary Buildings</u>. No temporary building, trailer, or building under construction shall be used, temporarily or permanently, as a residence on any Lot except as temporary sleeping or living quarters required or desireable for security purposes in accordance with plans and specifications therefor approved by the ACC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing shall prohibit the Declarant and/or a builder purchasing a Lot from the Declarant from maintaining a sales trailer upon a Lot.

#### 6.08 Signs.

- (a) No signs whatsoever (including but not limited to commercial and similar signs) shall, without the ACC's prior written approval of plans and specifications therefor, be installed, altered or maintained on any Lot, or on any portion of a Structure visible from the exterior thereof, except:
  - (i) Such signs as may be required by legal proceedings;
- (ii) Not more than one "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign, such sign having a maximum face area of four (4) square feet; provided, however, that if, at the time of any desired use of such sign, the Association is making "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs available for the use of Owners, the signs made available by the Association must be used;
- (iii) Directional signs for vehicular or pedestrian safety in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the ACC.
- (b) In no event during approved construction of any Structure shall more than two job identification signs be approved by the ACC.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration, the Declarant may erect and place such signs on any portions of the Property owned by the Declarant or on any Common Property, which Declarant in its sole discretion deems appropriate. This Article VI, Section 6.08(c) may only be amended with the written approval of the Declarant.

#### 6.09 Setbacks.

- (a) Each dwelling which is erected on a Lot shall be situated on such Lot in accordance with the building and setback line shown on the recorded plat, unless otherwise approved by the ACC. For purposes of this requirement all porches, patios, decks, shutters, awnings, eaves, gutters and other such overhangs will not be considered in violation thereof, even though such structure shall extend beyond said building and setback lines, unless the ACC has established such a requirement as part of its approval of a structure or has otherwise established setback requirements.
- (b) In approving plans and specifications for any proposed Structure, the ACC may establish setback requirements for the location of such Structure, but the ACC shall be empowered to grant variance with respect to such setback requirements in its sole discretion.
- 6.10 <u>Fences and Exterior Structures</u>. No fence or wall of any kind shall be erected, maintained, or altered on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC of plans and specifications for such fences and walls. No artificial vegetation, exterior sculptures, fountains or similar items shall be constructed, placed or maintained on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC.

- 6.11 <u>Roads and Driveways</u>. No road or driveway shall be constructed or altered on any Lot without the prior written approval of the ACC of plans and specifications for such roads and driveways.
- Antennae. No transmission antenna, of any kind, may be erected on a Lot unless approved in writing by the Board of Directors or the Architectural Control Committee. No direct broadcast satellite (DBS) antenna or multi-channel multi-point distribution service (MMDS) antenna larger than one meter in diameter may be placed, allowed or maintained upon a Lot. DBS and MMDS antennas one meter or less in diameter and television broadcast service antennas may only be installed in accordance with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules and rules and regulations of the Association authorized by the FCC, both, as may be amended from time to time. Unless otherwise prohibited by FCC rules and regulations, no antenna of any kind may be installed except upon the rear of a home and not visible from internal private subdivision roads.
- 6.13 <u>Clotheslines, Garbage Cans, etc.</u> No clotheslines shall be permitted. All equipment, garbage cans, and woodpiles shall be kept in garage or screened by adequate planting or approved fencing so as to conceal them from view by neighboring residences and streets.

#### 6.14 Parking and Related Restrictions.

- (a) No vehicles of any type whatsoever shall be permitted to park on the streets of the Development on a permanent basis, but shall be allowed on a temporary basis, not to exceed 48 hours. Notwithstanding the above, all automobiles owned or used by Owners (other than temporary guest(s) shall be parked in garages to the extent that garage space is available, and garages shall not be used for storage or otherwise so that they become unavailable for parking cars therein. No owners or occupants of any portion of the Property shall repair or restore any vehicle of any kind within any Lot except (i) within enclosed garages or workshops, or (ii) for emergency repairs and then only to the extent necessary to enable the movement thereof to a proper repair facility.
- (b) No school bus, truck or commercial vehicle over one (1) ton capacity, house trailer, mobile home, motor home, recreational vehicle, camper, habitable motor vehicle of any kind, boat or boat trailer, trailers of any kind, or like equipment, exceeding thirty (30) feet in length shall be permitted on any Lot on a permanent basis, but shall be allowed on a temporary basis as set forth hereinbelow.
- (c) Vehicles and equipment described in Article VI, Section 6.14(b) above, but which are less than thirty (30) feet in length, shall be permitted on a temporary basis only, unless stored within the garage with garage door closed unless otherwise approved by the ACC.

Notwithstanding anything provided herein to the contrary, no towed vehicle, boat, boat trailer, recreational vehicle, motor home, mobile home, bus, truck with camper top, commercial vehicle, truck (except pick-up trucks or sport utility vehicles), trailer, motorcycle, minibike, scooter, go-cart or similar recreational vehicle shall be permitted on any Lot, except if kept in an enclosed garage, for periods longer than 48 consecutive hours (the intent of this provision is that the aforementioned vehicles may not be stored on a Lot except if in a garage and the temporary removal of such vehicle

from a Lot to break the continuity of the 48 consecutive hours shall not be sufficient to establish compliance with this restriction). Any such vehicle shall be considered a nuisance and may be removed from the Community. Trucks with mounted campers which are an Owner's or Occupant's primary means of transportation shall not be subject to the restrictions contained in this paragraph provided such vehicles are used on a regular basis for transportation and the camper is stored out of public view upon removal from the vehicle.

- (d) Any trash, firewood, wood scraps, building materials, or other such materials contained in any vehicle or trailer shall be covered from view.
- (e) The purpose of this Section is to help maintain the neat and attractive appearance of the Development by requiring the streets of the Development to remain cleared, and for larger vehicles and equipment to be either hidden from view or eliminated altogether if intended to be stored on more than a temporary basis. In effectuating the purpose of this Section, the ACC may adopt guidelines, rules and regulations which shall give greater substance to its provisions, as for example, by defining what shall be considered temporary or permanent in the case of each subsection above.
- (f) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to Declarant or to any builder in the process of construction any approved Structure on any Lot.
- 6.15 <u>Recreational Equipment</u>. No recreational and playground equipment, including basketball goals, shall be placed or installed upon a Lot unless approved by the ACC. No above ground pools shall be allowed on any Lot.
- 6.16 <u>Non-Discrimination</u>. No Owner or person authorized to act for an Owner shall refuse to sell or rent, after receiving a bona fide offer, or refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny the purchase or rental of any Lot to any persons because of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin. Anything in this Declaration to the contrary notwithstanding, this covenant shall run with the land and shall remain in effect without any limitation in time.
- 6.17 <u>Sale and Construction Activities</u>. Notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions contained in this Declaration to the contrary, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant, any Builder and their respective agents and successors and assigns to maintain and carry on within the Property such activities as may be reasonably required or convenient to the completion, improvement and sale of Lots including, but not limited to, construction trailers or model residences.
- 6.18 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. No animal shall be allowed to become a nuisance. No structure for the care, housing or confinement of any animal shall be constructed, placed or altered on any Lot unless plans, specifications and location for said structure have been approved by the ACC. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept or permitted on any Lot, except that dogs, cats or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number, as determined by the Board, may be kept on a Lot; provided, however, those pets which are permitted to roam free or, in the sole discretion of the Board, endanger the health, make objectionable

noise or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners or Occupants of other Lots or the owner of any property located adjacent to the community may be removed by the Board. Dogs which are household pets shall at all times whenever they are outside a Lot be confined on a leash. Without prejudice to the Board's right to remove any such household pets, no household pet that has caused damage or injury may be walked in the Community.

#### 6.19 Solid Waste.

- (a) No person shall dump rubbish, garbage, or any other form of solid waste on any Lot or on Common Property.
- (b) Except for building materials employed during the course of construction of any Structure approved by the ACC, no lumber, metals, bulk materials or solid waste of any kind shall be kept, stored, or allowed to accumulate on any Lot unless screened or otherwise handled in a manner approved by the ACC.
- (c) If rubbish, garbage, or any other form of solid waste is to be disposed of by being collected on a regular and recurring basis, containers may be placed in the open on any day that a pick-up is to be made, in order to provide access to persons making such pick-up. At all other times such containers shall be screened or enclosed.
- 6.20 <u>Nuisances</u>. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the community.
- 6.21 <u>Landscape and Monument Easements</u>. On Lots subject to a Landscape and Monument Easement as set forth on any recorded plat or survey of the Development, such Lots are subject to those easement rights set forth in Article II, Section 2.05.
- 6.22 <u>Air-Conditioning Units</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ACC, no window air conditioning units may be installed on any portion of a structure within a Lot.
- 6.23 <u>Lighting</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ACC, exterior lighting visible from the street shall not be permitted except for: (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; (b) one decorative post light; (c) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for the community; (d) seasonable decorative lights; or (e) front house illumination of model homes.
- 6.24 <u>Mailboxes</u>. All mailboxes located on Lots shall be of a similar style approved by the Architectural Control Committee and shall be installed initially by the original home builder. Replacement mailboxes may be installed after the type has been approved in writing by the ACC.
- 6.25 <u>Exteriors</u>. Any change to the exterior color of any structure or improvement located on a Lot, including, without limitation, the dwelling or any fence located on a Lot, must be approved by the ACC.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

# EASEMENTS, ZONING AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

#### 7.01 Easements.

- (a) Declarant hereby expressly reserves to the Declarant, its successors and assigns forever, the right to create perpetual easements in, on, over and under any part of the Property owned by Declarant for any purpose which Declarant deems necessary, including, by way of example, and not limitation, the following:
- (i) The erection, installation, construction and maintenance of wires, lines, conduits and poles and the necessary or proper attachments in connection with the transmission of electricity, telephone, cable television and other utilities and similar facilities;
- (ii) The erection, installation, construction and maintenance of storm-water drains, land drains, detention ponds, public and private sewers, irrigation systems, pipelines for supplying gas, water and heat and for any other public or quasi-public facility, service or function;
- (iii) Slope control purposes, including the right to grade and plant slopes and to prevent the doing of any activity which might interfere with slopes or which might create erosion or sliding problems or which might change, obstruct or retard drainage flow;
- (iv) The planting or re-planting of hedges, shrubberies, bushes, trees, flowers and plants of any nature;
- (v) The erection, installation, construction and maintenance of fences, walls, monuments, signs, etc. along streets in, around and along, and at entrances to, the Development, and the right to landscape such areas, plant, re-plant and prune hedges, shrubbery, bushes, trees, flowers, grass and plants of any nature; and
- (vi) There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and the Association an easement for ingress, egress, installation, construction landscaping and maintenance of entry features and street signage for the Community, over and upon each Lot which is located at the corner of a street intersection within the Community. The easement and rights herein reserved shall include the right to cut, remove and plant trees, shrubbery, flowers and other vegetation around such entry features and signage and the right to grade the land under and around the entry features and signage.
- (b) No Owner shall have any right to use any easement created by the Declarant in, on or over any portion of the Property unless such easement has been assigned by the Declarant to the Association.

- (c) The Declarant hereby expressly reserves to the Declarant, its successors and assigns, across the initial phase of the Property, and across each portion of any Additional Property subsequently submitted to this Declaration by Annexation as provided in Article X hereof, perpetual easements appurtenant to all or any portion of the Additional Property not subject to this Declaration for the following uses and purposes:
- (i) An easement for ingress and egress by vehicular and pedestrian traffic over (1) such drives, roadways, walkways and paths as are shown on the plat or plats recorded in connection with the initial phase of the Property and such portions of the Additional Property as are submitted to this Declaration, and (2) such drives, roadways, walkways and paths as may be constructed in the future;
- (ii) An easement for the purpose of installing, operating, maintaining and replacing wires, pipes, conduits and other structures and facilities necessary to the furnishing of gas, water, sewage, storm drainage, electricity, street lights, telephone, and other utilities and services, including the right to use in common with the Owners in the initial phase of the Property and portions of the Additional Property subsequently submitted to this Declaration, the wires, pipes, conduits, and other structures and facilities furnishing such utilities and services to such Owners; and
- (iii) An easement for the purpose of creating and maintaining satisfactory drainage across Lots in the Development, being five (5) feet wide along each side line and ten (10) feet wide along the rear line of each Lot; however, said easement shall not include any portion of a Lot upon which the foundation of any dwelling is located.
- (d) In addition to the above, the Declarant hereby grants a general easement in favor of utility, cable television and other such service companies across the initial phase of the Property, and across each portion of any Additional Property subsequently submitted to this Declaration by Annexation as provided in Article X hereof, to maintain, repair, replace and service wires, pipes, conduits, street lights and other structures and facilities provided for the benefit of the Owners.
- (e) The Declarant expressly reserves for the benefit of Declarant, the Association and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns an alienable, transferable and perpetual right and easement on, over and across all Lots and all Lots and all unimproved portions of the Property for the purpose of taking any action necessary to effect compliance with environmental rules and regulations from time to time promulgated or instituted by any governmental entity, such easement to include, without limitation, the right to implement erosion control procedures and practices, the right to drain standing water, and the right to dispense pesticides.
- (f) The easements created in this Article VII are in addition to any easements or rights created elsewhere in this Declaration or in other easements of record. The provisions of this Article VII may not be amended without the written consent of the Declarant, its successors and assigns.

- 7.02 <u>Easement Area</u>. The words "Easement Area" as used herein shall mean those areas on any Lot with respect to which easements are shown on a recorded deed or grant of easement, or on any filed or recorded map or plat relating thereto, or as otherwise set forth in Article VII, Section 7.01.
- 7.03 Entry. The Declarant and its employees, agents, successors and assigns, shall have the right at all reasonable times to enter upon all parts of each Easement Area for any of the purposes for which such Easement Area is reserved without being deemed to have committed a trespass or wrongful act solely by reason of such entry and the carrying out of such purposes. The Declarant and its employees, agents, successors and assigns shall be responsible for leaving each Lot in good condition and repair following any work or activity undertaken by the same in an Easement Area pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 7.01.
- 7.04 Zoning and Private Restrictions. None of the covenants, restrictions or easements created or imposed by this Declaration shall be construed as permitting any action prohibited by applicable zoning laws, or by the laws, rules or regulations of any governmental body. In the event of any conflict between such laws, rules or regulations and the covenants, restrictions and easements created or imposed by this Declaration, the most restrictive provision shall govern and control.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

8.01 <u>Right of Enforcement</u>. This Declaration and the Restrictions contained herein shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by (i) the Declarant so long as it is an Owner, (ii) the Association, and (iii) each Owner, his legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

### 8.02 Right of Abatement.

- (a) In the event of a violation or breach of any restriction contained in this Declaration, the Declarant or the Board shall give written notice by overnight mail, courier or certified mail to the Owner setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of such violation or breach and the specific action or actions needed to be taken to remedy such violation or breach. If the Owner shall fail to take reasonable steps to remedy such violation or breach within fifteen (15) days notice then the Declarant or the Board shall have the Right of Abatement in addition to the right to assess fines, penalties and sanctions as authorized in Section 8.03. If any assessment, interest, cost or charge required by this Declaration is not paid within sixty (60) days after such assessment is due or such charge is imposed, the mortgagees holding a security interest in the Lot involvedmay be notified that the Owner is in default in the performance of his obligations under this Declaration, and that action may be taken because of his default.
- (b) The Right of Abatement, means the right of the Declarant or the Association, through the Board or their agents and employees, to enter at all reasonable times upon any Lot or Structure, as to which a violation, breach or other conditions to be remedied exists, and to take the actions specified in the notice to the Owner to abate, extinguish, remove, or repair such 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 entry and such actions. The Declarant, the Association and any officers, directors, members, employees and agents of the above shall not be liable to any Owner for exercising the rights granted herein. Any costs incurred to correct the violation including costs of collection, reasonable attorneys' fees and any fines, sanctions or penalties which maybe imposed shall be assessed to Owner ("Abatement Costs"). Any Abatement Costs which are not paid after notice of the amount has been furnished to Owner shall be delinquent. Any Abatement Costs which are unpaid for thirty (30) days after notice to owner shall commence to accrue interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or at such rate as the Board may establish; provided, however, that in no event shall the Board have the power to establish a rate of interest in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia. A lien and equitable charge for the Abatement Costs shall attach simultaneously to the subject Lot(s) and said Lot(s) shall secure payment of the Abatement Costs. In addition, the entire unpaid balance of the Abatement Costs may be accelerated at the option of the Board. The continuing lien and equitable charge of the Abatement Costs shall include the accrued interest, all costs of collection (including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs), any fine, penalty or sanction imposed by the Board and any other amounts provided or permitted hereunder or by law. In the event the Abatement Costs or accrued interest remain unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may, as the Board shall determine, institute suit and/or foreclose its lien. The equitable charge and lien provided for in this paragraph shall be in favor of the Association, and each Owner, by the acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of a Lot, vests in the Association and its agents the right and power to bring all actions against said Owner personally for the collection of any amounts due under the terms of this paragraph as a debt and/or to foreclose the aforesaid lien in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of real property. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the Abatement Costs plus accrued interest by the conveyance of his Lot, abandonment of his Lot or by renunciation of membership in the Association, and an Owner shall remain personally liable for any Abatement Costs plus accrued interest, which accrue prior to the sale, transfer or other conveyance of his Lot.

- limit the rights of the Declarant, the Association or any Owner to enforce the Restrictions by appropriate judicial proceedings or to recover damages. The Board may also impose fines, penalties or other sanctions for any Owner in violation of the terms of this Declaration. In addition, a notice of violation may be filed against the non-complying Owner in the public records of Forsyth County, Georgia stating the Owner's name and that Owner has failed to comply with the requirements of the Declaration. Said notice of violation may include any other information regarding the nature of the violation and the Abatement Costs as may be deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the Board, the Association, the Declarant or the employees, directors or agents of the above. Any beneficiary of this Declaration Declarant, aggrieved Owner or the Board (acting on behalf of the Association) shall be entitled to maintain, in addition to the actions specifically authorized herein, 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.
- 8.04 No Waiver. Unless specifically excepted under the terms of this Declaration, the failure of the Declarant, the Association, or the Owner of the any Lot, his or its respective legal representatives,

heirs, successors and assigns, to enforce any restrictions herein contained shall in no event be considered a waiver of the right to do so thereafter, as to the same violation or breach or as to any violation or breach occurring prior or subsequent thereto.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

## **DURATION AND AMENDMENT**

### 9.01 <u>Duration and Perpetuities.</u>

- (a) The provisions of this Declaration shall run with and bind title to the Property, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all Owners and Mortgagees an their respective heirs, executors, legal representatives, successors and assigns, and shall be and remain in effect for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the date of the recording of this Declaration, provided that rights and easements which are stated herein to have a longer duration shall have such longer duration. This Declaration may be renewed for an unlimited number of successive twenty (20) year periods in accordance with the terms and provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 44-5-60(d). Every purchaser or grantee of any interest in the Property, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, thereby agrees that the provisions of this Declaration shall run with and bind title to the Property as provided hereby, including any extension and renewal of this Declaration in accordance with the terms and provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 44-5-60(d).
- (b) If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the date of the last survivor of the now living descendants of U.S. President George W. Bush.
- Amendments by Declarant. During any period in which Declarant retains the right to 9.02 appoint and remove any directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing filed and recorded in the Superior Court of the county in which the Property is located, without the approval of any Member or mortgagee; provided, however, that (i) in the event that such amendment materially alters or changes any Owner's right to the use and enjoyment of such Owner's Lot or of the Common Property as set forth in this Declaration or if such amendment adversely affects the title to any Lot, such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent thereto by a majority in number of the then existing Members affected thereby, or (ii) in the event that such amendment would materially and adversely affect the security title and interest of any mortgagee, such amendment shall be valid only upon the written consent thereto of all such mortgagees so affected. Any amendment made pursuant to this Article IX, Section 9.02 shall be certified by Declarant as having been duly approved by Declarant, and such Members and mortgagees if required, and shall be effective only upon recordation or at such later date as shall be specified in the amendment itself. In addition, so long as Declarant owns at least one (1) Lot held primarily for sale, or has an unexpired option to add Additional Property to the Development, this Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant, for those purposes set forth in items (i) through (v) below, and each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot, agrees to be bound by such amendments

as are permitted by this Article IX, Section 9.02 and further agrees that, if requested to do so by Declarant, such Owner will consent to the amendment of this Declaration or any other instruments relating to the Development (i) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof or thereof into compliance or conformity with the provisions of any applicable governmental statute, rule or regulation or any judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith, (ii) if such amendment is necessary to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to any Lots subject to this Declaration, (iii) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender, purchaser or guarantor of mortgage loans, including, or example, the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase mortgage loans on any Lot subject to this Declaration, (iv) if any such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or reputable private insurance company to insure mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration or (v) if such amendment is necessary to correct a scrivener's error in the drafting of this Declaration.

- 9.03 <u>Amendments by Association.</u> Amendments to this Declaration, other than those authorized by Article IX, Section 9.02 hereof, shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:
- (a) Notice of the subject matter of the proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of the meeting of the Association at which such proposed amendment is to be considered and shall be delivered to each member of the Association.
- (b) At such meeting, a resolution adopting a proposed amendment may be proposed by either the Board or by Members of the Association. Such amendment must be approved by Members holding at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes in the Association; provided, however, (i) that any amendment which materially and adversely affects the security title and interest of any mortgagee must be approved by such mortgagee and (ii) during any period in which Declarant is the owner of any real property subject to this Declaration, or has an unexpired option to add additional property to the Development, any such amendment must be approved by Declarant.
- (c) The agreement of the required percentage of the Owners and, where required, the Declarant and any mortgagee, to any amendment of this Declaration shall be evidenced by their execution of such amendment, or, in the alternative, and provided that Declarant does not then have the right to approve such amendment, the sworn statement of the President and any Vice President or the Secretary of the Association attached to or incorporated in the amendment executed by the Association, which sworn statement shall state unequivocally that the agreement of the required parties was lawfully obtained. Any such amendment of this Declaration shall become effective only when recorded or at such later date as may be specified in the Amendment itself.

### ARTICLE X

#### **LEASES**

10.01 <u>Application</u>. In order to assure a community of congenial Owners and thus protect the value of Lots within the Development, the leasing of a Lot, or any portion thereof, by any Owner (other

than as provided herein for certain mortgagees and Declarant) shall be subject to the provisions contained in this Article so long as the Property is subject to the Restrictions.

- 10.02 <u>Notice and Regulation.</u> Any Owner intending to lease his Lot, or any portion thereof, shall give written notice of such intention to the Board of Directors, stating the name and address of the intended lessee, the terms of the proposed lease and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations in order to enforce this provision, including the right to impose fines constituting a lien upon the Lot being leased.
- 10.03 Required Lease Provisions. The Board of Directors may set the minimum lease term; however, said minimum term shall not be set for greater than six months (6). All leases and lessees are subject to the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws. The Owner must make available to the tenant a copy of this Declaration. Any leases of a Lot, or a portion thereof, shall be deemed to contain the provisions of Article XI, Sections 10.03(a), (b), (c) and (d), whether or not said provisions are expressly stated therein, and each Owner covenants and agrees that any lease of his Lot shall contain the language of said provisions, and further, that if such language is not expressly contained therein, then such language shall be incorporated into the lease by existence of this covenant of the Lot. Any lessee, by occupancy of a Lot, agrees to the applicability of this covenant and its incorporation as part of the lease along with the following provisions:
- (a) Lessee acknowledges that promises made to Lessor, as contained in Article X, Sections 10.03 (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Autumn Walk Subdivision which govern the leased Premises, and which provisions are incorporated within this lease agreement, are made for the benefit of the Association for the purpose of discharging Lessor's duties to the Association through Lessee's performance. In order to enforce those provisions made for the benefit of the Association, the Association may bring an action against Lessee for recovery of damages or for injunctive relief, or may impose any other sanctions authorized by the Declaration and Bylaws, as they may be amended from time to time, or which may be available at law or equity, including but not limited to, all remedies available to a landlord upon breach or default of a lease agreement by a lessee. Failure by the Association to enforce any of its rights shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.
- (b) Lessee shall comply strictly with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and with the administrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, as any of the foregoing may be lawfully amended from time to time. Lessee shall control the conduct of his or her family and guests in order to assure compliance with the foregoing and shall indemnify and hold Lessor and the Association harmless for any such persons's failure to comply. Lessee acknowledges that the violation by Lessee or any occupant or person living with Lessee of any provision of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall constitute a default under this lease. Lessee further acknowledges that the Association has the right to act on its own behalf, or where necessary on behalf of Lessor, as Lessor's attorney-in-fact, to seek any remedies which are available to a landlord upon breach or default of a lease agreement of Lessee.

- (c) Upon request by the Association, Lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid annual assessments and special assessments, as lawfully determined and made payable during and prior to the terms of this lease agreement and any other period of occupancy by Lessee; provided, however, that Lessee need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for, monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Association's request. All payments made to the Association shall reduce by the same amount Lessee's obligation to make monthly rental payments to Lesser under the Lease. If Lessee fails to comply with the Association's request to pay assessments, Lessee shall pay to the Association all late or delinquent charges, fines, interest, and costs of collection, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees incurred, to the same extent Lessee would be required to make such payments to the Association if Lessee were the Owner of the Premises during the term of this lease agreement and any other period of occupancy by Lessee.
- (d) Lessee's rights shall be subject to all rights of the Association and any bona fide mortgage or deed to secure debt which is now or may hereafter be placed upon the Premises by Lessor.
- 10.04 Enforcement. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of Article X, Section 10.03, which shall be incorporated in the provisions of any lease of a Lot, each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance of a Lot, hereby irrevocably appoints the Association, which may act by any one of its authorized officers, as his attorney-in-fact, to enforce said provisions and to take any action, at law or equity, which could be taken by said Owner against the Lessee should Lessee default in performance under the lease agreement. Each Owner hereby further acknowledges that this power of attorney shall only apply in the event of noncompliance by a Lessee with the provisions of Article X, Section 10.03, and that the Association, its Board of Directors, employees and agents shall be held harmless by each Owner in exercising the power of attorney herein granted to the Association.
- 10.05 Expenses of Eviction. In the event the Association proceeds to evict the Lessee, any costs, including attorney's fees and court costs, associated with the eviction shall be specially assessed against the Lot, becoming a lien thereon subject to enforcement in accordance with Article VIII, Sections 8.02 and 8.03 of this Declaration, and shall become the personal obligation of the Owner thereof, such being deemed hereby as an expense which benefits the Lot and the Owner thereof.
- 10.06 <u>Rights of Lessee.</u> Any Lessee charged with a violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, or rules and regulations is entitled to the same rights to which the Owner is entitled as provided in the Association's Bylaws.
- 10.07 <u>Rights of First Mortgagees.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, the provisions of this Article shall not impair the right of any first mortgagee to:
  - (a) foreclose or take title to the Lot pursuant to remedies contained in any mortgage;
  - (b) take a deed or assignment in lieu of foreclosure; or
  - (c) sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of a Lot acquired by the mortgagee.

## ARTICLE XI

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 11.01 No Reverter. No restriction herein is intended to be, or shall be construed as, a condition subsequent or as creating a possibility of reverter.
- 11.02 <u>Severability</u>. A determination by a court that any provision hereof is invalid for any reason shall not affect the validity of any other provisions hereof.
- 11.03 <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the Articles and Sections hereof are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of the contents of this Declaration.
- 11.04 <u>Gender.</u> Throughout this Declaration, the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine and neuter, and the singular, the plural, and vice versa.
- 11.05 <u>Notices.</u> All notices, requests, objections, waivers, rejections, agreements, approvals, disclosures or consent of any kind made pursuant to this Declaration, whether by the Declarant, the Association, the ACC, the Owner, or any other person, shall be in writing. Unless specified otherwise herein, all such writings shall be delivered, in the Board's sole discretion, either by first class (regular) mail, federal express, overnight delivery service for next day delivery, or courier, to the following addresses:

(a) Declarant:

1424 North Brown Road, Suite 100

Lawrenceville, GA 30024

(b) Owners:

Each Owner's address as registered with the Association in accordance with the By-Laws

Any written communication transmitted on behalf of or by the Board or the Association, shall be deemed received on the second business day after the writing was sent.

- 11.06 No Liability. Declarant has, using best efforts and all due diligence, prepared and recorded this Declaration so that each and every Owner shall have the right and the power to enforce the terms and provisions of this Declaration against every other Owner. However, in the event that this Declaration is, for any reason whatsoever, unenforceable by an Owner (or any other person) in a court of law or otherwise, Declarant shall have no liability of any kind as a result of such unenforceability, and each and every Owner, by acceptance of a deed conveying a Lot, acknowledges that Declarant shall have no such liability.
- 11.07 <u>Security</u>. Notwithstanding any privacy wall and/or fence serving the subdivision, Declarant makes no representations or warranties with regard to the efficacy of such structures from a safety or security standpoint. Each Owner, occupant, guest or invitee, as applicable, acknowledges and

understands that the Declarant is not an insurer and that each owner, occupant, guest and invitee assumes all risks of personal injury and property damage.

- 11.08 Environmental and Transportation Studies and/or Assessments. Each owner, by acceptance of a deed conveying a Lot, acknowledges that certain environmental and transportation studies and/or assessments may be available for review prior to acceptance of such deed. The studies and/or assessments may be on file at the sales office located on the Property and/or the offices of the applicable governing authority. Declarant has made no further investigation pertaining to environmental and/or transportation issues affecting the Property and makes no warranties and representations in regard to the aforesaid studies and/or assessments or any and all issues related thereto.
- 11.09 <u>Forsyth County Board of Commissioners Approval.</u> In addition to the requirements of the Georgia Non Profit Corporation Code, the Articles of Incorporation of the Association and the Bylaws of the Association, the Association may not be dissolved without the prior written consent of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

## ARTICLE XII

## **MORTGAGEE PROVISIONS**

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first mortgages on Lots in the Development. The provisions of this Article apply to both this Declaration and to the By-Laws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

- 12.01 <u>Notices of Action.</u> An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first mortgage, who provides written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, guarantor and the Lot number, 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 Development or which affects any Lot on which there is a first mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder;
- (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to the mortgage of such eligible holder, which such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided, however, notwithstanding this provision, any holder of a first mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by an Owner of a Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or By-Laws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days;
- (c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or

- (d) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of eligible mortgagees.
- 12.02 <u>Right to Records.</u>
  Upon written request in accordance with Article XII, Section 12.01, all eligible holders shall:
- (a) be entitled to attend and observe all meetings of Owners, but not meetings of the Board;
  - (b) be furnished with copies of annual financial reports made to the Owners; and
- (c) be entitled to inspect the financial books and records of the Association during reasonable business hours.

### 12.03 <u>Insurance</u>.

- (a) At all times during the term of this Declaration, the Association, its successors and assigns, shall be required to keep any and all recreational facilities and any other improvements located on the Common Property fully insured by a reputable insurance company authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia with (i) fire, vandalism, malicious mischief and extended coverage insurance in an amount adequate to cover the cost or replacement of such improvements in the event of loss of any and/or all of such improvements, fixtures and contents thereof; and (ii) public liability insurance in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board of Directors as appropriate for the type of recreational activities which shall be allowed on the Common Property. Any such policies of insurance shall require that the certificate holders and insured by given thirty (30) days prior written notice of any cancellation of such policies.
- (b) Immediately after the damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board 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 costs 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 and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty.

Any damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed unless, within sixty (60) days after the casualty, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total Association vote entitled to vote thereon, and, (so long as the Declarant has the right to appoint and remove directors) the Declarant, otherwise agree. 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 costs of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within such period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed.

If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Association's Members, levy a special assessment. Additional assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction. If the funds available from insurance exceed the costs of repair or reconstruction or if the improvements are not repaired or reconstructed, such excess shall be deposited for the benefit of the Association.

In the event that it should be determined by the Association in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then in that event the property shall be restored to its natural state and maintained as an undeveloped portion of the community in a neat and attractive condition.

- (c) The deductible for any casualty insurance policy carried by the Association shall, in the event of damage or destruction, be allocated among the persons who are responsible hereunder for maintenance of the damaged or destroyed property.
- 12.04 <u>No Priority</u>. No provision of this Declaration or the By-Laws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first mortgagee of any Lot in the cases of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Property.
- 12.05 <u>Professional Management</u>. Any agreement for professional management of the Association, or any other contract providing services of the Declarant, may not exceed three (3) years. Any such agreement must provide for termination by either party without cause and without payment of a termination fee of ninety (90) days written notice.
- 12.06 <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any mortgage encumbering such Owner's Residence.
- 12.07 <u>Amendment by Board</u>. Should the Veterans' Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, the Federal National Mortgage Association, or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which may have necessitated the provisions of this Article or make such requirements less stringent, the Board, without approval of the Owners, may cause an amendment to this Article to be recorded to reflect such changes.
- 12.08 <u>Applicability of Article XII</u>. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Article.
- 12.09 <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond</u>. Any mortgagee who receives a written request from the Board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) days of the date

of the Association's request.

- 12.10 <u>Special FHLMC Provision</u>. So long as required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the following provisions apply in addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing. Unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Owners give their consent, the Association shall not:
- (a) By act or omission, directly or indirectly, seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer any real property owned by the Association (other than personal property). The granting of easements for public utilities or other similar purposes consistent with the intended use of this subsection;
- (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 and maintenance of Lots and of any real property owned by the Association (the issuance and amendment or architectural standards, procedures, rules and regulations or use restrictions shall not constitute a change, waiver or abandonment within the meaning of this subsection);
  - (d) Fail to maintain insurance, as required by this Declaration; or
- (e) Use hazard insurance proceeds received in connection with losses to any real property owned by the Association (other than personal property) for other than the repair, replacement or reconstruction of such property.

First Mortgagees may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the real property owned by the Association and may pay overdue premiums on casualty insurance policies or secure new casualty insurance coverage upon the lapse of an Association policy, and first Mortgagees making such payment shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

- 12.11 <u>HUD and/or VA Approvals</u>. Provided the Declarant has not relinquished the right to appoint and remove members of the Board, is in existence and provided further that prior written approval has been issued by the Veterans Administration and/or The Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Property, as this term is defined in the Declaration, and/or portions thereof, then the following events shall require the prior approval of The Veterans Administration and/or The Department of Housing and Urban Development:
  - (a) Mortgaging of common area; and
- (b) Dissolution and amendment of the Articles of Incorporation Burnt Hickory Residents Association, Inc. and/or By-Laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this Declaration to be duly executed and sealed this 25th day of March, 2006.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of:

Mark T. Whitmire

Manager

DECLARANT:

Pinebrook Communities, LLC

My commission expires:

[Notary Seal]

## EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 878, 879 and 880 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, Forsyth County, Georgia, and being shown as 50.838 acres, more or less, as shown on that certain Boundary Survey for Pinebrook Communities, LLC, Bank of America, N.A. and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company prepared by Development Planning & Engineering, Inc., Jon Q. Stubblefield, Georgia RLS #2599, dated 12/02/04, last revised 01/03/05, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at a one-half inch crimp top pipe found at the corner common to Land Lots 849, 850, 879 and 880, aforesaid District, Section and County; proceed thence along the land lot line common to Land Lots 879 and 880 south 01°49'27" east 549.41 feet to a one inch open top pipe found; thence leaving said land lot line and proceed north 89°13'03" east 443.60 feet to an iron pin set on the westerly right of way of Hurt Bridge Road (60 foot right of way); proceed thence along said right of way south 11°47'21" east 191.62 feet to a one and one-half inch open top pipe found; thence leaving said right of way and proceed south 89°12'10" west 522.18 feet to a one inch open top pipe found; proceed thence south 00°58'04" east 135.86 feet to a one-half inch crimp top pipe found; proceed thence south 89°12'43" west 2555.51 feet to an iron pin set on the land lot line common to Land Lots 877 and 878; proceed thence along said land lot line north 01°10'35" west 353.50 feet to a point located in the centerline of a creek, said centerline being the property line (hereinafter Traverse Point "A"); proceed thence along said centerline of a creek in a generally northeasterly and northwesterly direction 340.32 feet, more or less, to a point (hereinafter Traverse Point "B"); Traverse Point A and Traverse Point B are connected by the following courses and distances: north 42°28'58" east 35.38 feet to a point; north 11°43'30" east 21.24 feet to a point; north 42°14'16" east 17.86 feet to a point; north 45°32'07" west 17.56 feet to a point; north 59°17'45" east 19.76 feet to a point; north 28°36'36" east 8.87 feet to a point; north 29°55'04" west 17.94 feet to a point; north 46°05'59" east 9.62 feet to a point; north 22°34'37" east 37.60 feet to a point; north 05°00'38" east 40.92 feet to a point; north 74°29'29" east 19.71 feet to a point; north 23°25'44" west 31.10 feet to a point; north 76°35'45" east 19.84 feet to a point; north 26°38'24" east 23.12 feet to a point; north 56°49'27" east 19.82 feet to a point; thence leaving said centerline and proceed south 77°17'43" east 267.33 feet to a point; proceed thence northeasterly along the arc of a curve having a radius of 50.0 feet, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing north 53°14'47" east and having a chord length of 65.0 feet, an arc distance of 70.76 feet to a point; proceed thence north 03°47'16" east 202.04 feet to a point located in the centerline of a creek, said centerline being the property line (hereinafter Traverse Point "C"); proceed thence along said centerline in a generally northeasterly direction 238.38 feet, more or less, to a point (hereinafter Traverse Point "D"); Traverse Point C and Traverse Point D are connected by the following courses and distances: north 69°05'22" east 18.86 feet to a point; north 50°41'10" east 31.41 feet to a point; north 77°57'10" east 17.81 feet to a point; north 49°06'58" east 18.28 feet to a point; north 72°31'52" east 25.35 feet to a point; north 13°18'45" east 12.06 feet to a point; north 65°47'01" east 10.73 feet to a point; south 74°12'31" east 15.27 feet to a point; north 26°35'40" east 8.80 feet to a point; north 40°29'01" west 9.38

feet to a point; north 73°34'35" east 33.39 feet to a point; north 48°26'58" east 17.60 feet to a point; north 72°15'22" east 19.43 feet to a point located on the land lot line common to Land Lots 851 and 878; thence leaving said centerline and proceed along said land lot line north 89°40'37" east 658.93 feet to an iron pin set at the corner common to Land Lots 850, 851, 878 and 879; proceed thence along the land lot line common to Land Lots 850 and 879 north 89°38'09" east 1293.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH a non-exclusive, permanent, perpetual 25 foot drainage easement with its centerline being the centerline of the creek running through Land Lots 877 and 878, said creek being partially adjacent to the property described above and partially contained solely on property retained by Grantor. Said easement is granted for the purpose of deflecting and disbursing surface water and run off from the property described above. Said easement shall begin at Traverse Point D and shall run along the centerline of the creek and continue until the creek merges with the lake identified as SCS Dam No.30B-Settingdown Creek.

TOGETHER WITH a non-exclusive, perpetual 50 foot easement for vehicular and pedestrian traffic for ingress and egress over, on and above that property as more particularly described in that certain Limited Warranty Deed from Doris S. Prine to Pinebrook Communities, LLC dated 01/07/05, recorded in Deed Book 3653, Page 769, Forsyth County Records.

## EXHIBIT "B"

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## EXHIBIT "C"

# BURNT HICKORY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC. Application for Modification

(Read the instructions on page two before completing the application)

Date:	
	Fee Enclosed \$
Homeowner's name:	
Address:	
Estimate Start Date:_	Estimate Completion Date:
	TYPE OF MODIFICATION BEING REQUESTED
Arbor Basketball Goal Statuary	Change of House ColorPlay EquipmentLandscapingSatellite Dish
For minor modificatio	ns, please see page two of this form.
	MODERATE MODIFICATION:
Deck Dock	GazeboScreened PorchFence Retaining WallOther
(\$	Review Fee for the above change prior to starting modification)
·	MAJOR MODIFICATION:
Room Addition	Swimming PoolOther
(\$	Review Fee for the above change, prior to starting modification)
Permission is hereby	granted for members of the ACC and appropriate Burnt Hickory Residents
I have discussed this m modification.	odification with my neighbors who will be directly impacted by the proposed
Homeowner Signature:_	
Please allow a maximus approval, fees will be trip	m of 60 days for a modification review. If modification is started prior to bled.

## BURNT HICKORY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

DATE	
Received:	
Forwarded to Licensed Landscape Architect	
(Insert Firm Name)	
Review Completion	
Application Denied	
Application Approved	
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: The Application for Modification will be approresubmission provided that the following modifications are made:	ved within 15 days after

### EXHIBIT "C" continued

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION (Please read the instructions on this page carefully)

The Burnt Hickory Residents Association, Inc. utilizes a <u>complete package</u> application procedure. The application is considered complete when all required documentation and fees have been received. If your application is incomplete or if you do not enclose the required fee, <u>your application will be returned unprocessed</u>.

- 1. For minor modifications, submit a drawing, product brochure or description of the planned addition.
- 2. For moderate or major modifications, please enclose two copies for the following with your request:
  - A) A site plan, to scale, showing exact location of modification being requested in relation to your property lines. A State of Georgia registered survey plat clearly showing property lines, existing improvements and proposed modification(s). Please show exact location of modification(s) being requested in relation to your property lines. Existing fences, decks, walkways, driveways, etc., should also be indicated.
  - B) A brief description of the modification, drawings, exterior elevations, floor plan, detail of materials to be used, pictures, catalog pages, brochures, or color samples must be included.
- 3. It is recommended that homeowners check with the appropriate Building & Inspections Department to obtain necessary permits and building code information.
- 4. Please try to print legibly in black ink.
- 5. Give your complete legal name.
- 6. Give the address where your evaluation should be mailed.
- A review fee for request for modification must accompany this application. this fee may be paid by either personal check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to Burnt Hickory Residents Association, Inc. To ensure receipt of your check, please staple it to the application. Please do not send cash.
- 8. Complete the entire application: please sign and date the form.
- 9. <u>Important:</u> All applications must be mailed to:

Burnt Hickory Residents Association, Inc.

1005 Alderman Drive, Suite 112 Alpharetta, GA 30005 Ret The abram Law Group UC 1200 Ashwood Porkway, Sk 560 Atlanta Sk 30338

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After recording return to:
THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY
AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

Alex G. Tenterton Homes, Inc. 1424 North Brown Road, Suite 450 Lawrenceville, GA 30043

CLERK: Please cross reference to that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Burnt Hickory Subdivision recorded in Deed Book 4261, Page 560, et. seq., Forsyth County Records, as amended by Corrective Amendment of Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Burnt Hickory Subdivision recorded in Deed Book 4693, Page 694, et. seq., aforesaid records.

ASSIGNMENT OF DECLARANT STATUS UNDER THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR BURNT HICKORY SUBDIVISION

THIS ASSIGNMENT OF DECLARANT STATUS UNDER THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS. CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR BURNT HICKORY SUBDIVISION (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignment") is made and entered into as of the 1st day of December, 2009 by Pinebrook Communities, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor") and Alex G. Tetterton Homes, Inc., a Georgia corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Grantor, as "Declarant," executed that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Burnt Hickory Subdivision which was recorded on 05/05/2006 in Deed Book 4261, Page 560, et. seq., Forsyth County Records (hereinafter as such document may have been supplemented and amended from time to time referred to as the "Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, Grantor desires to assign all of the obligations, rights, title, interest, powers, privileges and immunities of Grantor, as Declarant under the Declaration, to Grantee; and

WHEREAS. Grantee desires to accept and assume all of the obligations, rights, title, interest, powers, privileges and immunities of Grantor, as Declarant under the Declaration.

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The Abram Law Group, LLC 1200 Ashwood Parkway, Suite 560 Atlanta, GA 30309 Attn: Robin L. Wooldridge, Esq.

# CORRECTIVE AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR BURNT HICKORY SUBDIVISION

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Burnt Hickory Subdivision dated April 25, 2006 is recorded at Book 4261, Page 560, et seq., Forsyth County Records (hereinafter the "Declaration");

WHEREAS, Pinebrook Communities, LLC, a Georgia corporation is the Declarant as this term is defined under the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to amend the Declaration as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, Declarant is authorized pursuant to the Declaration to amend the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum ten dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Declarant does hereby amend the Declaration as follows:

- 1. The foregoing recital of facts is agreed to be true and correct and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. Section 4.05(a) is deleted in full and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "(a) Upon the first sale of each and every Lot to an Owner who will individually or through tenants or assigns occupy a Lot, such sale to be made by Declarant or by a builder who has purchased the Lot from Declarant for the purpose of erecting a dwelling thereon, and upon each and every resale thereafter, a special assessment payable by said Owner in an amount equal to \$400.00, which shall be collected at the closing of such sale for the benefit of the Association. The aggregate fund established by such special assessments shall be for the purpose of insuring that the Association will have eash available to meet unforseen expenditures, or to acquire additional equipment or services deemed necessary or desirable by the Board. Prior to the Turnover Meeting, as defined hereinabove, the Declarant shall establish a separate account for special assessments which have been collected."

Except as herein amended the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

THIS AMENDMENT IS BEING EXECUTED TO CORRECT THE REFERENCE TO AN INCORRECT SUBDIVION IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH IN THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT ALSO DATED MARCH 1, 2007 WHICH IS BEING RECORDED IN THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this Amendment to be duly executed this  $1^{\rm st}$  day of March, 2007.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the prosence of:

Pinebrook Communities, LLC

ess Title:

Notary Public

My commission expires:

[Notary Seal]

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten and no/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor and Grantee do hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals of fact are agreed to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. Assignment and Assumption of Declarant Status. Grantor does hereby grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and convey to Grantee, its successors and assigns, all of Grantor's obligations, rights, title, interest and power as "Declarant" arising under the Declaration. Grantor does hereby covenant and warrant unto Grantee, its successors, successors-in-title and assigns, that Grantor has made no assignment of any of the rights or interest of Grantor as said Declarant.
- Acceptance and Assumption of Obligations Under Declaration. Grantee, by execution hereof, does hereby accept the foregoing assignment and agrees to perform all obligations of the Declarant, under the Declaration.
- Successors and Assigns. The Assignment of rights contained in this Assignment shall be binding
  upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns.
- <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise defined herein, the capitalized words used in this Assignment shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Declaration.
- Counterparts. This Assignment may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused its duly authorized Manager to execute and deliver this Assignment under seal as of the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

GRANTOR:

Pinebrook Communities, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

witness

ssibit-expires:

[signatures continued on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantee has caused its duly authorized officer to execute and deliver this Assignment under scal as of the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

GRANTEE: Alex G. Tetterton Homes, Inc., a Georgia corporation

Name: Alex G. Title: President

Declaration/Burn/Hickory Assignment DeclarantStatus