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FOR

THE HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION

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THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS for THE HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION is made this 4th day of April, 1995, by HOMESTEAD ENTERPRISES, INC.

# BACKGROUND STATEMENT

Declarant is the owner of certain real property in Fulton County, Georgia, which is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property").

Declarant intends to develop on lands, including the real property described above, a development to be known as The Homestead Subdivision. Declarant intends by this Declaration to impose mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of all owners of residential property within The Homestead Subdivision, the development made subject to this Declaration, and any other developments which are subsequently added to this Declaration pursuant to the provisions of Article X (The Homestead Subdivision and such other developments which are added to this Declaration are collectively referred to as "Development"), by the recording of this Declaration and amendments thereto. Declarant desires to provide a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development of the Development and the interrelationship between the Association (as hereinafter defined) established pursuant to this Declaration, and any recreational areas which may become a part of the Development. Declarant also desires to establish a method for the administration, maintenance, preservation, use and enjoyment of the property that is now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration and certain other properties described in this Declaration.

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

The Declarant hereby declares that all of the real property described above shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to this Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements, which is for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Property (as hereinafter defined). The Covenants, Restrictions and Easements set forth herein shall run with the Property, and shall be binding on all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, and shall, subject to the limitations herein provided, inure to the benefit of each Owner, his heirs, grantees, distributees, successors and assigns and to the benefit of the Association.

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

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

- 1.01 <u>Association</u>. "Association" means The Homestead Homeowners' Association, Inc. (a non-profit, nonstock, membership corporation organized or to be organized under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code), its successors and assigns.
- 1.02 <u>Board</u>. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Association.
  - 1.03 By-Laws. "By-Laws" means the By-Laws of the Association.
- 1.04 Commencement Date. "Commencement Date" means the date on which the first Residence is sold to a third party other than Declarant or the builder of such Residence.
- property (together with any and all improvements now or hereafter located thereon) 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. Included within the Common Property are the maintenance areas, roads, streets, parking lots, walkways, sidewalks, lakes, the recreational area, if any, street lighting, and signage. The designation of any land and/or improvements as Common Property shall not mean or imply that the public at large acquires any easement of use or enjoyment therein.
- 1.06 Declarant. "Declarant" means Homestead Enterprises, Inc., and its successors-in-title and assigns, provided any such successors-in-title or assigns shall acquire for the purpose of development or sale all or any portion of the remaining undeveloped or unsold portions of the real property described in Exhibit "A", or the real property which is intended to become part of the Development, and provided further, in the instrument of conveyance to any such successor-in-title or assign, such successor-in-title or assign is designated as the "Declarant" hereunder by the grantor of such conveyance, which grantor shall be the "Declarant" hereunder at the time of such conveyance; provided, further, upon such-designation of successor Declarant, all rights and obligations of the former Declarant in and to such status as "Declarant" hereunder shall cease, it being understood that as to all of the property described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and which is now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration, there shall be only one person or legal entity entitled to exercise the rights and powers of the "Declarant" hereunder at any one time.

- 1.07 <u>Development-Wide Standard</u>. "Development-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance or other activity generally prevailing in the Development. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the board and by committees required or permitted to be established pursuant to the Declaration and By-Laws. Such determination, however, must be consistent with the Development-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.
- 1.08 <u>Living Space</u>. "Living Space" shall mean and refer to enclosed and covered areas within a Residence, exclusive of garages, carports, porches, terraces, balconies, decks, patios, courtyards, greenhouses, atriums, bulk storage areas, attics, and basements.
- 1.09 Lot. "Lot" means any parcel of land shown upon a subdivision plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, covering any portion of the Property, provided, however, that no portion of the Common Property shall ever be a Lot except as provided in 2.05.
  - 1.10 Member. "Member" means any member of the Association.
- 1.11 Membership. "Membership" means the collective total of all Members of the Association.
- 1.12 Occupant. "Occupant" shall mean any person occupying all or any portion of a Residence located within the Development for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant or the Owner of such property.
- 1.13 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 the 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.
- designated residential areas comprised of various types of housing initially or by annexation made subject to this Declaration. If separate Parcel status is desired, the Declarant shall designate in an amendment to this Declaration subjecting the property to the terms and conditions of this Declaration that such property shall constitute a separate parcel or parcels. In the absence of specific designation of separate Parcel status, all property made subject to this Declaration shall be considered a part of the same parcel. The Board may also grant Parcel status to any area if so requested in writing by the Owners holding at least seventy—five percent (75%) of the total vote entitled to vote thereon in such area.

- 1.15 <u>Property</u>. "Property" means that certain real property hereinabove described together with such additional real property as may be subjected to the provisions of this Declaration in accordance with the provisions of Article X hereof.
- upon a Lot intended for independent use and occupancy as a residence for a single family. A structure and the land owned as a part thereof (the Lot) shall not become a Residence until a certificate of occupancy shall have been issued by the appropriate governmental authorities as a prerequisite to the occupancy of such Residence and until the Lot and structure located thereon shall have been conveyed to a third party other than the builder thereof. The Owner of a Residence shall notify the Association or its designee immediately upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the Residence.
- 1.17 <u>Restrictions</u>. "Restrictions" means all covenants, restrictions, easements, charges, liens and other obligations created or imposed by this Declaration.

# 1.18 Structure. "Structure" means:

- (a) Any thing or object the placement of which upon any Lot may affect the appearance of such Lot, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, any building or part thereof, garage, porch, shed, greenhouse or bathhouse, coop or cage, covered or uncovered patio, swimming pool, dock, fence, mailbox, deck, courtyard, tennis court, playhouse, awning, exterior lighting, quest or servants' quarters, curbing, paving wall, tree, shrub (and all other forms of landscaping and hardscaping), swingset, landscape statue, fountain, sign, signboard, temporary or permanent living quarters (including any house trailer) or any other temporary or permanent improvement to such Lot;
- (b) Any excavation, grading, fill, ditch, diversion dam or other thing or device which affects or alters the natural flow of surface waters from, upon or across any Lot, or which affects or alters the flow of any waters in any natural or artificial creek, stream, wash or drainage channel from, upon or across any Lot; and
- (c) Any change in the grade at any point on a Lot of more than six (6) inches, whether or not subsection (b) of this Section 1.18 applies to such change.

#### ARTICLE II COMMON PROPERTY

# 2.01 Conveyance of Common Property.

(a) The Declarant may from time to time convey to the Association or grant easements to the Association, at no expense to

the Association and in accordance with this Section, real and personal property for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners of Residences (such real and personal property is hereinafter collectively referred to as "Common Property") and, to the extent set forth in this Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements, the general public. The Association hereby covenants and agrees to accept from the Declarant all such conveyances of Common Property. Any such conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to the Association will be by limited warranty deed, subject to all of the covenants and restrictions set forth in this Declaration, as amended, ad valorem taxes for the current year, all easements to which the Common Property is subject, general utility easements serving or crossing the Common Property, and all easements, licenses and other rights granted in and to the Common Property pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration, as amended.

- (b) It is contemplated by the Declarant that the Declarant may convey to the Association Common Property for scenic and natural area preservation and for general recreational use. 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 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 Section 2.01, the Declarant may convey to the Association in accordance with this 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 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.
- (e) Lakes and dams shall, without limitation, be included in the property that may be conveyed by Declarant and which shall be accepted by the Association. Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to the property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section including, without limitation, dredging or otherwise removing silt from any lake that may be conveyed.
- (f) The Declarant shall have the right to dedicate or transfer fee simple title to all or any portion of the Property then owned by Declarant, including any portion thereof intended to be Common Property to Fulton County, Georgia, or any other public

agency or authority, public service district, public or private utility, or other person, provided that Declarant then owns any Lot or Residence primarily for the purpose of sale or has the unexpired option to add any additional property to the Development.

### 2.02 Right of Enjoyment.

- Every Owner of a Residence 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 The Association may permit persons who are by all other Owners. not Owners of Residences to use and enjoy 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 Section 2.02 is subject to suspension by the Association as provided in Sections 2.03(f) and 3.05. Without limiting the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.02, all Owners, together with their respective lawful successors and assigns in interest to the Lots and their respective families, guests, employees, invitees and licensees, shall have a perpetual non-exclusive easement of ingress, egress and access in, on, over, through and across the roads and streets within The Homestead, as the same may be relocated from time to time, the foregoing easement to expressly include, without limitation, the right to travel upon and enjoy said roads and streets by foot or with vehicles in the same manner as a public street in Fulton County, Georgia may be used and enjoyed; subject, however, to the provisions set forth in this Declaration and such reasonable rules and regulations as may be adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there is reserved unto the Declarant and the Association, in addition to and not in lieu of any other right or privilege granted to the Declarant and/or the Association elsewhere in this Declaration, the right and privilege, but not the obligation, to maintain guarded or electronically monitored gates controlling vehicular access to and from the Property; provided, however, that no such guarded or electronically monitored gate shall prohibit or unreasonably interfere with (i) the use and enjoyment of the rights and easements of Owners set forth herein; and (ii) the right of the Declarant to market, sell and develop Lots within the Property, including the Additional Property.
  - (b) Access. All Owners, by accepting title to Lots or Residences conveyed subject to this Declaration, waive all rights of uncontrolled and unlimited access, ingress, and egress to and from such Lot or Residence and acknowledge and agree that such access, ingress, and egress shall be limited to roads, sidewalks, walkways, and trails located within the Development from time to time, provided that pedestrian and vehicular access to and from all Lots and Residences shall be provided at all times. There is

reserved unto Declarant, the Association, and their respective successors and assigns the right and privilege, but not the obligation, to maintain guarded or electronically-monitored gates controlling vehicular access to and from the Development.

- 2.03 Rights of the Association. The rights and privileges conferred in Section 2.02 hereof shall be subject to the right, and where applicable, the obligation, of the Association acting through the Board to:
- (a) promulgate rules and regulations relating to the use, operation and maintenance of the Common Property;
- (b) 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; and provided, however, that, during the period when the Declarant has the right to appoint members of the Board, the Association shall not deed, grant or convey to anyone any mortgage, deed to secure debt or other security interest on or in Common Property constituting real estate without approval by Declarant and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members who are present in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association;
- (c) grant easements or rights of way over Common Property to any municipality or other governmental body, agency or authority, to any quasi-public agency or to any utility company or cable television system;
- (d) dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Property or interests therein 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, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7.06 and 7.10;
- (e) charge reasonable fees in connection with the admission to and use of facilities or services by Members and non-members; 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;
- (f) suspend, pursuant to Section 3.05, the voting rights of any Member and the right of enjoyment granted or permitted by Section 2.02;
- (g) to sell, lease or otherwise convey all or any part of its properties and interest therein;

- (h) enforce all applicable provisions of valid agreements of the Association relating to the Common Property or any part thereof; and
- (i) maintain any and all landscaping treatments previously installed by the Declarant, to the extent that such landscaping is not otherwise maintained by the appropriate county and/or municipal entity having jurisdiction over the roads for Fulton County, Georgia.
- Association. The Declarant may transfer or convey to the Association any personal property and any improved or unimproved property, leasehold, easement or other property interest which is or may be subjected to the terms of this Declaration. Such conveyance shall be accepted by the Association, and the property shall thereafter be Common Property to be maintained by the Association for the benefit of all its Members.
- 2.05 Types of Common Property. At the time of the 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, without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members of the Association, be used for any different purpose or purposes without the prior written consent of the Declarant.
- 2.06 <u>Delegation of Use</u>. Any Owner may delegate to the members of his family or his tenants who reside on a Lot, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right to use and enjoy the Common Property.
- 2.07 Maintenance. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, maintenance, repair and replacement, subject to any insurance then in effect, of all landscaping and improvements situated on the Common Property. In addition, the Association shall maintain grass and other landscaping located along or in dedicated rights of way which were installed and maintained by Declarant, to the extent permitted by the applicable governmental authority. The foregoing maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Development-Wide Standard.

The Association shall also have the right, but not the obligation to maintain and provide services for other property not owned by the Association, whether located within or without the boundaries of the Development, and to enter into easements and covenants to share cost agreements regarding such property where the Board has determined that this would benefit Owners.

# ARTICLE III THE HOMESTEAD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

3.01 Purposes, Powers and Duties of the Association. The Association shall be formed as a non-profit civic organization for the sole purpose of performing certain functions for the common good and general welfare of the people of the Development. The Association shall have no power or duty to do or perform any act or thing other than those acts and things which will promote in some way the common good and general welfare of the people of the Development.

To the extent, and only 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 and duty to exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges and to perform all of the duties and obligations 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 of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements. For purposes of voting, there shall be two (2) classes of Members as set forth in Section 3.03.

#### 3.03 Voting Rights.

- (a) Each Owner of a Residence, with the exception of Declarant, shall be a Class A Member and shall be entitled to one (1) Class A vote per Residence. Where such Owner is a group or entity other than one individual person, the vote on behalf of such Owner shall be exercised only by such individual person as shall be designated in a proxy instrument duly executed by or on behalf of such group or entity and delivered to the secretary of the Association.
- (b) The Declarant shall be the sole Class B Member and shall be entitled to three (3) votes for each Lot or Residence owned; provided, however, in no event shall the Class B Member have less than the total number of Class A votes plus one (1). The Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Membership at such time as Declarant no longer retains the right to appoint and remove members of the Board and officers of the Association pursuant to Section 3.08 below.
- (c) The Development will be composed of Lots to 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 of Fulton County in accordance with Article X of this Declaration. The Declarant shall notify the Association in writing when the final phase of the Development has been so platted of record. 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 and in accordance with the formula set forth in subsection (b) of this Section 3.03 and in no event shall Class B Membership cease and be converted to Class A Membership (as provided in subsection (b) of this Section 3.03) until after the Association receives the written notice provided for in the preceding sentence; provided, however, nothing contained herein shall obligate the Declarant to develop any proposed phase of the Development unless such phase is subjected to this Declaration.

- 3.04 <u>Board of Directors</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors and the method of election of Directors shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of the Association.
- 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 Section 8.02 by reason of having failed to take the 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 Section 5.11, 6.14 or 8.02 hereof;
- (b) shall be delinquent in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association pursuant to the provisions of Article IV hereof; or
- (c) shall be in violation of the rules and regulations of the Association relating to the use, operation and maintenance of Common Property. Such 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 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>Termination of Membership</u>. Membership shall cease only when a person ceases to be an Owner.
- 3.07 <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 By-Laws of the Association, as each shall from time to time be in force and effect.

### 3.08 Control by Declarant.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other language or provision to the contrary in this Declaration, in the Articles of Incorporation, or in the Bylaws of the Association, Declarant hereby retains the right to appoint and remove any members of the Board of the Association and any officer or officers of the Association until 15 days after the first of the following events shall occur: (i) the expiration of twenty (20) years after the date of the recording of this Declaration; (ii) the date upon which all of the Residences intended by Declarant to be a part of the Development have been conveyed by Declarant to Owners other than a person or persons constituting Declarant; or (iii) the surrender by Declarant of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers by an express amendment to this Declaration executed and recorded by Declarant, provided, however, that the Owners may be entitled to elect certain members of the Board of the Association in accordance with the terms of the By-Laws of the Association which shall not be removable by the Declarant acting alone.
- Upon the expiration of the period of Declarant's right to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Section, such right shall automatically pass to the Owners, including Declarant if Declarant then owns one or more Lots; and a special meeting of the Association shall be called at such time. At such special meeting, the Owners shall elect a new Board of Directors which shall undertake the responsibilities of the Board and the 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. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyances of a Lot vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association as provided in this Section. 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 Association's Responsibility.

provided, the Association shall maintain and keep in good repair all portions of the Common Property, which responsibility shall include the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Common Property, including but not limited to the maintenance, repair, and replacement of (i) all roads, walks, trails, parking lots, landscaped areas, recreational areas, and other improvements made by Declarant or the Association situated within the Common Property, encumbering Lots or Residences; (ii) such security

systems and utility lines, pipes, plumbing, wires, conduits, and related systems which are a part of the Common Property and which are not maintained by a public authority, public service district, public or private utility, or other person; (iii) all lawns, trees, shrubs, hedges, grass, and other landscaping and all lakes and pends situated within or upon the Common Property; and (iv) all retention areas and facilities constructed by Declarant wherever located. The Association shall not be liable for injury or damage to any person or property (A) caused by the elements or by any Owner or any other person, (B) resulting from any rain or other surface water which may leak or flow from any portion of the Common Property, or (C) caused by any pipe, plumbing, drain, conduit, appliance, equipment, security system, or utility line or facility, the responsibility for the maintenance of which is that of the Association, becoming out of repair. Nor shall the Association be liable to any Owner for loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any property of such Owner which may be stored in or upon any portion of the Common Property or any other portion of the Property. 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 responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority, the obligation to pay such assessments being a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner.

3.10 <u>Initiation Fee</u>. Every Owner who purchases a Lot for use by the Owner as a permanent personal residence shall pay to the Association an initiation fee of \$2,500.00 at the time of closing of the Lot. The initiation fee is not due at the time of closing of any Lot which is sold to a builder for construction of a permanent personal residence for someone other than the builder, but the initiation fee is due upon the closing of a Lot which is sold to an Owner who intends to reside in a home on the Lot, whether or not the home is constructed at the time the Owner purchases the Lot.

#### ARTICLE IV ASSESSMENTS

4.01 Covenant for Assessments and Creation of Lien and Personal Obligation. Each Owner of a Residence, jointly and severally, for himself, his heirs, distributees, legal representatives, successors and assigns, by acceptance of a deed for a Residence, 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 Residences owned by him;
- (b) to pay to the Association any special assessments for capital improvements and other charges which may or shall be levied by the Association pursuant to this Declaration against all Residences owned by him;
- (c) that there is hereby created a continuing charge and lien upon all Residences owned by him against which all such assessments are made to secure payment of such assessments and any interest thereon as provided in Section 4.09 hereof and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees;
- Residence binds such Residence 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 deeds to secure debt given to secure a loan the proceeds of which are used (1) to purchase a Residence or Residences (together with any and all Structures which may from time to time be placed or located thereon) and (2) to finance the construction or repair or alteration of Structures.
- (e) that no sale or transfer at foreclosure or in lieu
   of foreclosure shall relieve any Residence from liability for any
   assessment thereafter assessed;
- (f) that all annual, special and specific assessments (together with interest thereon as provided in Section 4.09 of this Declaration and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees) levied against any Residence owned by him during the period that he is an Owner shall be (in addition to being a continuing charge and lien against such Residence as provided in Section 4.01(c) of this Declaration) a personal obligation which will survive any sale or transfer of the Residence owned by him; provided, however, that such personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to Owner's successor in title unless expressly assumed by such successor.
- 4.02 <u>Purpose of Assessment</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 new community of the Development, including but not limited to, security, the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and equipping of 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 Annual Assessment.

- (a) Beginning on the Commencement Date and continuing thereafter until January 1 of the year immediately following the Commencement Date, each Lot shall be subject to an annual assessment as established by the Board. In the event that the Commencement Date falls on a day other than January 1, the annual assessment for such year shall be prorated so that each Owner pays an annual assessment proportional to the number of days remaining in the calendar year. The words "Assessment Year" as used herein shall mean the calendar year with the first Assessment Year commencing on January 1 of the year immediately following the Commencement Date. For so long as Declarant has the right to appoint and remove Directors and Officers of the Association, the annual assessment shall not be reduced below the amount initially established by the Board without the express written consent of Declarant.
- (b) Commencing with the first Assessment Year and continuing thereafter, the annual assessment may be increased at any time and from time to time during each Assessment Year at not more than twenty-five percent (25%) above the annual assessment for the previous Assessment Year without a vote of the Membership.
- (c) Commencing with the first Assessment Year and continuing thereafter, the annual assessment for each Assessment Year may at any time and from time to time be increased more than twenty-five percent (25%) above the maximum annual assessment for the previous Assessment Year if such increase is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Association and this Declaration.

## 4.05 Special and Parcel Assessments.

- (a) In addition to the annual assessments authorized by this Article IV, the Association may levy, in any Assessment Year and with such frequency as the Association shall deem necessary, special assessments for the purpose of paying, in whole or in part, any unanticipated operating expenses, as well as the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement on the Common Property. Such special assessments may be levied by the Board in any Assessment Year without the approval of the Members, which special assessments in the aggregate do not exceed an amount equal to the annual assessment then in effect. Special assessments exceeding said amount shall require the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Association and this Declaration.
- (b) The Association shall also be authorized to levy, in any Assessment Year and with such frequency as the Association shall deem necessary, Parcel Assessments for the purpose of paying, in whole or in part, the cost of estimated expenses for the sole benefit of a particular Parcel, which Parcel Assessments shall be allocated equally among the Residences in a Parcel.

#### 4.06 Assessment Procedure.

(a) The Board shall establish the annual assessment for each Assessment Year at an amount not in excess of the maximum annual assessment as determined by the provisions of this Article IV, and shall also establish the date during the Assessment Year on which the annual assessment shall be due and payable (such date is hereinafter referred to as the "Due Date"). The Board shall also establish an annual budget which shall list the estimated operating expenses and shall contain an amount to be set aside each year into a reserve allowance to be used for future repair and replacement of the Common Property; provided, however, in no event shall the Board be required to provide for a reserve sufficient to cover all such future repair and replacement of the Common Property, it being intended that a portion of such costs will be covered by Special Assessment. The Board shall cause the Association to send to each Owner at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Due Date written notice setting forth the amount of the annual assessment and the Due Date. The annual assessment shall become due on the thirtieth (30th) day following such written notice or the Due Date, whichever is later. The Board may establish reasonable payment procedures to allow or require payment of the annual assessment in installments during the Assessment Year. The Board shall also establish payment procedures for payment of any special assessments for capital improvements which may be levied in accordance with the provisions of this Article IV.

- All Members of the Association shall be given written notice by the Board not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of any meeting of the Members of the Association at which the Board shall propose taking action pursuant to Section 4.04(c) and Section 4.05 of this Article IV. Such written notice shall specify under which Section or Sections the At such meeting, the presence of Board will propose action. Members or proxies entitled to cast fifty percent (50%) of the total votes outstanding shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present at such meeting, a second meeting may be called by the Board subject to the same notice requirement and the required quorum at such second meeting shall be thirty percent (30%) of the total votes outstanding. No such second meeting shall be held more than sixty (60) days following the first meeting. If the required quorum is not present at the second meeting, the Board may take such action without approval of the Members. Notwithstanding the required quorum requirements stated herein, a minimum vote of fifty-one percent (51%) of all of the votes of the Association shall be required to disapprove the Association's annual budget.
- 4.07 <u>Uniform Rate of Assessment</u>. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Residences.
- 4.08 Contribution by Declarant. For so long as Declarant has the authority to appoint and remove Directors and Officers of the Association, Declarant shall not be liable for the payment of any assessments. Provided, however, during said period Declarant shall advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for the reserve allowance), and the sum of annual, special and specific assessments collected by the Association in any Assessment Year, and such advances shall be evidenced by promissory notes from the Association to Declarant bearing interest at the annual rate of twelve (12.00%) percent and having payment schedules and maturity dates as agreed between Declarant and the Association, but failing such agreement, being demand notes.
- 4.09 Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments. Any Assessment which is not paid on or before the Due Date shall bear interest after the Due Date at the lower of the highest legal rate of interest which can be charged or 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. In the event of default in the payment of any one or more installments of an assessment, the Board may declare any remaining 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 prior to 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 interest and costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a binding personal obligation of such Owner, as well as a lien on such Owner's Residence, enforceable in accordance with the provisions of this Declaration.

- 4.10 Certificate of Payment. 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.
- 4.11 <u>Approval by Declarant</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no special assessment shall be made without the Approval of Declarant for so long as Declarant has the right to appoint officers and directors of the Association.
- 4.12 <u>Specific Assessments</u>. The Board shall have the power to specifically assess pursuant to this Section as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including any expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. The Board may specifically assess Owners for the following expenses, except for expenses incurred for maintenance and repair of items which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association as provided herein:
- (a) Expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Residences, which may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Residences which are benefitted according to the benefit received;
- (b) Expenses incurred by the Association pursuant to Section 6.14 hereof; and
- (c) Reasonable fines as may be imposed in accordance with the terms of the Declaration and By-Laws.
- 4.13 Working Capital Fund. A working capital fund shall be established for the initial period of operations equal to two monthly installments of annual assessments for each Residence. Each Residence's share of the working capital fund shall be paid by

the Residence Owner to the Association upon the closing of the first sale of the Residence. If additional property is brought within the scheme of this Declaration and made a part of the Properties and Declarant has conveyed Common Properties to the Association, the share of the working capital fund for each Lot thus added shall be collected and transferred to the Association at the time of closing of the sale of each such Lot; provided, however, that the contribution to the working capital fund for each such Lot not theretofore conveyed to a purchaser by the person adding same to the Properties eighteen (18) months after the date on which the first Lot in any particular phase is so conveyed shall be paid to the Association by such person within ten (10) days after said eighteen (18) months. The purpose of the working capital fund shall be to insure that the Association will have cash available to meet unforeseen expenditures or to acquire additional equipment or services deemed necessary or desirable by the Association. Amounts paid into the working capital fund shall not be considered as advance payment of any annual or special assessment. Each Lot shall be subject to a lien for the payment of such working capital fund in the same manner as the lien for assessments and other charges provided for herein.

4.14 Membership Fee. The owner of each Lot at the time the same is first used for purposes of residential occupancy and all previous owners of such Lot shall be exempt from payment of any membership fee to the Association. Each subsequent owner, however, shall pay to the Association a membership fee in such amount as may from time to time be determined by the Association's Board of Directors; provided, however, that such amount shall not exceed the amount of the annual assessment for such Lot. The membership fee shall be paid to the Association within ten days after the time of closing of the sale of each such Lot to a subsequent owner obligated for the payment of same. Each Lot shall be subject to a lien for the payment of such membership fee in the same manner as the lien for assessments and other charges provided for herein.

# ARTICLE V ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

- 5.01 <u>Architectural Control Committee Creation and</u> Composition.
- (a) An Architectural Control Committee (the "ACC") shall be established consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) individuals, provided, however, that the ACC shall always have an uneven number of members. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to appoint all Members of the ACC until the plans for all of the Residences for all of the Lots in the Development have been approved by the ACC. Thereafter, the Board shall appoint the Members of the ACC. All costs of operating the

ACC may, at the discretion of Declarant, be borne by the Association.

- (b) Each initial Member of the ACC shall be appointed for a term expiring on December 31, 1996. Thereafter, each Member of the ACC shall be appointed for a calendar-year term. If any vacancy shall occur in the Membership of the ACC by reason of death, incapacity, resignation, removal or otherwise, the remaining members of the ACC shall continue to act and such vacancy shall subject to the provisions of 5.01(a) be filled by the Declarant (or Board if at the time the Board has the right to appoint members of the ACC) at the earliest possible time. Any ACC member may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Chairman of the ACC and such resignation shall take effect on receipt thereof by the Chairman. Any member of the ACC may be removed at any time with or without cause by the Declarant (or Board if at the time the Board has the right to appoint members of the ACC).
- The purpose of 5.02 Purpose, Powers and Duties of the ACC. the ACC is to assure that any installation, construction or alteration of any Structure on any Lot 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 standards of the neighborhood and with the standards of the Development, and (ii) as to the location of Structures with respect to topography, finished To the extent ground elevation and surrounding Structures. 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.
- 5.03 Officers, Subcommittees and Compensation. The Members of the ACC shall appoint a 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. The Members of the ACC shall be reimbursed by the Association for traveling expenses and other reasonable out-of-pocket costs incurred in the performance of their duties as Members of the ACC.

# 5.04 Operations of the ACC.

(a) Meetings. The ACC shall hold regular meetings at least annually or more often as may be established by the ACC. 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. Notice of each regular or special meeting of the ACC shall be mailed to each Member thereof at his Residence or at his usual place of business at least three (3) days before the day the meeting is to be held. Notice of regular and special meetings need not specify the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. 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 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 In the absence of a quorum, any constitute the act of the ACC. 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 At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. The ACC shall maintain both a record of votes and minutes for each of its meetings. 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. 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) Activities.

Standards described in Section 5.05 hereof and shall, as required, make findings, determinations, rulings, and orders with respect to the conformity with said Design Standards 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 the 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 matters shall be final and binding.

# 5.05 Design Standards.

- (a) The ACC shall from time to time 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 design features, architectural styles, exterior colors and materials, details of construction, location and size of Structures and all other matters that require approval by the ACC pursuant to this Declaration; and
- (iv) assuring the conformity and harmony of external design and general quality of the Development.
- (b) The ACC shall make a published copy of its current Design Standards readily available to Members and prospective Members of the Association and to all applicants seeking the ACC's approval.
- 5.06 <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 in the Design Standards, including, without being limited to:

- (a) a site plan showing the location of all proposed and existing Structure on the Let including building setbacks, open space, driveways, walkways and parking spaces including the number thereof and all siltation and erosion control measures;
  - (b) a foundation plan;
  - (c) a floor plan(s);
- (d) a field run topographical survey showing the existing grades and the proposed grades;
- (e) exterior elevations of all proposed Structures and alterations to existing Structures, as such Structures will appear after all back-filling and landscaping are completed, including a roof plan therein;
- (f) specifications of materials, color scheme, lighting scheme and other details affecting the exterior appearance of all proposed Structures and alterations to existing Structures; and
  - (g) plans for landscaping and grading.
- 5.07 Approval of Plans and Specifications. Upon approval by the ACC of any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration, two (2) copies of such plans and specifications, as approved, shall be deposited for permanent record with the ACC and a copy of such plans and specifications bearing such approval, in writing, shall be returned to the applicant submitting the same. Approval for use in connection with any Lot or Structure of any plans and specifications shall not be deemed a waiver of the ACC's right, in its discretion, to disapprove similar plans and specifications or any of the features or elements included therein such plans, specifications, features or elements subsequently submitted for use in connection with any other Lot or Structure. Approval of any such plans and specifications relating to any Lot or Structure, however, shall be final as to that Lot or Structure and such approval may not be revoked or rescinded thereafter, provided that there has been adherence to, and compliance with, such plans and specifications, as approved, and any conditions attached to any such approval.
- 5.08 <u>Disapproval of Plans and Specifications</u>. The ACC shall have the right to disapprove any plans and specifications submitted pursuant to this Declaration because of any of the following:
- (a) the failure to include information in such plans and specifications as may have been reasonably requested;

- (b) the failure of such plans or specifications to comply with this Declaration or the Design Standards;
- 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 for the Development as set forth in the Design Standards or the Development-Wide Standard, or (ii) as to location to be incompatible with topography, finished ground elevation and surrounding Structures. In any case in which the ACC 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 such case the ACC shall, if requested, make reasonable efforts to assist and advise the applicant in order that an acceptable proposal may be prepared and submitted for approval.
- 5.09 Obligation to Act. The ACC shall take action on any plans and specifications submitted as herein provided within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof. Approval by the ACC, if granted, together with any conditions imposed by the ACC, shall be placed in writing on the plans and specifications and shall be returned to the Applicant. Failure by ACC to take action within thirty (30) days of receipt of plans and specifications submitted for approval shall be deemed approval of such plans and specifications.
- 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.
- 5.11 <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 and without the approval required herein. If in the opinion of the ACC such violation shall have occurred, the ACC shall notify the Association, and the Board shall provide written notice to the Owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the violation and the specific action or actions required to remedy the violation. If the Owner shall not have taken reasonable steps

toward the required remedial action within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the aforesaid notice of violation, then the Association shall have the Right of Abatement as provided in Section 8.02 hereof.

# 5.12 Certificate of Compliance

- or alteration of any Structure in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the ACC, the ACC shall, upon written request of the Owner thereof or upon the ACC's own initiative, issue a Certificate of Compliance, identifying such Structure and the Lot upon which such Structure is placed, and stating that the plans and specifications have been approved and that such Structure complies with such plans and specifications. A copy of said Certificate shall be filed for permanent record with the plans and specifications on file with the ACC.
- with the provisions of this Section shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated; and as to any purchaser or encumbrancer in good faith and for value, as to any title insurer, such Certificate shall be conclusive evidence that all Structures on the Lot comply with all the requirements of this Article, provided, however, that the Certificate shall in no way be construed to certify the acceptability, sufficiency or approval by the ACC of the actual construction of Structures or of the workmanship, or to represent or warrant to anyone the quality, function or operation of the Structures or of any construction, workmanship, engineering, materials or equipment.

The issuance of the Certificate shall in no way be construed to certify to any party that the Structures have been built in accordance with any applicable rule or regulation.

- 5.13 Fees. The ACC may impose and collect a reasonable and appropriate fee to cover the cost of review of plans and of inspections performed pursuant to Section 5.10. The fee shall be established from time to time by the ACC and published in the Design Standards.
- 5.14 Nondiscrimination by ACC. The ACC shall not discriminate against any applicant requesting its approval of plans and specifications because of such applicant's race, color, sex, religion, age or 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.
- 5.15 <u>Disclaimer as to ACC Approval</u>. Plans and specifications are not reviewed for engineering or structural design or quality of

materials or compliance with any local, state, or federal law including local building codes and zoning ordinances, 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 such plans and specifications. 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 and specifications. Every person who submits plans and 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, quitclaims, and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands, and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.

5.16 Approval of Architect and Builder. No improvements of any nature whatsoever shall be commenced, constructed, altered, added to or maintained upon any part of the Property (except for Residences and other improvements which are constructed by Declarant and for improvements which pursuant to this Article V do not require the consent of the ACC) unless and until the ACC has approved in writing the proposed architect and builder of such improvements.

# 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 Residence Size. No Residence shall be permitted on any Lot containing less than 4,000 square feet of Living Space. Each Residence shall have at least a three car garage.
- 6.03 Resubdivision of Property. No Lot may be split, divided, or subdivided for sale, resale, gift, transfer or otherwise without the prior written approval of the ACC of plans and specifications for such split, division or subdivision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent Declarant or the Owners of any Lots from combining two or more Lots into one Lot for construction of a single Residence thereon; provided, however, that

such combined Lot may not be subdivided thereafter; and provided further, that the Owner of the Residence on such Lot shall be responsible for annual and special assessments based upon the number of Lots combined into one Lot.

- 6.04 Erosion Control. 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 of 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 for controlling the run-off and drainage of water, special precautions in grading and otherwise changing the natural landscape and required landscaping as provided for in Section 6.05. Guidelines for the prevention and control of erosion and siltation may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.
- 6.05 <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. Guidelines for the landscaping to accompany the construction or alteration of any Structure may be included in the Development Guidelines of the ACC.
- 6.06 Trees. No tree having a diameter of ten (10) inches or more (measured from a point two (2) feet above ground level) shall be removed from any Lot unless such removal is in conformity with approved landscaping plans and specifications submitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.05 hereof or unless such removal is required due to disease. Guidelines relating to the preservation of trees or other natural resources and wildlife upon the Property may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.
- 6.07 Temporary Buildings. No temporary building, trailer, garage 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 desirable for security purposes in accordance with plans and specifications therefor approved by the ACC.

#### 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" sign, such sign having a maximum face area of four square feet; provided that such sign may only be displayed in the front yard of a Lot; and, provided, further, that if, at the time of any desired use of such sign, the Association is making "For Sale" signs available for the use Owners, the signs made available by the Association must be used; and
- (ili) directional signs for vehicular or pedestrian safety in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the ACC;
- (b) All "for rent" signs are prohibited in the Development.
- (c) In no event during approved construction of any Structure shall more than one job identification sign be approved by the ACC, and such job identification sign shall be in conformity with the standards from time to time set by the ACC for such signage.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restrictions of this Section 6.08 shall not apply to Declarant.
- 6.09 <u>Setbacks</u>. In approving plans and specifications for any proposed Structure, the ACC may establish setback requirements for the location of such Structure. Guidelines for setbacks may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC. No Structure shall be erected or placed on any Lot unless its location is consistent with such setbacks. No Residence shall be erected nearer to a fronting street than the building line shown on the plat of the Development recorded in the real property records of Fulton County, Georgia, nor nearer than twenty-five (25) feet to any boundary line of any neighboring Lot.
- 6.10 Fences. 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. Guidelines relating to the design, location and uses of fences and walls may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC. No fences may be erected within any building line fronting any street or road, nor may any fences be erected in the front yard of any Residence; it being intended that all permitted fences are to be located in the rear yard only of any Residence. Nothing contained in this Section 6.10 shall prohibit the Declarant from erecting any fences on the Property as desired by the Declarant in the exercise of its sole discretion.
- 6.11 Roads and Driveways. 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. Guidelines relating to the design and location of roads and driveways may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.

- 6.12 Antennae, Etc. No radio antennae or solar equipment of any sort shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of a Structure or Lot without prior written approval by the ACC. No antennae shall be installed or used for the purpose of transmitting of electronic or ham radio signals. Exterior television satellite dish receivers may be installed on any Lot, provided that the dish of each such receiver is limited to a maximum of 24 inch diameter and the placement of such dish is approved by the ACC. No other form of exterior television satellite dish receiver will be allowed.
- 6.13 <u>Clotheslines</u>, <u>Solar Equipment</u>, <u>Garbage Cans</u>, <u>Etc</u>. All clotheslines, equipment, garbage cans, woodpiles and solar equipment shall be kept screened by adequate planting or fencing so as to conceal them from view by neighboring residences and streets, and may be maintained in the rear yard of a Lot only. No windows shall be covered by unsightly coverings, including but not limited to paper, foil or sheets.
- 6.14 Maintenance. Each Owner shall keep and maintain each Lot and Structure owned by him, as well as all landscaping located thereon, in good condition 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maintenance required hereunder shall also extend from the boundary of a Lot to the curbing of the right-of-way bordering said Lot. If in the opinion of the ACC, any Owner shall fail to perform the duties imposed by this Section, the ACC shall If the Board shall agree with the notify the Association. 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 by certified mail, return receipt requested, then the Association shall have the Right of Abatement as provided in Section 8.02 hereof. Guidelines relating to the maintenance of Structures and landscaping may be included in the Design Standards of the ACC.
- 6.15 <u>Commercial and Recreational Vehicles and Trailers</u>. No commercial vehicle, house trailer, mobile home, motor home, recreational vehicle, camper, truck with camper top, boat or boat trailer or like equipment shall be permitted on any Lot on a

permanent basis, but shall be allowed on a temporary basis not to exceed forty-eight (48) consecutive hours. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such vehicles or equipment may be stored on a Lot, provided such vehicle or equipment is kept in an enclosed space and is concealed from view by neighboring residences and streets. No motorized vehicles of any nature shall be permitted on pathways or unpaved Common Property except for public safety vehicles and vehicles authorized by the Board.

- 6.16 Recreational Equipment. Recreational and playground equipment shall be placed or installed only upon the rear of a Lot as approved by the ACC. Basketball goals may be placed adjacent to the driveway, as approved by the ACC. No above ground swimming pool shall be allowed. Tennis courts, while permitted, are restricted to either the rear yard or, if to be located in the side yard, must be no closer to the street than the front plane of the Residence. The fencing, netting, landscaping and location of the tennis court must be approved by the ACC.
- 6.17 Exposed Foundations. No Residence shall have exposed concrete block foundations.
- 6.18 Non-Discrimination. 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.
- 6.19 Animals. No agricultural animals may be kept on any Lot and 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 and specifications for said Structure have been approved by the ACC.
- 6.20 <u>Unsightly or Unkept Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly or unkept conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken on any property within the Development.

#### 6.21 Solid Waste.

(a) No person shall dump or bury rubbish, garbage, or any other form of solid waste on any Lot or on Common Property. No burial of construction materials, waste or debris (including but

not limited to trees, stumps or building materials) is permitted on any Lot or on Common Property.

- (b) Except during approved construction and as approved by the appropriate governmental authority, no person shall burn rubbish, garbage or any other form of solid waste on any Lot or on Common Property.
- (c) 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 set forth in the Design Standards.
- (d) 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 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 in a manner set forth in the Design Standards. Guidelines relating to the type of containers permitted, the manner of storage and the place of pick-up may also be included in the Design Standards.
- 6.22 <u>Nuisances</u>. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any Lot, nor shall anything be done thereof which may be or may become any annoyance or nuisance to the community.
- This Section and Section 7.05 of this 6.23 Lakes. Declaration, and the rules, use restrictions, and design standards and guidelines issued by the Board or its designee shall govern the use of such lakes as may exist, if any, in the Development or such lakes as are made available for the use of all Owners and Occupants in the Development. No lake shall be deemed to be Common Property until such lake is expressly conveyed by Declarant to the Association, Declarant expressly reserving the right to maintain a private lake or lakes for use only by those owners of lots abutting such private lake or lakes within the Development. Fishing shall be permitted so long as a license is obtained from the appropriate Ice skating and swimming shall not be governmental authority. permitted. Except as may be approved by the Board or its designee, boats with internal combustion motors shall not be permitted on any lake. No Owner shall have any right to pump or otherwise remove water from such lake or lakes for the purpose of irrigation or other use nor to place rocks, stones, trash, garbage, sewage, waste water, rubbish, debris, ashes or other refuge in such lake or lakes or in any other portion of the land owned by Declarant lying adjacent to or near the Development. Declarant and other property owners adjacent to the lake (but outside the Development) have the sole and absolute right to control the water level of such lake(s) and to control the growth and irradiation of plants, fowl, reptiles, animals, fish and fungi in and on such lake(s). Owners

of lots, which may now, or may hereafter, be adjacent to the lake (the "Lake Lots") shall be required to maintain such grass, planting or other lateral support to prevent erosion of the embankment adjacent to the lake and the height, grade and contour of said embankment shall not be changed without prior written consent of Declarant or the Association. If any Owner of a Lake Lot fails to maintain said embankment in accordance with the foregoing, Declarant or the Association shall have the right, but no obligation, to enter upon any such Lake Lot to perform such maintenance work which may be reasonably required, all at the expense of the Lake Lot Owner, which expense shall be payable by such Owner to the Association. No docks, piers or other similar facility shall be constructed unless and until same shall have been approved in accordance with Article V hereof. No bulkhead shall be permitted to be constructed without the prior written consent of Declarant.

- 6.24 Residential Use. All Lots shall be used for residential purposes exclusively. No business or business activity shall be carried on upon any Lot at any time except with the written approval of the ACC; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent Declarant and Declarant's subsidiaries, affiliates, employees and agents from using any Lot owned or leased by Declarant for the purpose of carrying on business related to the development, sale and rental of Lots in the Development. However, the Board may permit a Lot to be used for business purposes so long as such business, in the sole discretion of the Board, does not otherwise violate the provisions of the Declaration or By-Laws, does not create a disturbance and does not unduly increase traffic flow or parking congestion. The Board may issue rules regarding permitted business activities.
- 6.25 <u>Guns</u>. The discharge of firearms in the Development is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and small firearms of all types.
- 6.26 <u>Site Distance at Intersections</u>. All property located at street intersections shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, or shrub planting shall be placed or permitted to remain where this would create a traffic or sight problem.
- 6.27 <u>Utility Lines</u>. No overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, shall be permitted within the Development, except for temporary lines as required during construction and lines installed by or at the request of Declarant.
- 6.28 <u>Air-Conditioning Units</u>. Except as may be permitted by the Board or its designee, no window air conditioning units may be installed.

- 6.29 <u>Lighting</u>. Except for seasonal Christmas decorative lights, all exterior lights must be approved by the Board or its designee.
- 6.30 Artificial Vegetation, Exterior Sculpture, and Similar Items. No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any property. Exterior sculpture, fountains, flags, and similar items must be approved by the Board or its designee.
- 6.31 Energy Conservation Equipment. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless they are an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee.
- 6.32 Sales and Construction Activities. Notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions contained in this Declaration to the contrary, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant and its agents, employees, successors, and assigns to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities as may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the completion, improvement, and sale of Lots and/or Residences or the developing of Lots, Residences and Common Property and the Additional Property, including, without limitation, the installation and operation of sales and construction trailers and offices, signs and model Residences, all as may be approved by Declarant from time to time, provided that the location of any construction trailers of any assignees of Declarant's rights under this Section 6.32 shall be subject to The right to maintain and carry on such Declarant's approval. facilities and activities shall include specifically the right to use Residences as model residences, and to use any Residence as an office for the sale of Lots and/or Residences and for related activities.
- All vehicular traffic on the 6.33 Traffic Regulations. private streets and roads in the Development shall be subject to the provisions of the laws of the State of Georgia and Fulton County concerning operation of motor vehicles on public streets. The Association is hereby authorized to promulgate, administer, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including reasonable safety measures and speed limits and including modifications of those in force on public streets, within the Development. The Association shall be entitled to enforce same by establishing such enforcement procedures as it deems appropriate, including levying fines for the violation thereof. In the event of a conflict between such provisions of the laws of the State of Georgia and Fulton County and such rules and regulations promulgated by the Association, the rules and regulations of the Association shall govern. Only drivers licensed to operate motor vehicles by the State of Georgia or by any other state in the United States may operate any type of motor vehicle within the Development. All vehicles of any kind and nature which

are operated on the streets in the Development shall be operated in a careful, prudent, safe, and quiet manner and with due consideration for the rights of all residents of the Development.

Subject to the provisions of Section 6.34 Repurchase Option. 11.09 hereof, Declarant hereby reserves unto itself and its successors and assigns the right and option to purchase any Lot or Residence within the Development which is offered for sale by the Owner thereof, such option to be at the price and on the terms and conditions of any bona fide offer for such Lot or Residence which is acceptable to such Owner and which is made to such Owner by a third party (or any offer made by such Owner that is acceptable to a third party). Upon the receipt (or making) of any such offer by an Owner, such Owner shall promptly submit a copy of the same to Declarant, and Declarant shall have a period of seven (7) days from and after Declarant's actual receipt of such copy from such Owner in which to exercise its purchase option by giving such Owner written notice of such exercise. If Declarant fails to respond or to exercise such purchase option within said seven (7) day period, Declarant shall be deemed to have waived such purchase option. Declarant declines to exercise such option, Declarant shall execute an instrument evidencing its waiver of its repurchase option, which In the event that instrument shall be in recordable form. Declarant does not exercise its purchase option and such sale to a third party is not consummated on such terms within six (6) months of the date in which the offer is transmitted to Declarant, the terms and limitations of this Section 6.34 shall again be imposed upon any sale by such Owner. If Declarant shall elect to purchase such Lot or Residence, the transaction shall be consummated within sixty (60) days following delivery of written notice by Declarant to such Owner of Declarant's decision to so purchase such Lot or Residence. Further, in the event that the Owner of any Lot does not commence construction of the Residence on such Lot within twenty-four (24) months from the date of the acquisition by the Owner of such Lot and thereafter diligently pursue completion (subject to the right of Owner to extend for one (1) additional six (6) month period upon payment to the Declarant of the sum of prior to the expiration of said twenty-four (24) month period), Declarant shall have the option (but not the obligation), to be exercised at any time after the expiration of such twentyfour (24) months (or thirty (30) months if extended as provided above) but prior to thirty (30) months (or thirty-six (36) months if extended as provided above) from the acquisition of such Lot by Owner, to repurchase the Lot for the original purchase price paid by the Owner for the acquisition of such Lot (less any closing costs paid by Owner and any real estate commissions paid by Owner in the acquisition of such Lot). In such event, Owner agrees, within sixty (60) days of the exercise of such option by Declarant, to convey fee simple title to the Lot to Declarant or Declarant's designee by a limited warranty deed, free and clear of any liens or title exceptions other than those existing on the date of transfer of title to the Lot into Owner. At closing of the Lot repurchase,

Owner shall pay the deed transfer tax; real property ad valorem taxes and assessments imposed by the Association shall be prorated between Owner and Declarant; and each party shall pay the fees of its respective attorneys. Owner shall further execute such other documents as are reasonably required by Declarant's title insurer at closing.

# 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 cables and other utilities and similar facilities;
- (ii) the erection, installation, construction and maintenance of storm-water drains, land drains, 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 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; and
- (iv) the planting or re-planting of hedges, shrubbery, bushes, trees, flowers and plants of any nature.
- (c) The rights and easements of enjoyment in and to the Common Property shall additionally be subject to the right of the Declarant to the exclusive use of portions of the Common Property reasonably required, convenient or incidental to the improvement and sale of Lots including, but not limited to, sales and business offices, storage areas, construction yards and signs. Such right of the Declarant may be delegated by it to developers and builders having an interest in the Property, shall be exercised so as to avoid any unnecessary inconvenience to or infringement upon the rights of others and shall continue until such time as such persons no longer own any Lot primarily for the purpose of sale or December 31, 2009, whichever shall first occur, without affecting any member's obligation to pay assessments coming due during such

period of time or the permanent charge and lien on any member's Lot in favor of the Association.

- (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.
- 7.02 <u>Hasement Area</u>. The words "<u>Hasement Area</u>" as used herein shall mean those areas on any Lot or any other portion of the Property with respect to which easements are shown on a recorded deed, easement agreement or on any filed or recorded map or plat relating thereto.
- 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, provided the same are done in accordance with the provisions of this Section. 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 in an Easement Area pursuant to the provisions of 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.
- 7.05 Easement for Lake Maintenance. Declarant hereby expressly reserves a perpetual easement for the benefit of Declarant and its successors and assigns, across such portions of the Development, determined in the sole discretion of Declarant (or its successors and assigns), as are necessary to allow for the maintenance of a lake(s), lakebed(s) and shoreline(s), if any, which are within the Development or which are made available for the use and enjoyment of the Owners and Occupants within the Development. Such maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of the property adjacent to the lake(s), reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property, and damage shall be repaired by the person or entity causing the damage at its sole expense. In order to allow the exercise of the rights created pursuant to this easement, no tree or structure may be placed within twenty (20) feet of the line formed by the highest normal pool elevation of any lake; unless otherwise approved by the ACC.

# 7.06 Easements for Utilities and Public Services.

- (a) There is hereby reserved for the benefit Declarant, the Association, and their respective successors and assigns, the alienable, transferable, and perpetual right and easement, as well as the power to grant and accept easements to and from Fulton County, Georgia or any other public authority or agency, public service district, public or private utility, or other person, upon, over, under and across (i) all of the Common Property and (ii) those portions of all Lots and all Residences as are reasonably necessary, for the purpose of installing, replacing, repairing, maintaining and using master television antenna and/or cable systems, security and similar systems, and all utilities, including but not limited to, storm sewers, drainage systems, and retention ponds and facilities for the Development or any portion thereof, and electrical, gas, telephone, water and sewer lines, provided that such easements shall not unreasonably affect the developability, marketability or value of any such Lot or Residence. Such easements may be granted or accepted by Declarant, its successors or assigns, provided, however, that for so long as Declarant owns any Lot or Residence primarily for the purpose of sale or has the unexpired option to add the Additional Property or any portion thereof to the Development, the Association must obtain the written consent of Declarant prior to granting and accepting any such easements. To the extent possible, all utility lines and facilities serving the Development and located therein shall be By virtue of any such easement and located underground. facilities, it shall be expressly permissible for the providing utility company or other supplier or servicer, with respect to the portions of the Development so encumbered, (i) to erect and maintain pipes, lines, manholes, pumps, and other necessary equipment and facilities, (ii) to cut and remove any trees, bushes, or shrubbery, (iii) to grade, excavate, or fill, or (iv) to take any other similar action reasonably necessary to provide economical and safe installation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and use of such utilities and systems; provided, however, that such utility company or other supplier or servicer shall take reasonable actions to repair any damage caused by such utility company or other supplier or servicer during the exercise of any rights conveyed under any easement granted hereunder.
  - (b) Declarant hereby grants to Fulton County, Georgia or such other governmental authority or agency as shall from time to time have jurisdiction over the Development with respect to law enforcement and fire protection, the perpetual, non-exclusive right and easement upon, over and across all of the Common Property for purposes of performing such duties and activities related to law enforcement and fire protection in the Development as shall be required or appropriate from time to time by such governmental authorities under applicable law.

- 7.07 Easements for Walks, Trails, Signs, and Perimeter Wall. There is hereby reserved for the benefit of Declarant, the Association, and their respective successors and assigns, the alienable, transferable, and perpetual right and easement upon, over, and across (i) those strips of land ten (10) feet in width located along and adjacent to those exterior boundaries located adjacent to streets and roads for all Lots and all Residences, such strips to be bounded by such exterior boundaries adjacent to streets and roads and by lines in the interior of such Lots and Residences which are ten (10) feet from and parallel to such exterior boundaries, for the installation, maintenance, and use of sidewalks, traffic directional signs, and related improvements, provided that Declarant shall have no obligation to construct any There is further reserved for the benefit of such improvements. Declarant, the Association, and their respective successors and assigns, the alienable, transferable and perpetual right and easement upon, over, and across those strips of land fifteen (15) feet in width located along those boundaries of all Lots and Residences that constitute part of the perimeter boundary of the Development, such easement to be for the purpose of constructing, installing, replacing, repairing and maintaining a perimeter wall or fence around all or a portion of the perimeter boundary of the Development, provided that Declarant shall have no obligation to construct any such perimeter wall or fence.
- 7.08 Easements for Additional Property. There is hereby reserved in Declarant, and its successors, assigns, and successorsin-title to any additional property which is annexed into the Development pursuant to Article X ("Additional Property") (if said rights are granted by Declarant to such successors, assigns, and successors-in-title), for the benefit of and as an appurtenance to the Additional Property and as a burden upon the Property, perpetual, non-exclusive rights and easements for (i) pedestrian and vehicular ingress, egress, and parking, across, within, and on all roads, sidewalks, trails and parking facilities, from time to time located within the Common Property or within easements serving the Common Property, (ii) the installation, maintenance, repair, replacement and use within the Common Property and those portions of Lots and Residences hereof of security systems and utility facilities and distribution lines, including, without limitation, drainage systems, storm sewers, electrical, gas, telephone, water, sewer, and master television antenna and/or cable system lines, and (iii) drainage and discharge of surface water onto and across the Property, provided that such drainage and discharge shall not materially damage or affect the Property or any improvements from time to time located thereon.
- 7.09 Environmental Easement. There is hereby reserved 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 unimproved portions of Residences for the purpose of taking any

action necessary to effect compliance with environmental rules, regulations, and procedures from time to time promulgated or instituted by the Association or 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.

7.10 Granting of and Acceptance of Easements. The Association shall have the right to grant and accept easements as provided in Section 7.06 hereof and to dedicate or transfer fee simple title to all or any portion of the Common Property to Fulton County, Georgia, or to any other public agency or authority, public service district, public or private utility, or other person, provided that any such transfer of the fee simple title must be approved by a majority of those present in person or by proxy at a duly held meeting of the Association and by Declarant for so long as Declarant owns any Lot or Residence primarily for the purpose of sale or has the unexpired option to add any additional property to the Development.

## ARTICLE VIII ENFORCEMENT

8.01 Right of Enforcement. 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) Except where different notice provisions are provided in this Declaration, in the event of a violation or breach of any Restriction contained in this Declaration, the Association shall give written notice by 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 thirty (30) days after the mailing of said written notice, then the Association shall have the Right of Abatement.
- (b) The Right of Abatement, as used in this Section and in Sections 5.11 and 6.14 hereof, means the right of the Association, through its agents and employees, to enter at all reasonable times upon any Lot or Structure, as to which a violation, breach or other condition 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 such entry and such actions,

provided such entry and such actions are carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Section, and with the cost thereof including the costs of collection including reasonable attorneys' fees, together with interest thereon at the lower of the highest rate permitted by law or 18%, to be a binding personal obligation of such Owner enforceable in law, as well as a lien on Owner's Lot, enforceable pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.04 hereof. Such lien shall be superior to any and all charges, liens or encumbrances which may in any manner arise or be imposed upon the Lot after such entry whether arising from or imposed by judgment or decree or by any agreement, contract, mortgage, deed to secure debt, or other instrument, excepting only (i) such liens for taxes or other public charges as are by applicable law made superior, (ii) the liens created by Section 4.01 hereof and (iii) all deeds to secure debt given to secure a loan the proceeds of which are used (1) to purchase a Lot or Lots (together with any and all Structures which may from time to time be placed or located thereon) and (2) to finance the construction, repair or alteration of Structures.

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

# 8.04 Collections of Assessments and Enforcement of Lien.

- (a) If any assessment, interest, cost or other charge is not paid as required by this Declaration, the Association may bring either an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or an action to foreclose any lien created by this Declaration against the Lot or Lots subject to the lien, or both, for the purpose of collecting such assessment, cost or charge, plus any interest thereon and costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees.
- (b) As an additional remedy, but in no way as a limitation on the remedies, if any assessment, interest, cost or other charge is not paid as required by this Declaration, each Owner hereby grants to the Association and its assigns the following irrevocable power of attorney: To sell the said Lot or Lots subject to the lien at auction, at the usual place for conducting sales at the Court House in Fulton County, Georgia, to the highest bidder for cash, after advertising the time, terms and

place of such sale once a week for four weeks immediately preceding such sale (but without regard to the number of days) in the paper in which the Sheriff's advertisements for Fulton County, Georgia are published, all other notice being hereby waived by each Owner; and the Association or any person on behalf of the Association, or assigns, may bid and purchase at such sale and thereupon execute and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers at such sale a conveyance of said property in fee simple, which conveyance shall contain recitals as to the happenings of the default upon which the execution of the power of sale herein granted depends, and each Owner hereby constitutes and appoints the Association and assigns, the agent and attorney in fact of each Owner to make such recitals, and hereby covenants and agrees that the recitals so to be made by the Association, or assigns, shall be binding and conclusive upon the Owner whose property is the subject matter of such sale, and the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of such Owner, and that the conveyance to be made by the Association or assigns, shall be effectual to bar all equity of redemption of such Owner, or the successors in interest of such Owner, in and to said Lot or Lots, and the Association or assigns shall collect the proceeds of such and after reserving therefrom the entire amount of sale, assessment, interest, cost or other charge due, together with all costs and expenses of sale and fifteen percent of the aggregate amount due for attorneys' fees, shall pay any excess to such Owner, or to the heirs or assigns of such Owner as provided by law. The power and agency hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable by death or otherwise and are granted as cumulative to the remedies for collection of said indebtedness provided by law.

- CONVEYING A LOT SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION, WAIVES ANY RIGHT WHICH OWNER MAY HAVE UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OR THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA OR THE CONSTITUTION OR THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NOTICE OR TO A JUDICIAL HEARING PRIOR TO THE EXERCISE OF ANY RIGHT OR REMEDY PROVIDED BY THIS DECLARATION, AND OWNER WAIVES OWNER'S RIGHTS, IF ANY, TO SET ASIDE OR INVALIDATE ANY SALE DULY CONSUMMATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DECLARATION ON THE GROUNDS (IF SUCH BE THE CASE) THAT THE SALE WAS CONSUMMATED WITHOUT A PRIOR JUDICIAL HEARING. ALL WAIVERS BY OWNER IN THIS PARAGRAPH HAVE BEEN MADE VOLUNTARILY, INTELLIGENTLY AND KNOWINGLY, AFTER OWNER HAS FIRST BEEN ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO OWNER'S POSSIBLE RIGHTS.
- 8.05 No Waiver. The failure of the Declarant, the Association, or the Owner of 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</u>. This Declaration and the Restrictions contained herein shall run with and bind the Property for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the date when this Declaration is filed for record with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, provided that rights and easements which are stated herein to have a longer duration shall have such longer duration, after which time this Declaration and the Restrictions shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of ten (10) years provided, however, that after the end of the said twenty (20) year period and during any ten (10) year renewal period (but only during such renewal period), this Declaration and the Restrictions contained herein may be terminated by an instrument executed by the proper Association officers and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, or in such other place of recording as may be appropriate at the time of the execution of such instrument, pursuant to a resolution approving such termination which is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes of the members of the Association.
- During any period in which 9.02 Amendments by Declarant. Declarant retains the right to appoint and remove any directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may amend this Declaration by an instrument in writing and filed and recorded in the Land Records of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, 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 (it being acknowledged that any annexation under Article X shall not trigger the requirement of consent contained in this Section 9.02 (i)), 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 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. Owner, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance to a Lot, agrees to be bound by such amendments as are permitted by this 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 quaranter of mortgage loans, including, for 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 Amendments by Association. Amendments to this Declaration, other than those authorized by 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.
- 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 mortgages must be approved by such mortgagee and (ii) during any period in which Declarant has the right to appoint and remove officers and directors of the Association, such amendment must be approved by Declarant.
- Owner 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 ANNEXATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

## 10.1 Annexation.

- (a) For so long as Declarant has authority to appoint and remove Directors and Officers of the Association, additional real property may be annexed to the Property by the Declarant without the consent of the Class A Members. Such additional real property may, but does not need to be contiguous to any portion of the Property which is then subject to this Declaration; and may be either raw land which is intended to be or is in the process of being developed into residential subdivision lots, or is fully developed into residential lots at the time of annexation. annexation shall be accomplished by filing in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, one or more Supplementary Declarations with respect to the additional properties, executed by the Declarant, its successors or assigns, which shall extend the scheme of the Covenants contained herein to such properties and thereby subject such additions to assessment their just share of the Association expenses. Supplementary Declarations may contain such complimentary additions and modifications of the Covenants contained herein as may be necessary to reflect the different character of the additional properties as are not inconsistent with the scheme of this In no event, however, shall any such Supplementary Declaration. Declaration revoke, modify or add to the Covenants established by this Declaration regarding the property described in said Exhibit If the additional properties or any portion thereof are made subject to the provisions hereof, Declarant, its successors and assigns, shall have the right, but not the obligation, to construct on the additional properties such recreational and other facilities as Declarant, its successors and assigns, shall deem advisable for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners. If someone other than Declarant owns the real property to be annexed, the Supplementary Declaration shall be consented to by the owner of the real property to be annexed in addition to being signed by the Declarant.
  - (b) At the expiration of Declarant's right to appoint and remove Directors and Officers of the Association, no real property may be annexed to the Property unless such annexation is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members of the Association who are present in person or by proxy and voting at a meeting of Members duly held in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Association. Declarant also reserves the right to amend this Declaration unilaterally at any time so long as it has the authority under this Article X without the prior notice and without the consent of any owner, for the purpose of removing certain portions of the Property then owned by the Declarant or its affiliates or the Association from the provisions of this Declaration to the extent originally included in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for the Property

desired to be effected by the Declarant, provided such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development of the Property.

# 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 provision 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 Notices. All amendments, notices, requests, objections, waivers, rejections, agreements, approvals, disclosures or consent of any kind made pursuant to this Declaration, whether made by the Declarant, the Association, the ACC, the Owner, or any other person, shall be in writing. All such writings shall be sufficient only if deposited in the United States Mail, with sufficient postage, and sent to the following addresses:

(a) Declarant:

HOMESTEAD ENTERPRISES, INC. Suite 202, 2392 Mount Vernon Road

Dunwoody, GA 30338 Attn: Thomas G. Chatham

(b) Owners:

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

Any written communication transmitted in accordance with this Section 11.05 shall be deemed received on the third (3rd) day following the day such written notice is deposited in the United States Mail.

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 Insurance.

- (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, roads, 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 (1) 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 use which shall be allowed on the Common Property. Any such policies of insurance shall require that the certificate holders and insured be 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 cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition 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 cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within such period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed 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.
- Upon a merger or consolidation of the Association with another association, its property, rights and obligations may, by operation of law, be transferred to another 11.08 Merger surviving or consolidated association, or, in the alternative, the property, rights and obligations of another association may, by operation of law, be added to the properties of the Association as a surviving corporation pursuant to a merger. The surviving or consolidated association may administer the Covenants contained herein within the Property, together with the covenants and restrictions established upon any other properties as one plan. Except as hereinafter provided, no such merger or consolidation shall effect any revocation, change of or addition to the Covenants established by this Declaration within the Property. merger or consolidation shall be effective, however, unless first approved by the Association's Board of Directors and by members entitled to cast at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members. Notwithstanding any other language or provision to the contrary in this Declaration, in the Articles of Incorporation, or in the By-Laws of the Association, during any period in which Declarant retains the right to appoint and remove any directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may enter into a merger or a consolidation of the Association in its sole discretion, without the approval of any member or mortgagee.
  - 11.09 <u>Perpetuities</u>. 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 death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of George Bush, former President of the United States of America.
  - 11.10 No Partition. There shall be no judicial partition of the Development or any part thereof, nor shall any person acquiring

any interest in the Development or any part thereof seek any such judicial partition unless the Development has been removed from the provisions of this Declaration.

# ARTICLE XII MORTGAGEE PROVISIONS

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first mortgages on Residences 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 Notices of Action. 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 Residence 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 Residence on which there is a first mortgage held, insured, or quaranteed by such eligible holder;
- (b) any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Residence subject to the mortgage of such eligible holder, where 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 of an Owner of a Residence 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 Special FHLMC Provision. So long as required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and/or its successors, 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 at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Members of the Association entitled to vote thereon consent, the Association shall not:
- (a) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell or transfer the Common Property which the Association owns, directly or indirectly (the granting of easements for public utilities or other similar purposes consistent with the

intended use of the Common Property shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this subsection);

- (b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues, or other charges which may be levied against an owner of a Residence;
- (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 Residences and of the Common Property. (The issuance and amendment of architectural standards, procedures, rules and regulations, or use restrictions shall not constitute a change, waiver or abandonment within the meaning of this provision.);
- (d) fail to maintain insurance as required by this Declaration; or
- (e) use hazard insurance proceeds for any Common Property losses 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 Common Property 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 payments shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

- 12.03 No Priority. 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 Residence in the cases of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Property.
- 12.04 Notice to Association. 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. Further, each Owner shall be obligated to inform the Association in writing of the sale by each Owner of such Owner's residence, including the date of the sale, the name of the purchaser, and the forwarding address for the selling Owner. Such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the deed of conveyance from the selling Owner to the purchaser.
- 12.05 Amendment by Board. Should either the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and/or their respective successors subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the provisions of this Article or make any 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.

12.06 Applicability of Article XII. 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.

12.07 Failure of Mortgagee to Respond. 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant has caused this Declaration to be duly executed and sealed the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered HOMESTEAD ENTERPRISES, INC.

in the presence of:

Inofficial Witness

ву:

Robert D. Cheeley, Pres

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Notary Public

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### TRACT NO. 1:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 432, 436 and 437 of the 1st District, 1st Section of Fulton County, Georgia being designated as Tract Two containing 18.37 acres according to a boundary and topographic survey for Robert D. Cheeley dated April 27, 1994 prepared by Ringo - Abernathy & Associates, and being more particularly described according to said survey as follows:

BEGINNING at a point marked by an iron pin found at the corner common to Land Lots 431, 432, 437 and 438 and run thence South 32 degrees 50 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 786.29 feet to a point marked by an iron pin found at a railroad rail; run thence South 06 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 1,408.79 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set on the northwesterly right of way line of Boles Road (60-foot right of way); run thence along said right of way line South 66 degrees 36 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 159.68 feet to a point; continuing along said right of way line in a generally southwesterly direction a distance of 179.42 feet to a point; leaving said right of way line, run thence North 07 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 1,410.29 feet to a point; run thence North 32 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 974.17 feet to a point on the Land Lot line common to Land Lots 431 and 432; run thence along said Land Lot line South 85 degrees 58 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 443.79 feet to a point marked by an iron pin found at the corner common to Land Lots 431, 432, 437 and 438, which point marks THE TRUE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING.

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### TRACT NO. 2:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 432, 433, 436 and 437 of the 1st District, 1st Section of Fulton County, Georgia being designated as Tract One containing 19.23 acres according to a boundary and topographic survey for Robert D. Cheeley dated April 27, 1994 prepared by Ringo - Abernathy & Associates, and being more particularly described according to said survey as follows:

TO LOCATE THE TRUE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING, begin at a point marked by an iron pin found at the corner common to Land Lots 431, 432, 437 and 438 and run thence along the Land Lot line common to Land Lots 431 and 432 North 85 degrees 58 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 443.79 feet to a point, which point marks THE TRUE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING.

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FROM THE TRUE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving the Land Lot. line common to Land Lots 431 and 432, run thence South 32 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 974.17 feet to a point; run thence South 07 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 1,410.29 feet to a point on the northwesterly right of way line of Boles Road (60-foot right of way); run thence along said right of way in a generally southwesterly direction an arc distance of 341.95 feet to a point in the center of Anderson Mill Creek (Point "A"), said arc having a radius of 2053.22 feet and being subtended by a chord bearing of South 73 degrees 52 minutes 31 seconds West; run thence along the centerline of said creek in a generally northwesterly direction a distance of 2,817 feet, more or less, to a point (Point "B") on the Land Lot line common to Land Lots 431 and 432; (said creek following a traverse line as follows: begin at Point "A" and run thence North 03 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds East 308.17 feet; run thence North 13 degrees 28 minutes 27 seconds West 356.93 feet; run thence North 11 degrees 54 minutes 05 seconds West 378.88 feet; run thence North 05 degrees 52 minutes 28 seconds West 365.13 feet; run thence North 15 degrees 35 minutes 45 seconds West 161.08 feet; run thence North 30 degrees 29 minutes 27 seconds West 211.86 feet; run thence North 28 degrees 20 minutes 05 seconds West 369.29 feet; run thence North 51 degrees 08 minutes 12 seconds West 376.04 feet; and run thence North 61 degrees 41 minutes 06 seconds West 100.46 feet to a point (Point "B"); leaving the centerline of said creek and running along the Land Lot line common to Land Lots 431 and 432, run thence South 85 degrees 58 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 507.93 feet to a point, which point marks THE TRUE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING.

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# THE HOMESTEAD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### ARTICLE I

# NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the association is The Homestead Homeowners' Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Association". The principal office of the Association (until otherwise designated by the Board) (as hereinafter defined) shall be located at Suite 202, 2392 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338, Attn: Thomas G. Chatham, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such other places within the State of Georgia, as may be designated by the Board.

# ARTICLE II

### **DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise set forth herein, the terms used in these By-Laws shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements dated April 4, 1995, which has been executed by Homestead Enterprises, Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Declarant") with respect to a new community known as The Homestead Subdivision and is to be filed for record in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, as such Declaration may be amended from time to time, and which Declaration is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ARTICLE III

#### MEETINGS

3.1 Annual Meeting of Members. The regular annual meeting of the members shall be held not earlier than October 1 nor later than December 15 of each year, commencing with the calendar year 1995, on a date (which is not a legal holiday) and at such place within the State of Georgia, as shall be designated in the call of meeting pursuant to Article 3.3 below. If no such date is designated, the annual meeting shall be held on the first Monday in December, if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the next business day succeeding. The Members shall at such annual meeting elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, in the manner provided in Article 4.1 hereof, and shall have authority to transact any and all business which may be brought before such meeting.

- 3.2 <u>Special Meeting of Members</u>. Special meetings of Members shall be held, at such place within the State of Georgia, as shall be designated in the call of the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time and must be called by the President when so requested in writing by any two Directors or by twenty-five percent (25%) of the Class A Membership.
- and time of every annual or special meeting of Members shall be mailed to each Member, at least twenty-one (21) days before such meeting. Each Member shall register his address with the Association, and notices of meetings shall be mailed to him at such address. If for a special meeting, such notice shall state the object or objects of the meeting. It shall not be necessary that notice of an annual meeting specify the business to be transacted at such meeting, but such notice shall specify the number of directors to be elected at such annual meeting.
- 3.4 Quorum. Unless otherwise provided in the Declaration, a quorum at any meeting of Members, whether annual or special, shall consist of the presence at such meeting, in person or by proxy, of Members entitled to cast one-tenth of the votes of each Class of Membership. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, or in the Declaration, or in these By-Laws, a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by all Members present at a meeting shall be necessary and sufficient to decide and act upon any question which shall come before the meeting. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.
- 3.5 <u>Voting</u>. Voting rights of Members shall be as set forth in the Declaration. Where any Member is a group or entity other than one individual person, the vote on behalf of such Member shall be exercised only by such individual person as shall be designated in proxy instrument duly executed by or on behalf of such Member and delivered to the Secretary of the Association.

### ARTICLE IV

#### DIRECTORS

4.1 <u>Number</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an initial Board of three (3) directors ("Directors"), who need not be Members of the Association. Once the control of the Association passes to the Class A Members as provided in the Declaration, the affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) Directors.

# 4.2 Control by Declarant.

(a) Notwithstanding any other language or provision to the contrary in these Bylaws of the Association, in the Articles of Incorporation, or in the Declaration, Declarant hereby retains the right to appoint and remove any members of the Board of the Association and any officer or officers of the Association until 15 days after the first of the following events shall occur: (i) the expiration of twenty (20) years after the date of the recording of the Declaration; (ii) the date upon which all of the Residences intended by Declarant to be a part of the Development have been conveyed by Declarant to Owners other than a person or persons constituting Declarant; or (iii) the surrender by Declarant of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers by an express amendment to the Declaration executed and recorded by Declarant.

- Upon the expiration of the period of Declarant's right to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association pursuant to the provisions of this Section, such right shall automatically pass to the Owners, including Declarant if Declarant then owns one or more Lots; and a special meeting of the Association shall be called at such time. At such special meeting, the Owners shall elect a new Board of Directors which shall undertake the responsibilities of the Board and the 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. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyances of a Lot vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association as provided in this Section. The Association may exercise 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.
- 4.3 Term of Office. At the first annual meeting after control of the Association has passed to the Class A Membership, the Board shall initially be constituted with three (3) Directors in accordance with the following procedure. The Members shall elect one (1) Director to serve a one (1) year term, one (1) Director to serve a two (2) year term, and one (1) Director to serve a three (3) year term. Successor Directors shall be elected for two (2) year terms, and shall hold office until their successors have been elected.
- 4.4 Removal. Once the control of the Association passes to the Class A Members as provided in the Declaration, any Director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a Director, his successor shall be selected by the remaining Members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.
- 4.5 <u>Compensation</u>. No Director shall receive compensation for any service he may render to the Association. However, any

Director may be reimbursed for his actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

- 4.6 Action Taken Without a Meeting. The Directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Directors.
- 4.7 <u>Nomination</u>. Nomination for elected members to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a Member of the Board of Directors, and two or more Members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the Members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled.
- 4.8 <u>Election</u>. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election the Members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.
- 4.9 Regular Meeting of Directors. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly without notice, at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should such meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.
- 4.10 Special Meeting of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held, at such place within the State of Georgia, as shall be designated in the call of such meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time, in his discretion, and must be called by the President whenever so requested in writing by two Members of the Board of Directors.
- 4.11 Notice of Meetings. Notices of special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given by the President or the Secretary to each Member of the Board, not less than three (3) days before the time at which such meetings are to convene. Said notices may be given by telephone, or by any other form or written or verbal communication. It shall not be necessary for notices of special

meetings of the Board of Directors to state the purposes or objects of the meetings. The Directors may waive notice of any meeting. Action may be taken by the Directors without a meeting if such action is consented to in writing by all of the Directors.

- 4.12 Quorum. A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the Members of the Board. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association, or in these By-Laws, or in the Declaration, a majority of those present at any meeting at which a quorum is present may decide any questions which may come before the meeting.
  - 4.13 Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:
- (a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Property and facilities, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon, and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
- (b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a Member during any period in which such Member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association, without the necessity of providing notice and hearing to the Member. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing, for a period not to exceed 60 days for infraction of published rules and regulations;
- (c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Declaration;
- (d) declare the office of a Member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such Member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- (e) employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe their duties.
- 4.14 <u>Duties</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:
- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the Class A Members who are entitled to vote;

- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;
  - (c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
  - (1) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;
  - (2) send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and
  - (3) foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same.
- (d) issue, or to cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;
- (e) procure and maintain adequate insurance on property owned by the Association, as provided in Article XI of the Declaration;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded, as it may deem appropriate;
  - (g) cause the Common Property to be maintained;
- (h) maintain any and all landscaping treatments previously installed by the Declarant, to the extent that such landscaping is not otherwise maintained by the appropriate county and/or municipal entity having jurisdiction over the roads for The Homestead Subdivision.

# ARTICLE V

# OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

5.1 Enumeration of Offices. The officers of this Association shall be a president and vice-president, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a secretary, and a treasurer, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

- 5.2 <u>Election of Officers</u>. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.
- 5.3 The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise disqualified to serve.
- 5.4 <u>Special Appointments</u>. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.
- 5.5 Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board, the president or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 5.6 <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he replaces.
- 5.7 <u>Multiple Offices</u>. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 5.4 of this Article.
  - 5.8 Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

#### President

(a) The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

# Vice-President

(b) The vice-president shall act in the place and stead of the president in the event of his absence, inability or refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Board.

#### Secretary

(c) The secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Members; keep appropriate current records showing the Members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

### Treasurer

(d) The treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the Membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a copy of each to the Members.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### SEAL

6.1 <u>Corporation Seal</u>. The corporate seal of the Association shall be in the following form, to wit:

and the seal in such form is hereby adopted as the corporate seal of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

# MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 The Declaration. All provisions contained in the Declaration with regard to rights, powers and duties of the Association, the Members thereof (including, without limitation, classes of Members and qualifications and rights of the Members of each class), and the Board of Directors thereof, are hereby incorporated into these By-Laws by this reference, with the same effect as if such provisions were fully set forth herein.

- 7.2 <u>Committees</u>. The Association shall appoint an Architectural Control Committee, as provided in the Declaration, and a nominating Committee, as provided in these By-Laws. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purposes.
- 7.3 <u>Books and Records</u>. The books and records of the Association shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be open for inspection by any Members of the Association.
- 7.4 <u>Indemnification</u>. The indemnification provisions of O.C.G.A. Sections 14-3-850 through 14-3-858, including subsequent amendments, are incorporated herein by reference.
- 7.5 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be determined by resolution of the Board. In the absence of such a resolution, the fiscal year shall be the calendar year.
- 7.6 Parliamentary Rules. Robert Rules of Order (current edition) shall govern the conduct of all Association proceedings, when not in conflict with Georgia law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, these By-Laws, or a ruling made by the Person presiding over the proceeding.
- 7.7 <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of Georgia law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, these By-Laws, then the provisions of Georgia law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.
- 7.8 Notices. Unless otherwise specified in the Declaration of By-Laws, all notices, demands, bills, statements, or other communications required or permitted to be sent under the Declaration or these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by first class mail, postage prepaid:
- (a) if to a Member, at the address which the Member has designated in writing and filed with the Secretary or, if no such address has been designated, at the last known address of the Member; or
- (b) if to the Association, the Board of Directors, or the managing agent, at the principal office of the Association or the managing agent, if any, or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Members.
- If there are multiple Owners of a single piece of property, notice to one (1) shall be deemed notice to all.

- 7.9 Amendment. The provisions of the Declaration applicable to amendment of that instrument shall apply to any amendment to these By-Laws, except that any requirement of recording any amendment which is contained in the Declaration shall not apply to any amendment of these By-Laws.
- 7.10 Fining Procedure. The Board shall not impose a fine (a late charge shall not constitute a fine) unless and until the following procedure is followed:
- (a) <u>Demand</u>. Written demand to cease and desist from an alleged violation shall be served upon the alleged violator specifying:
  - (i) the alleged violation;
  - (ii) the action required to abate the violation; and
  - (iii) a time period, not less than ten (10) days, during which the violation may be abated without further sanction, if such violation is a continuing one, or a statement that any further violation of the same rule may result in the imposition of a fine, if the violation is not continuing. The Board or its designee may demand immediate abatement in such circumstances which, in the Board's determination, pose a danger to safety or property.
- (b) <u>Notices</u>. Within twelve (12) months of such demand, if the violation continues past the period allowed in the demand for abatement without penalty, or if the same rule is subsequently violated, the Board may, upon notice, impose a fine. The notice shall state:
  - (i) the nature of the alleged violation;
  - (ii) that the alleged violator may, within ten (10) days from the date of the notice, request a hearing regarding the fine;
  - (iii) that any statement, evidence, and witnesses may be produced by the alleged violator at the hearing; and
  - (iv) that all rights to have the fine reconsidered are waived if a hearing is not requested within ten (10) days of the date of the notice.
- (c) <u>Hearing</u>. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Board in executive session, and the alleged violator shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing.

END OF BY-LAWS