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FOR

ORANGE HILL PLACE TOWNHOMES

THIS INSTRUMENT ESTABLISHES A MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BUT DOES NOT SUBMIT THIS COMMUNITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GEORGIA PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACT, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-220, ET SEQ. NOR DOES IT SUBMIT THIS DEVELOPMENT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GEORGIA CONDOMINIUM ACT, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-70 ET SEQ.

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DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,

RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS

FOR

ORANGE HILL PLACE TOWNHOMES

THIS DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS FOR ORANGE HILL PLACE TOWNHOMES ("Declaration") is made on the date hereinafter set forth by W-A OH HOLDINGS VII, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (hereinafter sometimes called "Declarant");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the real property described in $\underline{\text{Exhibit "A"}}$ hereof; and

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

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

Article I Definitions

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

1.1 "Articles of Incorporation" means the Articles of Incorporation of Orange Hill Place Townhome Association, Inc., filed with the Georgia Secretary of State and incorporated herein by this reference as may be amended from time to time.

- 1.2 "Association" means Orange Hill Place Townhome Association, Inc., a Georgia nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns.
- 1.3 "Board of Directors" or "Board" means the appointed or elected body of the Association, vested with the authority to operate and manage the affairs of the Association under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, O.C.G.A. § 14-3-101 et seq.
- 1.4 "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of Orange Hill Place Townhome Association, Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference, as may be amended from time to time.
- 1.5 "Common Property" means any and all real and personal property, and the facilities and improvements located thereon and the easements and other interests therein, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- 1.6 "Community" refers to that certain real property described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and such additions thereto as may be made by Supplementary Declaration as provided herein.
- 1.7 "Community-Wide Standard" means the standard of conduct, maintenance or other activity generally prevailing in the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors of the Association and/or articulated in the Architectural Guidelines, as set forth in Section 6.3 hereof, but must be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.
- 1.8 "Declarant" means W-A OH HOLDINGS VII, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company and its successors, successors-in-title or assigns taking title to any portion of the property described in Exhibit "A" or Exhibit "B" hereof for the purpose of development and/or sale and designated as Declarant in a recorded instrument by the then holder of the rights of Declarant hereunder. Any or all of the rights of Declarant set forth in this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws may be transferred or assigned in whole or in part to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that which Declarant has under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws. No such transfer or assignment shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by Declarant and recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.
- 1.9 "Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement" means that certain Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement between Declarant, the Association, and Orange Hill Place Condominium Association, Inc., the nonprofit corporation formed to administer and govern the Orange Hill Place Condominium, recorded or to be recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records, which imposes certain easements which benefit and burden the Community and Orange Hill Place Condominium, as applicable, and sets forth the allocation of costs and maintenance of the private roads, entry features, landscaping and other infrastructure that may be shared between the Community and Orange Hill Place Condominium, all as more particularly set forth therein.

- 1.10 "Mortgage" means any and all instruments used for the purpose of encumbering real property in the Community as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation, including, without limitation, any mortgage, deed to secure debt or deed of trust.
 - 1.11 "Mortgagee" means the holder of a Mortgage.
- 1.12 "Occupant" means any Person occupying all or any portion of a Unit or other property located within the Community for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant of the Owner of such property.
- 1.13 "Orange Hill Place Condominium" means that certain real property containing approximately 1.12 acres which consists of eight (8) condominium units and common elements and is located adjacent to and shares infrastructure with the Community.
- 1.14 "Owner" means the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Unit located within the Community, excluding, however, any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.
- 1.15 "Person" includes any individual, individual acting in a fiduciary capacity, corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company, general partnership, joint stock company, joint venture, association, company or other organization, recognized as a separate legal entity under Georgia law.
- 1.16 "Supplementary Declaration" means a supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional property to this Declaration and/or imposes additional covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements on the land described therein.
- 1.17 "Total Association Vote" means the votes attributable to the entire membership of the Association (including the votes of Declarant) as of the record date for such action, but specifically excluding the votes of any Owners whose voting rights have been suspended as provided herein, whether or not such members are present or represented at the meeting, if any, where such votes are to be cast. If, for example, and without limitation, two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote is required to approve a matter, such matter must receive more than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes attributable to all existing members of the Association as of the record date for such action (and excluding the votes of any Owners whose voting rights have been suspended as provided herein), whether or not such members are present or represented at the meeting, if any, where such votes are to be cast.
- 1.18 "Unit" shall mean any plot of land within the Community, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon, which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single dwelling site, as shown on the subdivision plat(s) for the Community, recorded in the land records of Cobb County, Georgia. The residential dwelling located on each Unit shall be attached by one or more party wall(s) to one or more residential dwellings located on other Units so that the boundary between such residential dwellings is a line running along the center of the party wall separating said residential dwellings. The ownership of each Unit shall

include the exclusive right to use and possession of any and all portions of the heating and air conditioning units which are appurtenant to and serve each Unit (including, but not limited to, compressors, conduits, wires and pipes) and any garage, porch, balcony, deck, patio, steps, wall, roof, foundation, sunroom or any similar appurtenance as may be attached to a Unit when such Unit is initially constructed. The ownership of each Unit shall include, and there shall automatically pass with the title to each Unit as an appurtenance thereto, whether or not separately described, membership in the Association and all of the rights and interest of an Owner in the Common Property, as herein provided.

Article 2 Property Subject To This Declaration

- 2.1 <u>Property Hereby Subjected To This Declaration</u>. The real property which is, by the recording of this Declaration, subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements hereinafter set forth and which, by virtue of the recording of this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, occupied and encumbered subject to this Declaration is the real property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u> attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
- 2.2 <u>Unilateral Annexation By Declarant</u>. As the owner thereof or, if not the owner, with the consent of the owner thereof, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege, and option from time to time at any time until ten (10) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject all or any portion of the real property described in <u>Exhibit "B"</u> attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein, to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Cobb County, Georgia land records a Supplementary Declaration executed by Declarant describing the property being subjected. Any annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of a Supplementary Declaration unless a later effective date is provided therein.

Declarant intends to annex hereto the property contained in Declarant's land plan for the development, as amended from time to time, which property is a portion of the property described in Exhibit "B". However, inclusion of property on Declarant's land plan or in Exhibit "B". However, inclusion of property on Declarant's land plan or in Exhibit "B". However, inclusion of property on Declarant's land plan or in Exhibit "B". Shall not obligate the Declarant to subject such property to the Declaration, nor shall exclusion of property from the initial land plan bar Declarant from subjecting such property to the Declaration. As long as covenants applicable to the real property previously subjected to this Declaration are not changed and as long as the rights of existing Owners are not adversely affected, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration to reflect the different character of any such annexed real property. If any land is not subjected to this Declaration, Declarant's reserved rights shall not impose any obligation on Declarant to impose any covenants and restrictions similar to those contained herein upon such additional land nor shall such rights in any manner limit or restrict the use to which such additional land may be put by Declarant or any subsequent owner thereof, regardless of whether such uses are consistent with the covenants and restrictions imposed herein.

2.3 Annexation by Association. Upon the written consent of: (a) the owner(s) thereof; (b) the Declarant; and (c) the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Units, the Association

may annex such real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Cobb County, Georgia land records a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Any such Supplementary Declaration shall be executed on behalf of the Association by the President of the Association whose signature shall be attested by the Secretary of the Association. The annexation shall be effective only upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration in the Cobb County, Georgia land records, unless a later effective date is provided therein.

2.4 Withdrawal of Property. So long as Declarant has a right to annex additional property pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof, Declarant reserves the right to amend the Declaration for the purpose of removing any portion of the Community then owned by Declarant or the Association from the coverage of this Declaration, to the extent originally included in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for the Community, provided such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for the Community. Any withdrawal shall be accomplished by the filing for record of an amendment to this Declaration which: (a) describes the property to be removed; and (b) is executed by the Declarant and the Owner(s) of the property being removed if not the Declarant. Any withdrawal shall be effective upon filing for record of such amendment in the Cobb County, Georgia land records, unless a later effective date is provided therein. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any withdrawal shall require the consent of the Declarant and the owner of the property as provided herein, but shall not require the consent or approval of any Unit Owner in the Community.

Article 3 Association Membership and Voting Rights

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

for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations enacted by the Association and Architectural Guidelines, as more particularly set forth in Section 6.3 hereof.

Article 4 Assessments

- 4.1 <u>Purpose of Assessments</u>. The assessments provided for herein shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners of Units, including, without limitation, the maintenance of real and personal property, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 4.2 Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner of a Unit, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, covenants and agrees to pay to the Association: (a) general assessments; (b) special assessments; and (c) specific assessments. All assessments, together with late charges (in an amount determined by the Board of Directors from time to time), interest (at a rate set by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not to exceed the lesser of the maximum rate permitted by law or eighteen percent (18 %) per annum on the principal amount due) and costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall, from the time the sums become due and payable, be a charge on the land and a continuing lien in favor of the Association on the Unit against which each assessment is made. The recording of this Declaration shall constitute record notice of the existence of the lien and no further recordation of any claim of lien shall be required. Each assessment, together with late charges, interest and costs of collection, shall also be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of the Unit at the time the assessment fell due. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the portion of each assessment coming due while the Owner of a Unit, and each grantee of an Owner shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of the grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings.

No Owner may waive or otherwise be exempt from liability for the assessments provided for herein, including, by way of illustration, but not limitation, abandonment of the Unit or nonuse of the Common Property. No diminution or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association, the obligation to pay assessments being a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. All payments shall be applied first to costs, then to late charges, then to interest and then to delinquent assessments. As provided in O.C.G.A. Section 44-5-60(e), the obligation for the payment of assessments and fees arising hereunder shall also include costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys fees actually incurred, and the award of attorneys fees shall not be construed in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 13-1-11(a)(2).

- 4.3 <u>Budget</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare a budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year. Costs incurred pursuant to the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement shall be included as a line item in the Association's annual budget. The Board shall cause the budget and the general assessment to be levied against each Unit for the year to be delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date of such general assessment. The budget and the general assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a majority of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the membership disapproves the proposed budget or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any period, then and until such time as a budget has been determined, as provided herein, the budget in effect shall continue.
- 4.4 General Assessments. General assessments shall be levied equally on all Units and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, which may include, without limitation, acceleration, upon ten (10) days' written notice for delinquents. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the general assessment shall be paid in one annual installment. General assessments include any sums the Board determines necessary for the continued ownership, operation and maintenance of the Common Property, improvements to the Common Property, operating expenses of the Association, payment for any items of betterment and the establishment of reserve funds as the Board shall deem proper. General assessments may include, without limitation, the following: (a) sums for property taxes for the Common Property; (b) insurance premiums; (c) legal and accounting fees; (d) management fees; (e) costs incurred pursuant to the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement; (f) landscape maintenance; (g) costs to maintain the private Community streets and sidewalks, to the extent such expenses are not included in the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement; (h) charges for utilities provided by the Association, if any; and (i) expenses and liabilities incurred as provided herein and in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for indemnification of officers and directors and in connection with the enforcement of rights and duties of the Association against Owners and others.
- 4.5 <u>Special Assessments</u>. The Association, acting through the Board of Directors, may levy a special assessment against all Owners in the Community for unbudgeted or unanticipated expenses or expenses in excess of those budgeted. So long as the total amount of special assessments allocated to each Unit does not exceed the amount of the annual general assessment in any one fiscal year, the Board may impose the special assessment without a vote of the Owners. Except for special assessments levied pursuant to Section 9.3 hereof, any special assessment which would cause the amount of the special assessments allocated to any one Unit in a single fiscal year to exceed the amount of the annual general assessment must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant in order to be effective. Special assessments shall be paid as determined by the Board. The Board may permit a special assessment to be paid in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the special assessment is imposed.
- 4.6 <u>Specific Assessments</u>. The Board shall have the power to levy specific assessments as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. The failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association and shall not

constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. Fines levied pursuant to this Declaration, the working capital contribution and the cost of maintenance performed by the Association for which an Owner is responsible shall be specific assessments. The Board of Directors may also specifically assess Owners for Association expenses as follows: (a) expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Units may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Units which are benefited according to the benefit received; (b) expenses of the Association which benefit all Units, but which do not provide an equal benefit to all Units may be specifically assessed equitably among all Units according to the benefit received; and (c) expenses incurred by the Association which are attributable to a particular Owner or the Occupants, guests, tenants, invitees or licensees of such Owner may be specifically assessed against the Unit of said Owner.

- 4.7 Subordination of Liens to Mortgages. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration or any other document related thereto or executed in connection therewith, the lien of all assessments authorized herein is hereby made subordinate to the lien of any first Mortgage placed on a Unit if, but only if, all assessments and charges with respect to such Unit authorized herein having a due date on or prior to the date of the Mortgage as filed of record have been paid. The lien hereby subordinated is only such lien as relates to assessments and charges authorized hereunder having a due date subsequent to the date such Mortgage is filed of record and prior to the satisfaction, cancellation or foreclosure of such Mortgage or the sale or transfer of the Unit pursuant to any proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or the sale or transfer of the Unit pursuant to a sale under power contained in such Mortgage. Such subordination is merely a subordination and shall not relieve the Owner of the Unit of the personal obligation to pay all assessments coming due during such period of ownership; shall not relieve such Unit from the lien provided for herein (except to the extent a subordinated lien is extinguished as a result of such subordination as against a Mortgagee or such Mortgagee's assignee or transferee by foreclosure or by sale under power); and no sale or transfer of such Unit to the Mortgagee or to any other Person pursuant to a decree of foreclosure, or pursuant to any other proceeding in lieu of foreclosure or pursuant to a sale under power, shall relieve any existing or previous Owner of such Unit of any personal obligation or relieve such Unit or the then Owner of such Unit from liability for any assessment authorized hereunder that becomes due after such sale and transfer.
- 4.8 Remedies of the Association. Any assessments or installments thereof which are not paid when due, shall be delinquent. In addition to the lien rights, the personal obligation of the then Owner to pay such assessments shall remain such Owner's personal obligation and shall also pass to such Owner's successors-in-title. Such Owner shall nevertheless remain as fully obligated as before to pay to the Association any and all amounts which such Owner was obligated to pay immediately preceding the transfer; and such Owner and such successors-in-title shall be jointly and severally liable with respect thereto, notwithstanding any agreement between such Owner and such successors-in-title creating any indemnification of the Owner or any relationship of principal and surety as between themselves.

Any assessment or installment thereof delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge (in an amount determined by the Board from time to time), interest (at a

rate set by the Board of Directors from time to time, but not to exceed the lesser of the maximum rate permitted by law or eighteen percent (18%) per annum on the principal amount due) and costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred. As provided in O.C.G.A. Section 44-5-60(e), the obligation for the assessments and fees arising hereunder shall also include costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys fees actually incurred, and the award of attorneys fee shall not be construed in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 13-1-11(a)(2).

The Association may cause a notice of delinquency to be given to any Owner who has not paid within ten (10) days following the due date. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may institute suit to collect such amounts and/or to foreclose its lien. The Association may file a claim of lien with the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia, but no such claim of lien shall be required to establish or perfect the lien for unpaid assessments. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed, vests in the Association the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally, for the collection of such charges as a debt, or to foreclose the lien. The lien provided for in this Declaration shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all Owners. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Unit at any foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. The Association may also suspend, without further notice or hearing, the membership rights of the delinquent Owner, including the right to vote, the right of enjoyment in and to the Common Property (other than access to such Owner's Unit) and the right to receive and enjoy such services and other benefits as may then be provided by the Association, including, without limitation, the suspension of any utility services provided by the Association. Any suspension shall not affect such Owner's obligation to pay assessments coming due during the period of such suspension and shall not affect the permanent lien on such Unit in favor of the Association.

- 4.9 <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. Assessments shall commence when the Board of Directors first determines a budget and levies assessments. The assessments provided for herein shall commence as to a Unit on the date that such Unit has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued and has been conveyed to an Owner who intends to occupy the dwelling or use the dwelling for residential purposes, or, if the dwelling is occupied as a residence before such conveyance, the date of such occupancy. Any Unit which has been approved by Declarant for use as a model home for marketing and sales purposes shall not be deemed to be occupied for residential purposes and shall not be subject to assessments under this Declaration whether owned by Declarant or any other Person, so long as such Unit is approved for use as a model home and is not occupied for residential purposes.
- 4.10 <u>Budget Deficits During Declarant Control</u>. For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint and remove the directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to: (a) advance funds or contributions of services or materials or a combination of services and materials, rather than money (herein collectively called "in kind contribution"), or a combination of these, to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association (but specifically not including an allocation for capital reserves), and the sum of the general, special and specific assessments

collected by the Association in any fiscal year (such advances shall be evidenced by promissory notes from the Association in favor of the Declarant); or (b) cause the Association to borrow such amount from a commercial lending institution at the then prevailing rates for similar loans in the local area of the Community; provided, however, no Mortgage secured by the Common Property or any of the improvements maintained by the Association shall be given in connection with such loan.

- 4.11 <u>Failure to Assess</u>. The omission or failure of the Board to fix the assessment amounts or rates or to deliver or mail to each Owner an assessment notice shall not be deemed a waiver, modification, or a release of any Owner from the obligation to pay assessments. In such event, each Owner shall continue to pay assessments on the same basis as for the last year for which an assessment was made, if any, until a new assessment is made, at which time any shortfalls in collections may be assessed retroactively by the Association.
- 4.12 Estoppel Letter. Any Owner, Mortgagee, or a Person having executed a contract for the purchase of a Unit, or a lender considering a loan to be secured by a Unit, shall be entitled, upon written request, to a statement from the Association or its managing agent setting forth the amount of assessments past due and unpaid, including any late charges, interest, fines, or other charges against that Unit. Such request shall be delivered to the registered office of the Association, and shall state an address to which the statement is to be directed. The Association shall, within five (5) business days after receiving a written request therefor certify to the amount of any unpaid assessments constituting a lien on a specified Unit. The Association may charge a reasonable fee as a prerequisite to the issuance of such statement. A certification letter signed by an officer of the Association or the Association's managing agent, if any, as to the amount of assessments due with respect to a Unit shall be binding upon the Association. It is the intent of this provision to comply with O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-15(c), as amended.
- 4.13 <u>Working Capital Contribution</u>. Upon each and every conveyance of title to a Unit, after a certificate of occupancy has been issued for the residential dwelling located thereon, a working capital contribution in an amount determined by the Board from time to time, but not to exceed the amount of the general assessment applicable to the Unit for the year of conveyance, shall be collected from the new Owner at the closing of such transaction and disbursed to the Association; or if not collected at closing, shall be paid immediately upon demand to the Association.

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

Article 5 Maintenance; Common Property

5.1 Association's Maintenance Responsibility. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, the maintenance, repair and replacement of all landscaping and improvements situated thereon. The Association shall also maintain (whether or not constituting Common Property) the following: (a) all entry features and entry area landscaping in the Community, including, without limitation, any drainage or irrigation system and lighting system, if any, provided to such entry features as provided in the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement; (b) the exterior surfaces of a residential dwelling constructed on a Unit as provided in Section 5.4 hereof; (c) landscaping improvements located on the exterior portions of the Community, including parks, open space, medians and islands and landscaping to Units, as provided in Section 5.5 herein; (d) all private Community streets, alleys, roads, paths and sidewalks, if and to the extent the same are not maintained on an ongoing basis by a governmental entity or third party or maintained pursuant to the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement; (e) storm water detention/retention ponds and storm water drainage facilities serving the Community and any gate, fence or other enclosure surrounding said storm water detention/retention ponds, if and to the extent the same are not maintained on an ongoing by basis by a governmental entity or third party; provided, however, each Owner of a Unit, and not the Association shall be responsible for all storm water drainage pipes, wires and conduits which are located on and exclusively serve such Unit; and (f) all pipes, utility lines, wires, plumbing, conduits and systems, including without limitation, water and sanitary sewer pipes or facilities that serve more than one (1) Unit or any portion of the Common Property, if and to the extent the same are not maintained on an ongoing basis by a governmental entity. The Association shall also be responsible for those items set forth in the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement to the extent the same are not included in Section 5.1 hereof.

In addition, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, whether within or outside of the Community and to enter into easements and covenant to share costs agreements regarding such property where the Board has determined that such action would benefit the Owners. The Board of Directors may authorize the officers of the Association to enter into contracts with any Person or Persons to perform maintenance hereunder on behalf of the Association. In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement, which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, or the Occupants, family, guests, lessees or invitees of an Owner, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair or replacement and all costs thereof, not paid for by insurance, shall be assessed against the Owner as a specific assessment.

5.2 Owner's Maintenance Responsibility.

(a) <u>General</u>. Except for maintenance performed on or to a Unit by the Association pursuant Sections 5.1, 5.4 and 5.5 hereof, all maintenance of the Unit and all structures and other improvements located thereon shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof, who shall

maintain such Unit in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration. Such maintenance obligation shall include, without limitation, the following: (i) prompt removal of all litter, trash, refuse, and waste; (ii) keeping improvements, and exterior lighting in good repair and working order; (iii) watering landscaped areas; (iv) keeping garden areas alive, free of weeds and attractive; (v) complying with all governmental health and police requirements; (vi) repair of exterior damage to improvements; (vii) maintenance, repair and replacement to those portions of a residential dwelling located on a Unit as set forth in Section 5.4(b) hereof; (viii) the maintenance, repair and replacement of any pipe(s), wire(s) and conduit(s) which serve only the Unit, regardless of whether said pipe(s), wire(s) or conduit(s) are located within or outside of a Unit's boundaries; and (ix) all driveways and walkways which exclusively serve the Unit.

- (b) Failure to Maintain. In the event that the Board of Directors determines that any Owner has failed or refused to discharge properly any of such Owner's obligations with regard to the maintenance, repair or replacement of items for which such Owner is responsible under this Declaration the Association shall, except in an emergency situation, give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, repair or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repair or replacement deemed necessary. The Owner shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such notice within which to complete such maintenance, repair or replacement, or, in the event that such maintenance, repair or replacement is not capable of completion within a tenday period, to commence such work which shall be completed within a reasonable period of time. If an Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide such maintenance, repair or replacement to the Unit and all costs thereof shall be assessed against the Owner and the Unit as a specific assessment. This provision shall not apply to any Unit(s) owned by Declarant, unless improved with a dwelling and occupied as a residence.
- 5.3 Party Walls. Each wall built as part of the original construction of a residential dwelling located on a Unit which shall serve and separate any two (2) adjoining Units shall constitute a party wall and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligent or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall in equal proportions. If a party wall is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, then any Owner who has benefited by such wall may restore it, and the other Owner who is benefited by the wall shall contribute one-half of the cost of restoration, without prejudice, however, to the right of any Owner to call for a larger contribution from any other Owner under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

5.4 Unit Maintenance.

(a) By the Association. As provided in Section 5.1 above, the Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the exterior portions of all dwellings located on Units in the Community. Maintenance by the Association of exterior portions of all residential dwellings located on Units shall only include the following: (i) exterior surfaces of garage doors; (ii) the roof decking and

shingles or other covering and surface materials on Units; (iii) the downspouts and gutters, if any; (iv) the siding located on the exterior of the residential dwellings located on Units, if any; and (v) all exterior building surfaces with the exception of doors, hardware and glass as more particularly described below; provided, however, the Association shall not be responsible for waterproofing foundations either above or below grade. The Association shall also be responsible for painting and pressure washing the exterior portions of the Units on a schedule determined by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may promulgate rules setting forth the extent of maintenance to be performed by the Association and may assume responsibility for providing additional maintenance as long as Units are maintained according to the same standard. The Board of Directors may authorize the officers of the Association to enter into contracts with any Person or Persons to perform maintenance hereunder on behalf of the Association.

- (b) By the Unit Owner. Each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping in good repair the following: (i) steps, decks (whether enclosed or not) and deck surfaces, balconies, patios (whether enclosed or not) and patio surfaces and landscaping within the patios, planters, courtyards, if any; (ii) HVAC or similar equipment located outside the boundary of Units; (iii) all doors, including screen and storm doors, hinges, frames and door frames and hardware which are part of the entry system; (iv) hose bibs contained in exterior walls of a Unit; (v) lighting fixtures pertaining to a particular Unit and being located outside an entryway or in a garage; (vi) window screens, window frames and glass; (vii) foundations and footings, including waterproofing, either above or below grade; (viii) any pipe, wire, line and conduit which serves only one (1) Unit, regardless of whether such pipe, wire, line or conduit is located within or outside of the Unit's boundaries; and (ix) all portions of the residential dwelling located on a Unit which are not maintained by the Association pursuant to Section 5.4(a) above.
- 5.5 Yard Maintenance. As provided in Section 5.1 above, the Association shall maintain and keep in good repair, in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard, the landscaping improvements located on the exterior portions of the Community, including green space and open space. The Board of Directors in its sole discretion may leave portions of the Community as undisturbed natural areas and may change the landscaping in the Community at any time and from time to time or may, with the consent of the Declarant, change the level of yard maintenance performed. The Board of Directors may promulgate rules setting forth the extent of landscaping maintenance to be performed by the Association and the rights of Owners with respect to adding or modifying landscaping improvements, including, for example allowing seasonal flowering plants in certain areas of the Community at the expense of the Owner.
- 5.6 Conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to Association; No Implied Rights. The Declarant, or the owner of the property if not the Declarant, may transfer or convey to the Association at any time and from time to time any personal property and any interest in improved or unimproved real property. Such conveyance shall be deemed to be accepted by the Association upon delivery of any personal property or upon recordation of an instrument of conveyance of any interest in real property, and the property shall thereafter be Common Property to be used and, if and as provided in Section 5.1 hereof, maintained by the Association

for the benefit of its members. So long as Declarant owns any property primarily for development and/or sale in the Community or has the right unilaterally to annex additional property to the Declaration, Declarant may, upon written notice to the Association, require the Association to reconvey to Declarant all or any portion of the Common Property, improved or unimproved, at no charge to Declarant, without a vote of the members of the Association, if all or any portion of the Common Property is: (a) found by Declarant to have been conveyed in error; (b) needed by Declarant to make adjustments in property boundary lines; or (c) reasonably determined by Declarant to be needed by Declarant due to changes in the overall scheme of development for the Community.

The Association hereby constitutes and appoints Declarant as its agent and attorney-infact to accept on behalf of the Association any conveyance to the Association and to execute on behalf of the Association any and all documents, including, without limitation, deeds, necessary or convenient to effectuate and document any such conveyance to the Association. The power and agency hereby granted are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable by death or otherwise. The Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section and shall have no duty or obligation to convey any property or property rights to the Association regardless of whether or not any such property has been made available for the use of Owners. The Declarant may reserve, by lease, license, easement or otherwise such rights of use and enjoyment in and to all or any portion of the property so conveyed as Declarant may reasonably require so long as such reservation is not materially inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community. Neither the recordation of any subdivision plat nor the use by the Owners or maintenance by the Association of any property shall create any rights, easements or licenses, in the Association or the Owners, express or implied, unless and until any such property rights, easements or licenses are conveyed by the Declarant, or the owner of such property to the Association or the Owners, as the case may be, by an instrument recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

- 5.7 <u>Partition</u>. The Common Property shall remain undivided and no Owner shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part thereof without the written consent of: (a) all Owners of all portions of the property located within the Community; and (b) all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the property, including, but not limited to, the Units.
- 5.8 <u>Condemnation</u>. In the event of a taking by eminent domain of all or any portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, the Association shall, if reasonably possible, restore or replace such improvements on the remaining Common Property, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking, an alternative plan is approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant. The provisions of this Declaration applicable to the replacement and/or restoration of damaged improvements on the Common Property shall also apply to and govern the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced after a condemnation.
- 5.9 <u>Liability</u>. Owners, Occupants and their guests shall use the Common Property and all portions of the Community not contained within a Unit at their own risk and shall assume sole

responsibility for their personal belongings used or stored thereon. All Owners and Occupants shall have an affirmative duty and responsibility to inspect the Common Property and any improvements located thereon for any defects, perils or unsafe conditions related to the use and enjoyment thereof. The Association, the Declarant and their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents shall not be held liable for: (a) personal injury to any person occurring on the Common Property; (b) loss or damage to personal belongings used or stored on the Common Property or on any other portion of the Community; or (c) loss or damage, by theft or otherwise, of any other property of an Owner or Occupant.

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

5.10 Measures Related to Insurance Coverage.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to require all or any Unit Owner(s) to do any act or perform any work involving portions of the Community that are the maintenance responsibility of the Unit Owner which will, in the Board's sole discretion, decrease the possibility of fire or other damage to any improvements located in the Community, reduce the insurance premium paid by the Association for any insurance coverage, or otherwise assist the Board in procuring or maintaining such insurance coverage. This authority shall include, but need not be limited to: (i) requiring all Owners to turn off cut-off valves, which may now or hereafter be installed, during winter months for outside water spigots; (ii) requiring Owners to insulate pipes sufficiently or take other preventive measures to prevent the freezing of water pipes; (iii) requiring Owners to install smoke detectors; (iv) requiring Owners to make improvements to the Owner's Unit; and (v) such other measures as the Board may reasonable require, so long as the cost of such work does not exceed the amount of the annual general assessment applicable to the Unit in any twelve (12) month period.
- (b) In addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights the Association may have, if any Unit Owner does not comply with any reasonable requirement made by the Board pursuant to Section 5.10(a) above, the Association, upon fifteen (15) days' written notice (during which period the Unit Owner may perform the required act or work without further liability), may perform such required act or work at the Unit Owner's sole cost and expense. Such cost shall be a specific assessment and a lien against the Unit and shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments. The Association shall have all rights necessary to implement the requirements mandated by the Board pursuant to Section 5.10(a) above, including, but not limited to, a right of entry during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice to the Owner or Occupant of the Unit, except that access may be had at any time without notice in an emergency situation.

Article 6 Architectural Standards

- 6.1 General. No exterior construction, alteration or addition of any improvements of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, staking, clearing, excavating, grading, filling, construction of impervious surfaces, building, exterior alteration of existing improvements, installing storm and screen doors, storm windows, fencing, changing the exterior color of any existing improvement and planting and removing landscaping materials), shall be commenced or placed upon any part of the Community unless, installed by the Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant, approved in accordance with this Article, or otherwise expressly permitted under this Declaration. Any Owner may remodel, paint or redecorate the interior of a structure located on a Unit without approval hereunder. However, modifications and/or additions to the interior of porches, patios and similar portions of a structure visible from outside of the Unit shall be subject to approval. No approval shall be required to rebuild in accordance with originally approved plans and specifications or to repaint the exterior of a structure on a Unit in accordance with the originally approved color scheme. This Article shall not apply to the activities of the Declarant or affiliates of Declarant, nor to improvements to the Common Property made by or on behalf of the Association. This Article may not be amended without the written consent of the Declarant until: (a) the Declarant no longer owns any property in the Community and no longer has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community; and (b) each Unit has been improved with a dwelling for which a certificate of occupancy has been issued.
- 6.3 Guidelines and Procedures. Except as provided above or as specifically articulated in the Architectural Guidelines as defined in Section 6.3 hereof, no exterior construction, addition or alteration shall be made unless and until plans and specifications shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by the Declarant. Such plans and specifications shall be of sufficient detail to allow the Declarant to make its review and to the extent required by the Declarant shall show the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the proposed improvement. The Declarant shall be the sole arbiter of such plans and may withhold approval for any reason, including, without limitation, purely aesthetic considerations, and it shall be entitled to stop any construction in violation of such plans and specifications. If the Declarant fails to approve or disapprove submitted plans and specifications within forty-five (45) days after receipt of all required plans and specifications, such approval shall be deemed to have been given. If construction does not commence on a project for which plans have been approved within twelve (12) months of such approval, such approval shall be deemed withdrawn, and it shall be necessary for the Owner to resubmit the plans to the Declarant for reconsideration.

As a condition of approval under this Article, each Owner, on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement and insurance to and on any improvement, change, modification, addition or alteration. In the discretion of the Declarant, an Owner may be required to verify such condition of approval by a recordable written instrument acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest. The Declarant and its representatives and agents shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any

property in the Community to determine whether or not these restrictive covenants have been or are being complied with and such Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry; provided, however, nothing in this Section 6.2 shall authorize entry into a single family dwelling located on a Unit without the permission of the Owner thereof.

6.3 <u>Guidelines and Procedures</u>. The Declarant may adopt written architectural, landscaping and fencing guidelines and application and review procedures, which may provide for a review fee (collectively the "<u>Architectural Guidelines</u>"). The Declarant shall have the sole and full authority to prepare and to amend, from time to time at its sole discretion and without notice, the Architectural Guidelines. In the event Declarant modifies, expands or repeals all or any portion of the Architectural Guidelines, said new Architectural Guidelines shall be distributed to all Owners and Occupants prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and Occupants until and unless overruled, canceled or modified by a majority of the Total Association Vote and the Declarant. The Declarant shall make the Architectural Guidelines available to Owners and Occupants who seek to engage in construction upon all or any portion of the Community and such Owners and Occupants shall conduct their operations strictly in accordance therewith and with the provisions of this Article 6. The Declarant shall provide, without cost, a copy of the Architectural Guidelines then in effect to any requesting member or Mortgagee.

All Owners and Occupants of Units are hereby notified that the use of their Units is limited by the Architectural Guidelines as they may be amended, expanded, and otherwise modified hereunder. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or entering into a contract of sale, acknowledges and agrees that the use and enjoyment and marketability of his or her Unit can be affected, that the Architectural Guidelines may change from time to time, and that such changed Architectural Guidelines may or may not be set forth in an instrument recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

6.4 Limitation of Liability. Plans and specifications are not approved for engineering or structural design, quality of materials or for compliance with building codes, permitting requirements, zoning conditions or other applicable governmental laws, ordinances and regulations governing construction in the Community and by approving such plans and specifications the Declarant assumes no liability or responsibility therefor or for any defect in any structure or improvement constructed from such plans and specifications or for any violation of building codes, zoning conditions, permitting requirements or for any other violation of applicable governmental laws, ordinances and regulations governing construction in the Community. Neither Declarant, the Association, nor their respective officers, directors, members, employees and agents shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans and specifications for approval or to any Owner of property affected by these restrictions by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications. Every Person who submits plans and specifications and every Owner agrees that such Person or Owner will not bring any action or suit against Declarant, the Association or their respective officers, directors, members, employees, representatives and agents to recover any damages and hereby releases, remises, quitclaims and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands and causes of action arising

out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.

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

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

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

Article 7 Use Restrictions and Rules

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

All Owners and Occupants of Units are hereby notified that the use of their Units is limited by the rules and regulations adopted by the Board as they may be amended, expanded, and otherwise modified hereunder. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or entering into a contract of sale, acknowledges and agrees that the use and enjoyment and marketability of his or her Unit can be affected, that the rules and regulations may change from time to time, and that such changed rules and regulations may or may not be set forth in an instrument recorded in the Cobb County, Georgia land records.

7.2 Residential Use. Each Unit shall be used for residential purposes exclusively. Leasing of a Unit for residential occupancy shall not be considered a business or business activity. No trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Unit, except that the Owner or Occupant residing at the Unit may conduct business activities within the residential dwelling located on such Unit so long as the business activity: (a) does not otherwise violate the provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws or rules and regulations of the Association; (b) is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound or smell from the exterior of the Unit; (c) does not unduly increase traffic flow or parking congestion; (d) conforms to all zoning requirements for the Community; (e) does not increase the insurance premium paid by the Association or otherwise negatively affect the ability of the Association to obtain insurance coverage; (f) is consistent with the residential character of the Community; (g) does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use: (h) does not threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Community; and (i) does not involve door-to-door solicitation within the Community, all as may be determined in each case in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The Board may issue rules regarding permitted business activities. The terms "business" and "trade", as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally accepted meanings and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to Persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (x) the activity is engaged in full or part-time; (y) the activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (z) a license is required for the activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this Section 7.2 shall be construed as prohibiting the Declarant, or a builder approved by Declarant, from maintaining model homes, speculative housing, sales trailers or construction trailers in the Community.

7.3 Signs. No sign of any kind shall be erected or displayed within the Community without prior written approval under Article 6 hereof; provided, however, the following signs may be erected on any Unit without approval: (a) for-sale signs, for-rent signs and security signs not larger than 18-inches by 18-inches which are consistent with the Community-Wide Standard; (b) signs required by legal proceedings; and (c) such other signs as may be permitted under the Architectural Guidelines. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board, on behalf of the Association, or the Declarant shall have the right to install reasonable and appropriate signs in the Community which may include, without limitation, marketing and sales signs relating to the construction and sales of residential dwellings located Units. The Board of Directors shall have the right to adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing the display and placement of signs in the Community, including, without limitation, imposing reasonable time, place and manner restrictions. The Board or Declarant may impose a fine of One Hundred Fifty and No/100

Dollars (\$150.00) per day for the display of any sign which violates this provision and is not removed within twenty-four (24) hours after written demand is delivered to the Owner at that Unit. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any Mortgagee in possession due to foreclosure of a first Mortgage or as grantee pursuant to any deed in lieu of such foreclosure.

7.4 Vehicles; Parking.

- (a) <u>General</u>. Vehicles shall be parked only in appropriate parking spaces serving the Unit or other designated parking areas established by the Board, if any. The term "<u>vehicles</u>," as used herein, shall include, without limitation, motor homes, boats, trailers, motorcycles, minibikes, scooters, go carts, golf carts, trucks, campers, buses, vans and automobiles. The term "<u>parking areas serving a Unit</u>" shall refer to the number of garage parking spaces and if and only if the Owner or Occupants of a Unit have more vehicles than the number of garage parking spaces, those excess vehicles which are an Occupant's primary means of transportation on a regular basis may be parked on the driveway located on such Unit. All parking shall be subject to such other rules and regulations as the Board may adopt from time to time.
- (b) <u>Garages</u>. All homes shall contain a garage; carports shall not be permitted. Garage doors should be kept closed at all times, except during times of ingress and egress from the garage. Garages shall be used primarily for the parking of vehicles and not for storage or other purposes. Garages shall not be converted to additional living space except with written permission pursuant to Article 6 hereof.
- (c) Disabled and Stored Vehicles. No vehicle may be left upon any portion of the Community, except in an enclosed garage or other area designated by the Board, if any, for a period longer than five (5) days if it is not licensed or if it is in a condition such that it is incapable of being operated upon the public highways. After such five-day period, such vehicle may be removed from the Community by the Board of Directors or the appropriate authority of Cobb County. Any towed vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, recreational vehicle, motor home, trailer, motorcycle, minibike, scooter, go cart, golf cart, commercial truck, camper, bus or mobile home regularly stored in the Community or temporarily kept in the Community, except if kept in an enclosed garage, or such other area designated by the Board, if any, for periods longer than twenty-four (24) hours may be removed from the Community by the Board of Directors (the temporary removal of such vehicle to break the continuity of the twenty-four (24) hour period shall not be sufficient to establish compliance with this restriction). Trucks with mounted campers which are used as a primary means of transportation shall not be considered recreational vehicles provided they are used on a regular basis for transportation and the camper is stored out of public view upon removal. No eighteen wheel trucks or the cabs of such trucks or trucks with a load capacity in excess of three-quarters of a ton shall be parked, kept or stored within the Community except during the time reasonably necessary to provide service to or delivery within the Community.
- (d) <u>Commercial Vehicles</u>. The term "<u>commercial vehicles</u>" as used herein, shall include, without limitation, any vehicle which bears any indicia of commercial use, including, but not

limited to, writing, logos, advertising signs, ladders, ladder racks, vehicles displaying signage of a commercial or business nature or vehicles which are not primarily used for the transportation of passengers. Commercial vehicles shall not be permitted in the Community, except if kept in an enclosed garage; provided however, construction, service, and delivery vehicles shall be exempt from this provision for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to provide service or to make a delivery within the Community.

- (e) Remedies of Association for Noncompliance. If any vehicle is parked on any portion of the Common Property in violation of this Section or in violation of the Association's rules and regulations, the Board or agent of the Association may place a notice on the vehicle specifying the nature of the violation and stating that after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle may be towed. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the person or entity that will do the towing and the name and telephone number of a person to contact regarding the alleged violation. If twenty-four (24) hours after such notice is placed on the vehicle the violation continues or thereafter occurs again within twelve (12) months of such notice, the Board or agent of the Association may have the vehicle towed in accordance with the notice, without further notice to the Owner or user of the vehicle. If a vehicle is parked on the private Community streets or any portion of the streets which are a part of Orange Hill Place Condominium such that it is blocking another vehicle or access to a Unit, is obstructing the flow of traffic, is parked in a fire land or otherwise creates a hazardous condition, no notice shall be required and the vehicle may be towed immediately. If a vehicle is towed in accordance with this Section, the Declarant, the Association and their respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees or agents shall not be liable to any Person for any claim of damage as a result of the towing activity. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to tow.
- (f) <u>Declarant Exemption</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 7.4, the Declarant, and their respective agents, subcontractors and assigns and any builders approved by Declarant shall have the right, during regular business hours, to park vehicles on any and all streets within the Community as needed in order to facilitate the construction, development and build out of the Community.
- 7.5 Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept or permitted on any Unit, with the exception of dogs, cats or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number as determined by the Board from time to time. No pets shall be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. No dog runs, runners or exterior pens for household pets shall be erected or maintained on any Unit unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Dogs shall at all times when outside a dwelling on a Unit be kept on a leash or otherwise under the physical control of a responsible person. All Owners must control their pets at all times, whether or not such Owner is present, in a manner that will prevent any pet from: (a) making noise at objectionable sound levels for extended periods of time, whether continuously or intermittently; (b) endangering the health or safety of other Owners, their families, guests or invitees or creating fear in other Owners as to the safety of themselves, their families, guests or invitees; or (c) otherwise constituting a nuisance or

inconvenience to the Owner(s) or Occupant(s) of any other Unit; all of the foregoing as determined by the Association in its sole discretion.

All pets shall be registered, licensed and inoculated if and as required by law. Animal control authorities shall be permitted to enter the Community to patrol and remove unlicensed pets. Animal waste deposited in the Community must be removed by the owner of the animal or the person responsible for the animal. The Association may adopt reasonable rules and regulations designed to minimize damage and disturbance to other Owners and Occupants, including regulations requiring damage deposits, waste removal, leash controls, noise controls, and occupancy limits based on the size and facilities of the Unit. The Association may require that an Owner remove any animal that presents an actual threat to the health or safety of residents and require abatement of any nuisance or unreasonable source of annoyance. In the event that an Owner fails to remove an animal as provided herein, the Association shall have the right to institute legal action to have the animal removed and all costs associated therewith shall be a specific assessment against the Unit of such Owner.

7.6 Nuisance. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and Occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly or unkempt condition on a Unit. No property within the Community shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Unit to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing or material be kept that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No plants, animals, device or thing of any sort shall be maintained in the Community whose activities or existence is in any way noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Community by other Owners and Occupants. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no horns, whistles, bells, or other sound devices, except security devices used exclusively for security purposes, screaming, shouting, excessively loud talking, fighting, raucous behavior, insobriety, playing loud music or television, use of any alarm, equipment, or device, mechanical or otherwise which creates or produces excessively loud sounds or any vibrations, or any conduct which creates any noxious or offensive odors outside a home shall be permitted, located, used or placed on any Unit, or any portion thereof. The inconvenience complained of shall not be fanciful, or such as would affect only one of fastidious taste, but it shall be such as would affect an ordinary, reasonable person as determined in a particular instance by the Board. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, each Owner and Occupant acknowledges that the Declarant and it is agents, subcontractors, employees and assigns and any builder approved by Declarant may engage in construction activities in the Community and further agrees that such construction activities shall not be deemed a nuisance as provided herein.

7.7 <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken in any part of the Community.

- 7.8 Antennae. No exterior antenna, receiving dish or similar apparatus of any kind for receiving or transmitting audio or video signals shall be placed, allowed or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Unit, unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof; provided, however, no such approval shall be necessary to install the following on a Unit: (a) antennas designed to receive direct broadcast satellite services, including direct-to-home satellite services or antennae designed to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals via satellite, that are one meter or less in diameter; (b) antennas designed to receive video programming services via multi-point distribution services or antennae designed to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals other than via satellite that are one meter or less in diameter or diagonal measurement; or (c) antennas that are designed and intended to receive television broadcast signals. Owners shall install any permitted antennae on the rear of the dwelling located on a Unit unless such installation: (x) imposes unreasonable delay or prevents the use of the antennae; (y) unreasonably increases the cost of installation; or (z) an acceptable quality signal cannot otherwise be obtained.
- 7.9 <u>Firearms and Fireworks</u>. The display or discharge of firearms or fireworks within the Community is prohibited; provided, however, that the display of lawful firearms is permitted by law enforcement officers and also is permitted for the limited purpose of transporting firearms to or from a Unit. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, archery equipment and firearms of all types, regardless of size. The term "fireworks" shall include, but not be limited to, those items as listed in <u>O.C.G.A.</u> Section 25-10-1, as amended.
- 7.10 Fences. No fence or fencing type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed or maintained upon any Unit without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof or in compliance with applicable Architectural Guidelines. Guidelines detailing acceptable fence styles or specifications may be issued pursuant to Article 6, but in no event may a chain link or barbed wire fence be approved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant and the Association may erect any type of fence on the Common Property or elsewhere within the Community as they may deem appropriate or as necessary to satisfy the requirements of any law, regulation or governmental entity or for the health and safety of Owners and Occupants.
 - 7.11 Air-Conditioning Units. No window air conditioning units may be installed.
- 7.12 <u>Lighting</u>. Exterior lighting on any Unit visible from the street shall not be permitted, except for: (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Unit; (b) one decorative post light; (c) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for the Community; (d) seasonal decorative lights not to exceed a period of thirty (30) days from the date of installation; (e) front house illumination of model homes; or (f) other lighting approved under and pursuant to Article 6 hereof or as may be otherwise permitted under applicable Architectural Guidelines.
- 7.13 <u>Artificial Vegetation, Gardens, Play Equipment, Exterior Sculpture, Water Features, Flags and Similar Items</u>. No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any Unit.

No vegetable garden, hammock, statuary, play equipment (including, without limitation, basketball goals), exterior sculpture, fountains or water features may be erected on any Unit, without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof and/or in compliance with the Architectural Guidelines established thereunder.

- 7.14 Energy Conservation Equipment. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof or otherwise permitted under the Architectural Guidelines.
- 7.15 Storm and Screen Doors and Windows. Owners shall not add storm and screen doors and storm windows on any dwelling located on a Unit without prior approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof.
- 7.16 Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Etc. All garbage cans, recycling bins, woodpiles, swimming pool pumps, filters and related equipment, and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view from neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate. Trash, garbage, debris or other waste matter of any kind may not be burned within the Community. Trash and recycling receptacles shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before pick up and shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours. Trash, recycling and yard waste pick-up shall also be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may adopt from time to time.
- 7.17 Subdivision of Unit. No Unit shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to subdivide and/or revise and re-record the subdivision plat of any Unit(s) with the consent of the Owner of the effected Unit(s) and to approve the revision and re-recording of any plat of any Unit(s) owned by any builder or developer, including, but not limited to, changing any Unit to Common Property or creating a public or private street over any Unit or property that was formerly a Unit, without the consent of any Person, other than the Owner(s) of such Unit(s).
- 7.18 <u>Garage Sales</u>. No garage sale, carport sale, yard sale, flea market, or similar activity shall be conducted in any portion of the Community without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. If permitted, such activities shall be subject to all reasonable conditions that the Board may impose.
- 7.19 Window Treatments No foil or other reflective materials shall be used on any windows for sunscreens, blinds, shades or for any other purpose. The side of all window treatments, with the exception of stained wood blinds or shutters, which can be seen at any time from the outside of any structure located on a Unit shall be white, off-white or such other color(s) as may be permitted by the Architectural Guidelines. Bed sheets, blankets, towels, black plastic, paper and similar type items shall not be used as window treatments.

- 7.20 Heating of Units in Colder Months. In order to prevent the breakage of water pipes during colder months of the year resulting in damage to Units, increased common expenses, and increased insurance premiums or cancellation of insurance policies due to numerous damage claims, the thermostats within all Units shall be maintained with the heating operating and at a minimum of fifty (50°) degrees Fahrenheit when the temperature is forecasted to or does reach thirty two degrees (32°) degrees Fahrenheit or below. Owners shall take all steps possible on a timely basis to keep heating equipment, including, but not limited to, the thermostat, in good working order and repair. If the heating equipment is not working, the Owner shall: (a) immediately inform the Owners of the other Units of such equipment failure and of the time needed in order to repair the equipment; and (b) during such time shall take reasonable steps to keep the Unit heated sufficiently to prevent the breakage of water pipes.
- 7.21 <u>Drainage</u>. Catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, drainage easement areas and related drainage facilities are for the purpose of controlling the natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Owner may obstruct or alter the drainage flows after the location and installation of catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, drainage swales, storm sewers or storm drains without approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof.
- 7.22 Traffic Regulations. All vehicular traffic on any private streets or alleys in the Community shall be subject to the provisions of the state and local laws concerning the 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 Community. The Association shall be entitled to enforce the same by establishing such enforcement procedures as it deems appropriate, including levying and collecting fines for the violation thereof. In the event of a conflict between such provisions of state and local laws and such rules and regulations promulgated by the Association, the rules and regulations of the Association shall govern. Only drivers properly licensed to operate motor vehicles on the public roads within the State of Georgia may operate any type of motor vehicle within the Community. All vehicles of any kind and nature which are operated on the streets or alleys in the Community shall be operated in a careful, prudent, safe, and quiet manner and with due consideration for the rights of all Owners and Occupants.
- 7.23 Decks, Patios, Porches and Balconies. No laundry, garments, towels or objects other than potted plants, grills and patio furniture, shall be placed on a deck, patio, porch or balcony, except as may be authorized by the Board of Directors or permitted under the Architectural Guidelines. Objects shall not be permitted to hang over or be attached to any deck, patio, porch or balcony or to otherwise protrude outside of the vertical plane formed by the exterior surface of any deck, patio, porch or balcony located on or appurtenant to a Unit. No deck, patio or porch shall be enclosed without prior approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Declaration.
 - 7.24 Clotheslines. No exterior clotheslines of any type shall be permitted upon any Unit.

- 7.25 Impairment of Units and Easements. An Owner shall take no action that will impair the structural soundness of any Unit or dwelling or other improvement thereon, or any easement or other interest in real property, nor allow any condition to exist which will materially and/or adversely affect the Common Property, the other Units or their Owners or Occupants.
- 7.26 Abandoned Personal Property. Personal property, other than vehicles as provided for in Section 7.4 hereof, is prohibited from being stored, kept, or allowed to remain unattended upon any portion of the Common Property, without prior written Board permission. If the Board determines that a violation exists, then, not less than twenty-four (24) hours after written notice is placed on the personal property and/or on the front door of the property owner's Unit, if known, the Board may remove the personal property and either discard or store the personal property in a location which the Board may determine, and the Board shall have no obligation to return or replace such property or reimburse the owner of the property. The notice shall include the name and telephone number of the Person which will remove the property and the name and telephone number of an individual to contact regarding the alleged violation.

The Board, in its discretion, may determine that an emergency situation exists and may exercise its removal rights hereunder without prior notice to the property owner; provided, however, in such case, the Board shall give the property owner, if known, notice of the removal of the property and the location of the property within three (3) days after the property is removed.

The Association and any director, officer, employee or agent thereof shall not be liable to any Person for any claim of damage resulting from the removal of any personal property in accordance with the procedures set forth herein. The Board may elect to impose fines or use other available remedies, rather than exercise its authority to remove property hereunder.

- 7.27 Flags. Except for flags which may be installed by the Declarant or a builder with the consent of Declarant, no flags may be displayed on any Unit without prior written approval in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 hereof or as may be otherwise permitted in the Architectural Guidelines established thereunder; provided, however no such approval shall be required to display the flag of the United States of America and the current flag of the State of Georgia on a Unit in accordance with the provisions of the U.S. Flag Code (36 US Code 10) and usual and customary practice. The Board of Directors may promulgate reasonable rules and regulations with respect to the display of flags in the Community, including, without limitation, regulating the size of flags that may be displayed and imposing reasonable time, place and manner restrictions pertaining to the display of the United States flag; provided, however, the Association shall not enact any rule or regulation which has the effect of prohibiting any Owner from displaying the flag of the United States of America on a Unit in the Community in contravention of the Freedom to Display the American Flag Act of 2005.
- 7.28 <u>Yards</u>. Owners shall not add trees, shrubs, bushes, plants or other vegetation to the exterior portions of the Community maintained by the Association without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. Any landscaping improvements originally installed by an Owner on the Common Property which are not properly maintained, including, but not limited to,

damaged, diseased or dead plants, shrubs and trees may, at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, be removed from the Community. The costs associated with removing any damaged, diseased or dead plants, shrubs and trees originally installed by an Owner in the Community may be assessed against the Owner and the Unit as a specific assessment.

7.29 Storm Water Detention/Retention Ponds. Except as herein provided, the storm water retention/detention ponds within the Community shall be used for aesthetic amenities and storm water drainage only, no other use thereof, including, without limitation, boating, swimming, ice skating, playing, or use of personal flotation devices, and other recreation, shall be permitted, without the written consent of the Board of Directors. The Association, the Declarant and their respective representatives, agents, employees, officers or directors shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of the storm water detention/retention ponds or any other body of water located within the Community. No Owner shall have any right to place rocks, stones, trash, garbage, sewage, waste water, rubbish, debris, ashes or other refuse in the storm water detention/retention pond. Applicable governmental agencies, the Declarant and the Association, shall have the sole right to control the water level of all bodies of water located within the Community and to control the growth and eradication of plants, fowls, reptiles, animals, fish and fungi in and around any storm water retention pond within the Community. Owners shall not be permitted to withdraw water from any storm water detention/retention pond in the Community.

Article 8 Restrictions on Leasing

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

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

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

8.2 Leasing Permits. The Board of Directors shall approve an Owner's application for a leasing permit and shall issue the same if less than ten percent (10%) of the Units in the Community are leased. If ten percent (10%) or more of the Units in the Community are leased no additional leasing permits shall be issued, except for hardship leasing permits as provided below, until that number falls below ten percent (10%). Owners who have been denied a leasing permit shall be placed on a waiting list to be issued such a permit. When the number of leased Units falls below ten percent (10%), the Owner at the top of the waiting list shall be issued a leasing permit and shall have ninety (90) days to lease such Unit at which time if the Unit is not leased, the leasing permit shall be revoked and the Owner shall automatically be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the issuance of a hardship leasing permit to an Owner shall not cause such Owner to be removed from the waiting list for a leasing permit.

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

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

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

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

8.4 <u>Leasing Provisions</u>. Leasing authorized under this Article shall be governed by the following provisions:

- (a) Notice. Within ten (10) days after executing a lease agreement for the lease of a Unit, the Owner shall provide the Board of Directors with the following information: (i) a copy of the fully executed lease agreement; (ii) the name of the lessee and all other people occupying the Unit; (iii) the phone number of the lessee; (iv) the Owner's address and telephone number other than at the Unit; and (v) other such information as the Board may reasonably require.
- (b) General. Units may be leased only in their entirety; rooms, basements or fractions or portions of a Unit may not be leased without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors. All leases shall be in writing. There shall be no subleasing of Units or assignment of leases unless approved in writing by the Board of Directors. All leases must be for an initial term of at least one (1) year, except with written approval by the Board of Directors, which shall not be unreasonably withheld in cases of undue hardship. The Owner must provide the lessee with copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines of the Association and the lease shall provide that the Owner has made available to the lessee copies of the Declaration, Bylaws, and the Association's rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines.
- (c) Compliance; Liability for Assessments. If a Unit is leased or occupied in violation of this Article, then the Board of Directors shall be authorized, in addition to all other available remedies, to terminate the lease and occupancy, and to suspend all voting rights and the right to use and enjoy the Common Property of the Owner and any unauthorized tenants(s) or Occupant(s). Each Owner covenants and agrees that any lease of a Unit shall contain the following language and agrees that if such language is not expressly contained therein, then such language shall be incorporated into the lease by existence of this covenant, and the lessee, by occupancy of the Unit, agrees to the applicability of this covenant and incorporation of the following language into the lease:
- (i) Compliance with Declaration, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and Architectural Guidelines. Lessee shall abide by and comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, and rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines adopted pursuant thereto and shall control the conduct of all other Occupants and guests of the leased Unit in order to ensure such compliance. The Owner agrees to cause all Occupants of his or her Unit to comply with the Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines adopted pursuant thereto and is responsible for all violations caused by such Occupants, notwithstanding the fact that such Occupants of the Unit are fully liable and may be sanctioned for any violation of the Declaration, Bylaws and rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines adopted pursuant thereto.

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

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

- (ii) <u>Liability for Assessments</u>. If an Owner who is leasing his or her Unit fails to pay any general, special or specific assessment or any other charge owed to the Association for a period of more than thirty (30) days after it is due and payable, then the delinquent Owner hereby consents to the assignment of any rent received from the lessee during the period of delinquency, and, upon request by the Board of Directors, lessee shall pay to the Association all unpaid general, special and specific assessments and other charges payable during and prior to the term of the lease and any other period of occupancy by lessee. However, lessee need not make such payments to the Association in excess of, or prior to the due dates for, monthly rental payments unpaid at the time of the Board of Director's request. All such payments made by lessee shall reduce, by the same amount, lessee's obligation to make monthly rental payments to lessor. If lessee fails to comply with the Board of Director's request to pay assessments or other charges, lessee shall pay to the Association all amounts authorized under the Declaration as if lessee were an Owner. The above provision shall not be construed to release the Owner from any obligation, including the obligation for assessments, for which he or she would otherwise be responsible.
- (iii) <u>Right to Common Property</u>. The Owner transfers and assigns to the lessee, for the term of the lease, any and all rights and privileges that the Owner has to use the Common Property.
- 8.5 <u>Mortgagee Exemption</u>. The provisions of this Article shall not apply to any Mortgagee in possession of a Unit through foreclosure or otherwise as a result of the exercise of any rights arising out of a first priority Mortgage on a Unit.

Article 9 Insurance and Casualty Losses

9.1 <u>Insurance Obtained by Association</u>. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to and shall obtain insurance for all insurable improvements located on the Common Property or required to be maintained by the Association under Article 5 hereof, blanket insurance for all Units and insurance required pursuant to the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement; provided however, the Association's insurance shall not include the Unit Owner's or Occupant's personal property (which shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner(s) and or Occupant(s) of the Unit). This insurance shall cover loss or damage by fire or other hazards, including extended coverage, vandalism and malicious mischief and shall be in the amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. Alternatively, the Board may purchase "all risk" coverage in like amounts.

The Board of Directors shall obtain a public liability policy applicable to the Common Property covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the

negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents, and, if reasonably available, directors' and officers' liability insurance. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least One Million and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Policies may contain a reasonable deductible as determined by the Board of Directors.

Premiums for all insurance obtained by the Association shall be a common expense of the Association.

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

9.2 Insurance Obtained by Unit Owners. By virtue of taking title to a Unit subject to the terms of this Declaration each Owner acknowledges that the Association has no obligation to obtain and maintain insurance covering an Owner's and Occupant's personal property and that each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners to obtain and maintain the following: (a) a liability policy covering damage or injury occurring on a Unit; and (b) insurance covering an Owner's or Occupant's personal property. The policies required hereunder shall be in effect at all times.

9.3 Damage and Destruction.

- (a) In General. 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 of Directors shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this Section, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessary to comply with applicable building codes.
- (b) Repair and Construction. Any damage or destruction to property required to be covered by insurance written in the name of the Association shall be repaired or reconstructed unless, within sixty (60) days after the casualty, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote, the Declarant, and the Owners of any damaged Units 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 sixty (60) 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 of Directors shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Association's members, levy a special assessment against the Owners of Units who would be responsible for such loss in the absence of insurance or otherwise to the Owners of all Units. 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 to the benefit of the Association. In the event that it should be determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then and in that event the property shall be maintained as an undeveloped portion of the Community by the Association in a neat and attractive condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration.

9.4 Insurance Deductible. 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 would be responsible for such loss in the absence of insurance. The Owner(s) shall be responsible for the full amount of the deductible under the Association's policy to the extent the same is not covered under such Owner's individual insurance policy. If the loss affects more than one Unit or a Unit and the Common Property, the cost of the deductible may be apportioned and assessed equitably by the Board among the parties suffering loss in accordance with the total costs of repair, unless the insurance policy provides that the deductible will apply to each Unit separately. If an Owner fails to pay the deductible when required hereunder, the Association can pay the deductible and assess the cost to such Owner pursuant to Article 4 of this Declaration.

Article 10 Easements

- 10.1 General. Each Unit shall be subject to those easements, if any, shown or set forth on the recorded subdivision plat for the Community, as amended from time to time, as well as the easements now or hereafter established by the Declarant in this Declaration or by any other document recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia.
- 10.2 <u>Easements for Use and Enjoyment</u>. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment by the Owner and the Occupants of the Owner's Unit in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Unit, subject to the following:
- (a) the right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Property, or any portion thereof, or for constructing, repairing or improving any facilities located or to be located thereon and, upon the affirmative vote of the Owners of at least

two-thirds (2/3) of the Units (other than Declarant) and the consent of Declarant, to give as security for the payment of any such loan a Mortgage conveying all or any portion of the Common Property; provided, however, the lien and encumbrance of any such Mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant or any Owner or the holder of any Mortgage encumbering any Unit or other property located within the Community (regardless of any contrary provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association, the exercise of any rights by the holder of such Mortgage in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant or any Owner or the holder of any Mortgage encumbering any Unit or other property located within the Community);

- (b) the right of the Association, acting through the Board of Directors and without a vote of the members, to dedicate or grant licenses, permits, easements and rights-of-way over, under and through the Common Property;
- (c) the right of the Association to dedicate, convey or transfer all or any portion of the Common Property upon the approval of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Units (other than Declarant) and the consent of Declarant;
- (d) all other rights of the Association, the Declarant, Owners and Occupants set forth in this Declaration, in any Supplementary Declaration or in any deed conveying Common Property to the Association; and
- e) all encumbrances and other matters shown by the public records affecting title to the Common Property, including, without limitation, the Easement and Cost Sharing Agreement.
- 10.3 Easements for Encroachment and Overhang. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant for the benefit of each Unit a reciprocal appurtenant easement for encroachment and overhang between adjacent Units and between a Unit and adjacent Common Property due to the original construction or the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of this Declaration) to a distance of not more than two (2) feet, as measured from any point on such common boundary; provided, however, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful conduct on the part of an Owner, Occupant, or the Association, other than the Declarant in the original construction of the Units.
- 10.4 Easement for Utilities Association and Declarant. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and granted to the Association and any builder with the consent of Declarant a blanket easement upon, across, above and under all property within the Community for access, ingress, egress, installing, altering, replacing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving the Community or any portion thereof, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone and electricity, as well as storm drainage and any other service such as, but not limited to, a master television system, or security system which the Declarant or the Association might decide to have installed to serve the Community. Declarant, the Association or their designees

may install, repair, replace and maintain or authorize the installation, repair, replacement and maintenance of such wires, conduits, cables and other equipment related to the providing of any utility or service. The Board of Directors, without a vote of the Owners, shall have the right, power and authority to grant permits, licenses, utility easements, and other easements, permits or licenses necessary or desirable for the proper maintenance or operation of the Community under, through, or over the Units and/or the Common Property as may be reasonably necessary to or desirable for the ongoing operation of the Community.

10.5 Easement for Utilities – Unit Owner. Declarant hereby establishes for the benefit of each Unit a nonexclusive easement for access to and installation, maintenance, repair, replacement and use of all pipes, wires, cables, conduits, utility lines, flues and ducts serving such Unit and situated in, on or under any other Unit or the Common Property. In the event that any Owner desires access to another Unit to install, maintain, repair or replace any utility pipe, wire, cable, conduit, utility line, flue or duct, the Owner shall contact the Owner of such other Unit(s) at least two (2) days in advance of the date that access is needed and attempt to agree on a convenient date and time for access by the Owner and the Owner's contractors. Access in emergency situations shall be granted immediately upon request. Any Owner of a Unit to which access is needed under this Section shall not unreasonably withhold, condition or delay such access. Rights exercised pursuant to this easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of affected Units, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such Units and the property of the Owners and Occupants thereof, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole cost and expense.

10.6 Easement for Emergency Entry. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon any Unit for emergency, security and safety reasons and to inspect for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Declaration, the Bylaws, and rules and regulations and Architectural Guidelines, which right may be exercised by any member of the Board, the officers, agents, employees, and managers of the Association and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter upon any Unit to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire or other hazard in an emergency situation and in the event an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition within a reasonable time after requested by the Association, but shall not authorize entry into a residential dwelling located on a Unit without permission of the Owner thereof.

10.7 <u>Easement for Association Maintenance</u>. Declarant hereby grants to the Association a perpetual easement across all Units as may be reasonably necessary for the maintenance required hereunder. Such maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of Units, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property and damage shall be repaired by the Association or its contractors at their sole expense. Except in an emergency situation, entry to the interior of a residential dwelling located on a Unit shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner.

- 10.8 Easement for Unit Maintenance. Declarant hereby reserves for the benefit of each Unit reciprocal appurtenant easements between adjacent Units for the purpose of maintaining or repairing the improvements located on each Unit which easement shall extend to a distance of five (5) feet as measured from any point on the common boundary between the Units. The easement shall be used only for such period of time as is reasonably necessary in order to complete the maintenance or repair. The Owner exercising this easement right shall be liable for the prompt repair of any damage to the Unit over which this easement is exercised which arises out of such maintenance or repair work.
- 10.9 <u>Easement for Drainage</u>. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and granted to the Association a blanket easement across the Community for creating and maintaining satisfactory drainage in the Community; provided, however, such easement area shall not include any portion of a Unit within the outer perimeter of the dwelling structure. This easement shall include the right to construct and maintain catch basins, retention ponds, detention ponds, drainage swales, storm sewers, storm drains, sloping banks, cut or fill.
- 10.10 Easement During Construction and Sale Period. Notwithstanding any provisions now or hereafter contained in this Declaration, the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, use restrictions, rules and regulations, Architectural Guidelines, and amendments or revisions thereto, Declarant reserves an easement across the Community for it to maintain and carry on, upon such portion of the Community as it may reasonably deem necessary, such facilities and activities as in the sole opinion of Declarant may be required or convenient for Declarant's development, construction and sales activities related to property hereby and hereafter subjected to this Declaration or for the development, construction or benefit of any neighboring property, including, but not limited to: (a) the right to place or authorize the placement of marketing and directional signs on Units or right-of-way at street intersections within the Community; (b) the right of access, ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and construction activities over, under, on or in the Community, including, without limitation, any Unit; (c) the right to tie into any portion of the Community with streets, driveways, paths, parking areas and walkways; (d) the right to tie into and/or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain and repair any device which provides utility or similar services including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, cable television, natural gas, water, sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community; (e) the right to grant easements over, under, in or on the Community, including without limitation the Units, for the benefit of neighboring properties for the purpose of tying into and/or otherwise connecting and using sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community; (f) the right to convert Units (with the consent of the Owner thereof) to Common Property and/or streets; (g) the right to construct utilities and other improvements on Common Property; (h) the right to carry on sales and promotional activities in the Community; and (i) the right to construct and operate business offices, signs, construction trailers, model residences and sales offices. Declarant may use residences, offices or other buildings owned or leased by Declarant as model residences and sales offices. This Section shall not be amended without the Declarant's written consent until the Declarant's rights have terminated as provided in Section 11.5 hereof.

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

Article 11 General Provisions

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

Failure to comply with this Declaration, the Bylaws, use restrictions, the Architectural Guidelines or the rules and regulations shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief or both, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, maintainable by the Association, Declarant, or an aggrieved Owner. Failure by Declarant, the Association or any Owner to enforce any of the foregoing shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. Declarant and the Association shall have the right to record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions or Architectural Guidelines and to assess the cost of

recording and removing such notice against the Unit of the Owner who is responsible (or whose Occupants are responsible) for violating the foregoing.

- 11.2 <u>Duration</u>. The covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements contained in this Declaration shall run with and bind the Community and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by the Association, the Declarant and any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent provided by law; provided, however, if and to the extent that, Georgia law limits the period during which covenants restricting land to certain uses may run, any provisions of this Declaration affected thereby shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by such law, after which time, any such provision(s) shall be (a) automatically extended for successive periods of twenty (20) years (or the maximum period allowed by Georgia law, if less), unless a written instrument signed by the then Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Units has been recorded within the two years immediately preceding the beginning of a twenty (20) year renewal period agreeing to change such provisions, in whole or in part, or to terminate the same, in which case this Declaration shall be modified or terminated to the extent specified therein; or (b) extended, renewed, modified or terminated as otherwise provided herein or by applicable law.
- 11.3 Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions and Architectural Guidelines which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all Occupants and the guests and invitees of Owners and Occupants. The Owner shall be responsible for insuring that the Occupants, the guests, invitees and licensees of the Owner and Occupant strictly comply with all provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, rules and regulations, use restrictions and Architectural Guidelines. Fines may be levied against Owners or Occupants. If a fine is first levied against an Occupant and is not timely paid, the fine may then be levied against the Owner.
- 11.4 <u>Self-Help</u>. In addition to any other remedies provided for herein, the Association, the Declarant, the Board or their respective duly authorized agents shall have the power to enter upon any Unit or any other portion of the Community to abate or remove any structure, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, the Bylaws, the rules and regulations or the use restrictions. Unless an emergency situation exists, the violating Owner shall be given ten (10) days' written notice of the intent to exercise self-help. Notwithstanding the foregoing, vehicles may be towed after giving any notice required by law. All costs of self-help, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be assessed against the violating Owner as a specific assessment.
- 11.5 <u>Termination of Rights of Declarant</u>. The rights of Declarant to take, approve or consent to actions under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws shall cease and be of no further force and effect upon the earlier of: (a) the date that the Declarant no longer owns any property in the Community, no longer has the right to unilaterally annex additional property to the Community as provided herein and a certificate of occupancy has been issued for a dwelling on each Unit in the Community; or (b) the date of recording by Declarant in the real estate records of Cobb County, Georgia of a written instrument terminating all of Declarant's rights hereunder.

11.6 Amendment.

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

Further, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided, however, any such amendment shall not: (i) materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Owners to use and enjoy his or her Unit hereunder; (ii) adversely affect title to any Unit without the consent of the affected Owner; or (iii) adversely affect the rights of the holder of any security interest granted by Declarant encumbering any portion of the Community unless the holder thereof consents thereto in writing.

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

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

- 11.7 <u>Gender and Grammar</u>. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the use of the masculine or feminine pronoun shall include the neuter, masculine and feminine.
- 11.8 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of this Declaration to any Person or to any property shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of any provision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are declared to be severable.
- 11.9 <u>Captions</u>. The captions of each Article and Section hereof, as to the contents of each Article and Section, are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer.
- 11.10 No Merger. There shall be no merger of any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements created or reserved hereby with the fee estate of Declarant, by reason of the fact that Declarant may own or hold the estate or interest both encumbered and benefited by such covenants, conditions, restrictions or easements and no such merger shall occur unless and until Declarant, while owning all of the estate or interests, shall execute a written statement or instrument affecting such merger and shall duly record the same.
- 11.11 <u>Preparer.</u> This Declaration was prepared by Rachel E. Conrad, Dorough & Dorough, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 160 Clairemont Avenue, Suite 650, Decatur, Georgia 30030.
- 11.12 Notices. Except as otherwise provided herein or therein, notices provided for in this Declaration or the Articles or Bylaws shall be in writing, and shall be addressed to an Owner at the address of the Unit and to the Declarant or the Association at the address of their respective registered agent on file with the Secretary of State of Georgia. Any Owner may designate a different address for notices to such Owner by giving written notice to the Association. Owners shall keep the Association advised of their current address and phone numbers where they can be

reached. Notices addressed as above shall be mailed by First Class or Certified Mail, return receipt requested, postage paid, or delivered in person, including delivery by Federal Express or other reputable courier service. The time period in which a response to any such notice must be given or any action taken with respect thereto, shall commence to run from the date of personal delivery or the date of receipt shown on the return receipt. Rejection or other refusal to accept or the inability to deliver because of changed address of which no notice was given shall be deemed to be receipt of the notice sent.

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

if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case is warranted and would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community.

- 11.17 <u>Litigation</u>. No judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote and the consent Declarant. This Section shall not apply to: (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of this Declaration: (b) the imposition and collection of assessments as provided herein: (c) proceedings involving challenges to *ad valorem* taxation; (d) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it; or (e) actions brought by the Association against any contractor, vendor, or supplier of goods or services arising out of a contract for goods or services to which the Association is a party. This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is made unilaterally by the Declarant as provided herein or is approved by the percentage votes necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.
- 11.18 <u>No Discrimination</u>. No action shall be taken by the Declarant, the Association or the Board of Directors which would discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability.
- 11.19 Security. ALL OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, GUESTS, LICENSEES, AND INVITEES, AS APPLICABLE, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, IF ANY, DO NOT REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT ANY SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE COMMUNITY OR, IF IMPLEMENTED, THAT SUCH SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES MAY NOT BE COMPROMISED OR CIRCUMVENTED, OR THAT ANY SUCH SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES WILL IN ALL CASES PROVIDE THE DETECTION OR PROTECTION FOR WHICH THEY ARE DESIGNED. EACH OWNER, OCCUPANT, GUEST, LICENSEE, OR INVITEE, AS APPLICABLE, ACKNOWLEDGES AND UNDERSTANDS THAT DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, IF ANY, ARE NOT INSURERS OR PROVIDERS OF SAFETY OR SECURITY AND SHALL HAVE NO DUTY TO PROVIDE ANY SAFETY OR SECURITY ON THE COMMON PROPERTY OR OTHERWISE; AND THAT EACH OWNER, OCCUPANT, GUEST, LICENSEE, AND INVITEE ASSUMES ALL RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AND FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, IF ANY, HAVE MADE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, NOR HAS ANY OWNER. OCCUPANT, GUEST, LICENSEE, OR INVITEE RELIED UPON ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE RELATIVE TO ANY SAFETY OR SECURITY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED OR APPROVED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Declarant herein has caused this instrument to be executed under seal, this _27 day of _______, 2014.

DECLARANT:

W-A OH/HOLDINGS VII, L.L.C., a Delaware

limited frability company

By:

Print Name: Title: Matthew R. Gross

OFFICIAL SEAL
IRENE SUTHAROJANA
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:09/16/17

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Vice President

Signed, sealed, and delivered

in the presence of:

WITNESS melindam mitchel

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My Commission Expires: 9/16/17

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EXHIBIT "A" Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 993, 994 and 1005 of the 19th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the easterly right-of-way of Austell Road (having a variable right-of-way) and the southerly right-of-way of Anderson Mill Road (having a variable right-of-way; Thence along the southerly right-of-way of Anderson Mill Road South 81 degrees 17 minutes 11 seconds East for a distance of 51.22 feet to a point; Thence South 66 degrees 44 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 51.20 feet to a point; Thence South 80 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds East for a distance of 56.05 feet to a point, said point being the Point of Beginning; Thence continuing along said right-of-way North 04 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds East for a distance of 3.26 feet to a point; Thence South 80 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 144.07 feet to a point; Thence North 87 degrees 43 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 89.74 feet to a point; Thence South 84 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 342.08 feet to a point located at the mitered intersection of said southerly right of way of Anderson Mill Drive (having a variable right-of-way) and the westerly right of way of Chelou Drive (having a 50 foot right-of-way); Thence along said westerly right of way; South 42 degrees 22 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 29.53 feet to a point; Thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 236.27 feet to a point; Thence along a curve to the left, an arc distance of 76.99 feet, said curve having a radius of 4,198.67 feet and being subtended by a chord of 76.98 feet, at South 00 degrees 21 minutes 19 seconds East, to a point; Thence leaving said westerly right of way South 89 degrees 21 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 201.14 feet to a point; Thence South 04 degrees 34 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 24.93 feet to a point; Thence South 01 degrees 05 minutes 05 seconds East a distance of 75.14 feet to a point; Thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West a distance of 131.32 feet to a point; Thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 148.62 feet to a point; Thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes 05 seconds West a distance of 139.53 feet to a point; Thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 19 seconds East a distance of 23.23 feet to a point; Thence North 01 degrees 08 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 227.12 feet to a point; Thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 58 seconds West a distance of 61.71 feet to a point; South 88 degrees 28 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 416.82 feet to a point; Thence North 16 degrees 10 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 165.20 feet to a point; Thence South 86 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 48.30 feet to a point on the easterly right of way of Austell Road (having a variable right-of-way); Thence along said right-of-way North 30 degrees 05 minutes 14 seconds East for a distance of 26.35 feet to a point; Thence North 88 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 17.31 feet to a point; Thence North 30 degrees 17 minutes 02 seconds East for a distance of 46.09 feet to a point; Thence leaving said right-of-way Thence South 58 degrees 31 minutes 21 seconds East, a distance of 35.99 feet to a point; Thence South 38 degrees 41 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 64.67 feet to a point; Thence North 88 degrees 28 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 147.45 feet to a point; Thence North 04 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds East a distance of 175.98 feet to a point on the southerly right of way of Anderson Mill Road, said point being the Point of Beginning.

Said tract or parcel of land contains 6.75 acres.

Less and except: Blocks A, B and C.

Blocks A and B being further described as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 993 and 994 of the 19th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the easterly right-of-way of Austell Road (having a variable right-of-way) and the southerly right-of-way of Anderson Mill Road (having a variable right-of-way; Thence along the southerly right-of-way of Anderson Mill Road South 81 degrees 17 minutes 11 seconds East for a distance of 51.22 feet to a point; Thence South 66 degrees 44 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 51.20 feet to a point; Thence South 80 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds East for a distance of 56.05 feet to a point, Thence continuing along said right-of-way North 04 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds East for a distance of 3.26 feet to a point; Thence South 80 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 97.92 feet to a point at the intersection of said southerly right of way of Anderson Mill Road and the westerly right-of-way of Orange Grove Place (Private Drive) said point being the Point of Beginning; Thence leaving said southerly right of way and along said westerly side of Orange Grove Place (Private Drive) South 05 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 73.79 feet to a point; Thence along a curve to the left, an arc distance of 27.43 feet, said curve having a radius of 48.00 feet and being subtended by a chord of 27.06 feet, at South 11 degrees 09 minutes 47 seconds East, to a point; Thence South 27 degrees 32 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 22.13 feet to a point; Thence along a curve to the right, an arc distance of 15.73 feet, said curve having a radius of 12.00 feet and being subtended by a chord of 14.63 feet, at South 10 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds West, to a point; Thence leaving said Private Drive; South 42 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 40.00 feet to a point; Thence South 05 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 47.80 feet to a point; Thence South 84 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 163.24 feet to a point; Thence South 84 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 159.41 feet to a point on the westerly side of Orange Grove Place (Private Drive); Thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 19 seconds East a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on the easterly side of Orange Grove Place (Private Drive); Thence along said easterly side of Private Drive North 00 degrees 16 minutes 41 seconds West a distance of 48.74 feet to a point; Thence along a curve to the right, an arc distance of 103.25 feet, said curve having a radius of 70.00 feet and being subtended by a chord of 94.14 feet, at North 42 degrees 32 minutes 06 seconds West, to a point; Thence North 84 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 252.04 feet to a point; Thence along a curve to the right an arc distance of 11.00 feet, said curve having a radius of 7.00 feet and being subtended by a chord of 9.90 feet, at North 39 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds

West, to a point; Thence North 05 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East a distance of 85.39 feet to a point on said southerly right of way of Anderson Mill Road (having a variable right-of-way); Thence along said right-of-way South 87 degrees 43 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 31.27 feet to a point; Thence North 80 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 46.15 feet to a point, said point being the **Point of Beginning**.

Said tract or parcel of land contains 1.12 acres.

Block C being further described as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 994 of the 19th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point located at the northwesterly end of the mitered intersection of said southerly right of way of Anderson Mill Drive (having a variable right-of-way) and the westerly right of way of Chelou Drive (having a 50 foot right-of-way); Thence South 77 degrees 14 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 116.74 to a point, said point being the Point of Beginning; Thence North 84 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 164.00 feet to a point; Thence South 05 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 52.00 feet to a point; Thence South 84 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 164.00 feet to a point; Thence North 05 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 52.00 feet to a point; Thence North 05 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 52.00 feet to a point, said point being the Point of Beginning.

Said tract or parcel of land contains 0.20 acres.

Net Area = 5.43 acres

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

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 993, 994, 1005 and 1006 of the 19th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia.

EXHIBIT "C"

BYLAWS

OF

ORANGE HILL PLACE TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC.

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OF ORANGE HILL PLACE TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article 1 Name, Membership, Applicability and Definitions

- 1.1 Name. The name of the corporation shall be Orange Hill Place Townhome Association, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Association").
- 1.2 <u>Membership</u>. The Association shall have one class of membership, as is more fully set forth in that certain Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Orange Hill Place (such Declaration, as amended, supplemented, renewed, or extended from time to time, is hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "<u>Declaration</u>"), the terms of which pertaining to membership are specifically incorporated by reference herein.
- 1.3 <u>Definitions</u>. The words used in these Bylaws shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Declaration, unless the context shall prohibit, or the meanings given in the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, O.C.G.A. Section 14-3-101, *et seq.* (the "Nonprofit Code"). Statutory references shall be construed as meaning the referenced statute or portion thereof as the same may exist from time to time.

Article 2 Association: Meetings, Quorum, Voting, Proxies

- 2.1 Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the members as may be designated by the Board of Directors, either in the Community or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.
- 2.2 <u>Annual Meetings</u>. There shall be an annual meeting of the members at such date, place and time as the Board of Directors shall determine to receive the reports of the outgoing Board of Directors, to install directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.
- 2.3 Special Meetings. The President or the Board of Directors may call special meetings. In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting of the Association upon the delivery of a petition signed and dated by members entitled to cast at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the Total Association Vote and describing the purpose or purposes for which it is to be held. The notice of any special meeting shall state the date, time, and place of such meeting and the purpose(s) thereof. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting, except those matters that are within the purpose or purposes described in the notice.
- 2.4 Record Date. The Board of Directors shall fix in advance a record date for a determination of members entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting of members or any

adjournment thereof, or to make a determination of members for any other purpose, such date to be not more than seventy (70) days before the date on which the particular action requiring such determination of members is to be taken.

- 2.5 Notice of Meetings. It shall be the duty of the Secretary or such other agent as the Association may designate to mail or to cause to be delivered to each member (as shown in the records of the Association as of the record date) a written notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association stating the date, time and place where it is to be held and, if and to the extent required by the Nonprofit Code or other applicable law (the "Governing Law"), the purpose(s) thereof. Such notice shall be delivered personally or sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, statutory overnight delivery, or sent by electronic transmission in accordance with the Nonprofit Code to all members of record at the address shown in the Association's current records. If an Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than the Unit, the Owner shall designate by notice in writing to the Secretary such other address. Notices shall be mailed or delivered not less than ten (10) days in advance of any annual, regularly scheduled or special meeting (or if notice is mailed by other than first-class or registered mail, thirty (30) days) nor more than sixty (60) days before the meeting. If any meeting of the members is adjourned to a different date, time or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time or place, if the new date, time or place is announced at the meeting before adjournment. If, however, a new record date is or must be fixed under the Governing Law, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to persons who are members of record as of the new record date.
- 2.6 Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any member may, in writing or by electronic transmission signed by the member entitled to notice and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes for filing with the Association's records, waive notice of any meeting of the members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a member, whether in person or by proxy, shall be deemed waiver by such member of lack of notice or defective notice, unless such member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order.
- 2.7 Adjournment of Meetings. If any meeting of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days from the time the original meeting was called. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.
- 2.8 <u>Membership List</u>. After the record date for any meeting is established by the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names and addresses of all of the members who are entitled to notice of the meeting. Beginning at least two (2) business days after notice is given of the meeting for which the list was prepared, the list of members shall be available for inspection by any member or a member's agent or attorney: (1) on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that the information required to gain access to such list is included with the notice of the meeting or upon request; or (2) during ordinary business hours at

the Association's principal office or at such other reasonable place as may be specified in the notice in the city where the meeting will be held. In the event that the Association makes the list available on an electronic network, the Association may take reasonable steps to ensure that such information is available only to members of the Association. In addition, the list shall be available for inspection at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

- 2.9 <u>Voting</u>. The voting rights of the members shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration, and such voting rights are specifically incorporated herein.
- 2.10 Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxy appointment forms shall be in writing, signed either personally or by an electronic transmission, dated, and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. An electronic transmission must contain or be accompanied by information from which it can be determined that the member, the member's agent, or the member's attorney-in-fact authorized the electronic transmission. Proxies may be delivered to the Board of Directors by personal delivery, U.S. mail or electronic transmission to the Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon: (a) receipt of notice by the Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes of written revocation signed by the member; (c) receipt by the Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes of a subsequent appointment form signed by the member; (d) attendance by the member and voting in person at any meeting; or (e) the expiration of eleven (11) months from the date of the proxy appointment form.
- 2.11 Quorum. The presence, in person or by proxy, of members entitled to cast at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Association. The members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.
- 2.12 Action Without A Formal Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be approved by the members may be approved without a meeting if one (1) or more consents, in writing or by electronic transmission, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed, either personally or by an electronic transmission, and dated by members (including the Declarant, if the consent of the Declarant is required) holding the voting power required to pass such action at a meeting held on the record date for such action. The record date for such action shall be the date that the first member signs a consent. Such action shall be approved when the Secretary receives a sufficient number of such consents dated within seventy (70) days of the record date for such action. If less than unanimous consent is obtained, the approval shall be effective ten (10) days after the Secretary gives written notice of the approval to all members who did not sign a consent. Each consent in writing or by electronic transmission shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the permanent records of the Association. No consent in writing or by electronic transmission shall be valid unless: (1) the consenting member has been furnished the same material that, pursuant to the Nonprofit Code, would have been required to be sent to members in a notice of a meeting at which the proposed action would have been submitted to the

members for action; or (2) the written consent contains an express waiver of the right to receive the material otherwise required to be furnished.

2.13 Action By Written Ballot. Any action that may be taken at any annual, regular or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if approved by ballot in writing or by electronic transmission as provided herein. The Association shall deliver a ballot in writing or by electronic transmission to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The ballot in writing or by electronic transmission shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. All solicitations for votes by ballot in writing or electronic transmission shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Association in order to be counted. A timely ballot in writing or by electronic transmission received by the Association may not be revoked. Approval by ballot in writing or by electronic transmission of an action shall only be valid when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting held to authorize such action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. The results of each action by ballot shall be certified by the Secretary and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the permanent records of the Association.

Article 3 Board of Directors: Number, Powers, Meetings

- 3.1 Governing Body; Composition. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. Directors shall be natural persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. Except for directors appointed by the Declarant, each director must reside in the Community and be a member or the spouse of a member; provided, however, no Person may serve on the Board at the same time with such Person's spouse or any co-Owner or Occupant of such Person's Unit.
- 3.2 <u>Directors Appointed by Declarant</u>. The Declarant shall have the right to appoint or remove any member or members of the Board of Directors or any officer or officers of the Association until such time as the first of the following events shall occur: (a) the expiration of ten (10) years after the date of the recording of the Declaration; (b) the date on which all of the Units planned by Declarant to be a part of the Community have been improved with a dwelling and conveyed to an Owner for occupancy as a residence; or (c) the surrender by Declarant in writing of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. The directors appointed by the Declarant need not be Owners or residents in the Community.

The total number of Units planned by Declarant for the Community shall initially be the number of Units shown on the Declarant's land use plan for the development, as it may be amended from time to time. Inclusion of property on the land use plan shall not obligate the Declarant to subject such property to the Declaration, nor shall exclusion of property from the initial land use plan bar Declarant from subjecting such property to the Declaration. The final

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- 3.9 <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by the Board, provided that, after the right of Declarant to appoint the directors terminates, at least four such meetings shall be held during each fiscal year with at least one per quarter. Notice of the regular schedule shall constitute sufficient notice of such meetings.
- 3.10 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when requested by the President, Vice President or by any two (2) directors. The notice shall specify the date, time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery (including commercial delivery service) to such director's home or office; (b) written notice by first class mail, postage prepaid; (c) by telephone communication (including facsimile), either directly to the director or to the director's home or office; or (d) issued electronically in accordance with the Nonprofit Code, if the director has consented in writing to such method of delivery and has provided the Board with an address regarding the same. All such notices shall be given or sent to the director's address or telephone number as shown on the records of the Association. Notices sent by first class mail shall be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service at least four (4) days before the day of the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, electronic transmission or telephone shall be given at least two (2) days before the day of the meeting.
- 3.11 Waiver of Notice. The business transacted at any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes either in writing or by electronic transmission which is included in the minutes or filed with the official records of the Association. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.
- 3.12 <u>Quorum of Board of Directors</u>. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board of Directors.
- 3.13 Compensation. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such.
- 3.14 Open Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be open to all members, but members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by the Board.
- 3.15 Executive Session. The Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

- 3.16 Action Without A Formal Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if one or more consents, in writing or by electronic transmission, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by a majority of the directors and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes for filing in the corporate records. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form.
- 3.17 <u>Telephonic Participation</u>. One or more directors may participate in and vote during any meeting of the Board by telephone conference call or any other means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. Any such meeting at which a quorum participates shall constitute a meeting of the Board.
- 3.18 <u>Powers</u>. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as are not by law, the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation of the Association, or these Bylaws directed to be done and exercised by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these Bylaws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board of Directors shall have the power to and be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:
- (a) preparing and adopting an annual budget in which there shall be established the contribution of each member to the common expenses;
- (b) making assessments to defray the common expenses and establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all areas which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;
 - (f) making and amending rules and regulations;
- (g) opening bank accounts on behalf of the Association and designating the signatories required;
- (h) enforcing by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Bylaws, and the rules and regulations adopted by it, and bringing any proceedings which may be instituted on behalf of or against the members concerning the Association, which enforcement power shall

include, without limitation, the power to levy and collect fines as provided herein and in the Declaration in such amounts as from time to time the Board may deem proper in the circumstances, counting each day a violation continues after notice from the Board as a separate violation:

- (i) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;
- (j) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association and the actions thereof, and specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred; and
 - (k) authorizing contracts on behalf of the Association.
- 3.19 Management Agent. The Board of Directors may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board of Directors to perform such duties and services as the Board of Directors shall authorize. The Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant may be employed as managing agent or manager. The term of any management agreement shall not exceed two years and shall be subject to termination by either party, without cause and without penalty, upon forty-five (45) days' written notice.
- 3.20 <u>Borrowing</u>. The Board of Directors shall have the power to borrow money without the approval of the members of the Association; provided, however, except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner as for special assessments, in the event that the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed ten percent (10%) of the annual budget of the Association.
- 3.21 <u>Fining Procedure</u>. A fine shall not be imposed (a late charge shall not constitute a fine) unless and until the following procedure is followed:
- (a) Written notice shall be delivered to the member at the Unit by first-class or certified mail sent to the address of the member shown on the Association's records, specifying:
 - (1) the nature of the violation, the fine to be imposed and the date, not less than ten (10) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty-four (24) hours, from the date of the notice, that the fine will take effect;
 - (2) that the violator may, within ten (10) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty-four (24) hours, from the date of the notice, request a hearing before the Board regarding the fine imposed;
 - (3) the name, address and telephone number of a person to contact to request a hearing;

- (4) that any statements, evidence, and witnesses may be produced at the hearing; and
- (5) all rights to have the fine reconsidered are waived if a hearing is not requested within ten (10) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty-four (24) hours, of the date of the notice.
- (b) If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Board in executive session, and the 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. No fine shall be imposed prior to the date that is five (5) days or, in the event of an unapproved sign, twenty-four (24) hours, after the date of the hearing, as applicable.
- (c) 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 violation recurs, the Board may, upon notice stating the nature of the violation and delivered to the member by first class or certified mail sent to the address of the member shown on the Association's records, impose a fine

Article 4 Officers

- 4.1 Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any two or more offices may be held by the same Person, excepting the offices of President and Secretary. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors. This Section shall not apply to officers appointed by the Declarant.
- 4.2 <u>Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies</u>. Except during the period in which the Declarant has the right to appoint the officers of the Association, the officers of the Association shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the election of directors. A vacancy in any office arising because of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.
- 4.3 Additional Officers and Agents. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers, including vice presidents, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and agents as it shall deem necessary. Such officers and agents shall hold their respective offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.
 - 4.4 Salaries. The officers shall receive no compensation.
- 4.5 <u>Removal</u>. Except for officers appointed by the Declarant, any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors.

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or resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee or with the rules adopted by the Board of Directors. An advisory committee shall not be authorized to exercise any authority of the Board under the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Nonprofit Code.

Article 6 Miscellaneous

- 6.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board.
- 6.2 <u>Parliamentary Rules</u>. Roberts 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 or these Bylaws.
- 6.3 <u>Conflicts</u>. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of Georgia law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration and these Bylaws, the provisions of Georgia law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws (in that order) shall prevail.
- 6.4 Amendment. These Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors, with the consent of the Declarant, if such amendment is necessary to: (a) bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, or regulation or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (b) enable any title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Units subject to the Declaration; (c) enable an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, without limitation, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Units subject to the Declaration; (d) enable any governmental agency or private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Units subject to the Declaration; or (e) comply with the provisions of the Georgia Property Owners' Association Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-3-220 et seq. Further, Declarant may unilaterally amend these Bylaws for any other purpose; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Owner to use and enjoy such Owner's Unit without the consent of the affected Owner. In addition, these Bylaws may be amended upon the affirmative vote, written consent or any combination of affirmative vote or written consent, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Association Vote and the consent of Declarant.
- 6.5 <u>Electronic Records, Signatures and Documents</u> To the extent permitted by Georgia law, the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Association and its members, officers, directors, Owners and Occupants may perform any obligation or exercise any right by use of any technological means providing sufficient security, reliability, identification and verifiability, which technological means have been approved by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

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