# DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

FOR

**QUAIL RUN SUBDIVISION** 

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#### DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

#### FOR

#### **QUAIL RUN SUBDIVISION**

THIS DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR QUAIL RUN SUBDIVISION (the "Declaration") is made as of the date set forth on the signature page hereof by QUAIL RUN, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Declarant").

Declarant is the owner of certain real property located in Chambers County, Alabama, and more particularly described on <u>Exhibit "A"</u>, which is attached and incorporated by reference. This Declaration imposes upon the Community mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of the owners of each portion of the Community and establishes a flexible and reasonable procedure for the overall development, administration, maintenance and preservation of the Community. In furtherance of such plan, this Declaration provides for the creation of Quail Run Homeowners Association, Inc. to own, operate and maintain Common Areas and to administer and enforce the provisions of this Declaration, the By-Laws, and the Design Guidelines (capitalized terms are defined in Article 1 below).

Declarant hereby declares that all of the property described on <u>Exhibit "A"</u> and any Additional Property subjected to this Declaration by Supplemental Declaration shall be held, sold, used and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions which shall run with the title to the real property subjected to this Declaration. This Declaration shall be binding upon all parties having any right, title, or interest in any portion of the Community, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner of any portion of the Community.

## ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

The terms in this Declaration and in the exhibits to this Declaration shall generally be given their natural, commonly accepted definitions except as otherwise specified. Capitalized terms shall be defined as set forth below.

1.1 "<u>Additional Property</u>": Any and all real property that is annexed or otherwise added to the Community pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.

1.2 "<u>ARB</u>": The Architectural Review Board, as described in <u>Section 9.2</u>.

1.3 "<u>Area of Common Responsibility</u>": The Common Area, together with any additional areas for which the Association has or assumes responsibility pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, any Cost Sharing Agreement, or other applicable covenant, contract, or agreement.

1.4 "<u>Articles of Incorporation" or "Articles</u>": The Articles of Incorporation of Quail Run Homeowners' Association, Inc. as filed with the Office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery County, Alabama, as they may be amended.

1.5 "<u>Association</u>": Quail Run Homeowners' Association, Inc., an Alabama nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns.

1.6 "<u>Board of Directors</u>" or "<u>Board</u>": The body responsible for administration of the Association, selected as provided in the Articles and the By-Laws, and serving as the board of directors under Alabama corporate law.

1.7 "<u>Builder</u>": Any Person who purchases one (1) or more Lots for the purpose of constructing improvements thereon for later sale to consumers or who purchases one (1) or more parcels of land within the Community for further subdivision, development, and/or resale in the ordinary course of such Person's business. Any Person occupying or leasing a Lot for residential purposes shall cease to be considered a Builder with respect to such Lot immediately upon occupancy of the Lot for residential purposes, notwithstanding that such Person originally purchased the Lot for the purpose of constructing improvements for later sale to consumers.

1.8 "<u>By-Laws</u>": The By-Laws of Quail Run Homeowner's Association, Inc., as they may be amended from time to time.

1.9 "<u>Common Area</u>": All real and personal property, including easements and licenses, which the Association owns, leases or holds possessory or use rights in for the common use, benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners, including without limitation any and all sidewalks, walking trails, clubhouses, pavilions, playgrounds, social and recreational facilities, swimming pools, tennis courts, and all landscaped easement areas shown on the subdivision Plat, and any and all other property now or hereafter deeded to the Association. The Common Area shall also include, without limitation, certain property owned by the Improvement District, the maintenance of which the Association has assumed or will assume responsibility as more fully set forth in <u>Section 14.12</u> below.

1.10 "<u>Common Expenses</u>": The actual and estimated expenses incurred, or anticipated to be incurred, by the Association for the general benefit of all Owners, including any reasonable reserve, as the Board may find necessary and appropriate pursuant to the Governing Documents. Common Expenses shall include, among other things, the cost to operate and maintain certain property owned by the Improvement District benefiting the Owners.

1.11 "<u>Community</u>": The real property described on <u>Exhibit "A"</u> as such exhibit may be amended or supplemented from time to time to reflect any additions or removal of property in accordance with <u>Article 7</u>.

1.12 "<u>Community-Wide Standard</u>": The standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing throughout the Community. Such standard shall initially be established by the Declarant and may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors and the ARB.

1.13 "<u>Cost Sharing Agreement</u>": Any agreement, contract or covenant between the Association and an owner or operator of property adjacent to, in the vicinity of, or within the Community for the allocation of expenses for amenities and/or services that benefit both the Association and the owner or operator of such property, it being understood that the Declarant shall not be obligated to enter into any such agreements.

1.14 "<u>Days</u>": Calendar days; provided however, if the time period by which any action required hereunder must be performed expires on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then such time period shall be automatically extended to the close of business on the next regular business day.

1.15 "<u>Declarant</u>": Quail Run, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, or any successor, successor-in-title, or assign who holds or takes title to any portion of the property described on <u>Exhibit</u> "<u>A</u>" for the purpose of development and/or sale and who is designated as the Declarant in a recorded

instrument executed by the immediately preceding Declarant; provided however, there shall be only one (1) Person entitled to exercise the rights and powers of the "Declarant" hereunder at any time.

1.16 "<u>Design Guidelines</u>": The design, architectural and construction guidelines and application and review procedures applicable to all or any portion of the Community promulgated and administered pursuant to <u>Article 9</u>.

1.17 "<u>Detention Facility</u>": Any area within the Community serving as a detention structure or facility, including but not limited to berms, swales or any facility designated as a "detention pond" or a "proposed detention facility" on the recorded Plat of all or any portion of the Community.

1.18 "<u>Development Period</u>": The period of time beginning on the date of recording of this Declaration and ending on the date which is ten (10) years after the date of recording this Declaration. The Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to, unilaterally relinquish its rights under this Declaration and terminate the Development Period by recording a written instrument in the Public Records.

1.19 "<u>General Assessment</u>": Assessments levied on all Lots subject to assessment under <u>Article 8</u> to fund Common Expenses for the general benefit of all Lots, as more particularly described in <u>Sections 8.1</u> and <u>8.2</u>.

1.20 "<u>Governing Documents</u>": The Declaration, By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, all Supplemental Declarations, all Design Guidelines, the rules of the Association, all Cost Sharing Agreements, and all additional covenants governing any portion of the Community or any of the above, as each may be supplemented and amended from time to time.

1.21 "<u>Improvement Distric</u>t": The Improvement District of Chambers County – Quail Run/Quail Hollow Projects formed in Chambers County, Alabama pursuant to Chapter 99A of Title 11 of the Code of Alabama (1975).

1.22 "<u>Lot</u>": A portion of the Community, whether improved or unimproved, which may be independently owned and conveyed and which is intended for development, use, and occupancy as an attached or detached residence for a single family. The term shall refer to the land, if any, which is part of the Lot as well as any improvements thereon. The term shall include within its meaning, by way of illustration but not limitation, cluster homes, zero lot line homes, and single-family detached houses on separately platted lots, as well as vacant land intended for development as such, but shall not include property owned by the Association, or property dedicated to the public.

In the case of an unplatted parcel of land, the parcel shall be deemed to be a single Lot until such time as a subdivision plat or is filed with respect to all or a portion of the parcel. Thereafter, the portion encompassed by such plat shall contain the number of Lots determined as set forth in the preceding paragraph and any portion not encompassed by such plat shall continue to be treated in accordance with this Section.

1.23 "<u>Majority</u>": Those votes, Owners, Members, or other group, as the context may indicate, totaling more than fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible number.

1.24 "<u>Member</u>": A Person subject to membership in the Association pursuant to <u>Section 3.2</u>.

1.25 "<u>Mortgage</u>": A mortgage, a deed of trust, a deed to secure debt, or any other form of security instrument affecting title to any Lot.

1.26 "<u>Mortgagee</u>": A beneficiary or holder of a Mortgage.

1.27 "<u>Owner</u>": One (1) or more Persons who hold the record title to any Lot, including the Declarant and any Builders, but excluding in all cases any party holding an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. If a Lot is sold under a recorded contract of sale, and the contract specifically so provides, the purchaser (rather than the fee owner) will be considered the Owner. If a Lot is owned by more than one (1) Person, all such Persons shall be jointly and severally obligated to perform the responsibilities of such Owner.

1.28 "<u>Person</u>": A natural person, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company, a fiduciary acting on behalf of another person or any other legal entity.

1.29 "<u>Plat</u>": That certain subdivision plat of Quail Run subdivision recorded in Map Book 2008, Page 4731 in the Public Records, as such may be amended from time to time.

1.30 "<u>Public Records</u>": The Office of the Judge of Probate of Chambers County, Alabama, or such other place which is designated as the official location for recording of deeds and similar documents affecting title to real property.

1.31 "Special Assessment": Assessments levied in accordance with Section 8.4.

1.32 "Specific Assessment": Assessments levied in accordance with Section 8.5.

1.33 "<u>Supplemental Declaration</u>": An instrument filed in the Public Records which subjects Additional Property to this Declaration, and/or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described in such instrument.

### ARTICLE 2: PROPERTY RIGHTS

2.1 <u>Common Area</u>: Every Owner shall have a right and nonexclusive easement of use, access, and enjoyment in and to the Common Area, which is appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot, subject to:

(a) This Declaration and all other Governing Documents;

(b) Any restrictions or limitations contained in any deed conveying such property to the Association;

(c) The right of the Board to adopt, amend and repeal rules regulating the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, including rules limiting the number of guests who may use the Common Area;

(d) The right of the Association to rent, lease or reserve any portion of the Common Area to any Owner for the exclusive use of such Owner and his or her respective lessees, invitees, and guests upon such conditions as may be established by the Board;

(e) The right of the Board to suspend the right of an Owner to use any recreational and social facilities within the Common Area pursuant to <u>Section 4.3</u>;

(f) The right of the Board to impose reasonable requirements and charge reasonable admission or other use fees for the use of any facility situated upon the Common Area;

(g) The right of the Board to permit use of any facilities situated on the Common Area by persons other than Owners, their families, lessees and guests upon payment of reasonable use fees, if any, established by the Board;

(h) The right of the Association, acting through the Board, to mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred;

(i) The right of the Association, acting through the Board, to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Area, subject to any approval requirements set forth in the Governing Documents; and

(j) The right of the Declarant to conduct activities and establish facilities within the Community as provided in <u>Article 13</u>.

Any Owner may extend his or her right of use and enjoyment to the members of his or her family, lessees, and social invitees, as applicable, subject to reasonable regulation by the Board. An Owner who leases his or her Lot shall be deemed to have assigned all such rights to the lessee of such Lot; provided however, the Owner shall remain responsible for payment of all assessments and other charges.

2.2 <u>No Partition</u>. Except as permitted in this Declaration, there shall be no judicial partition of the Common Area. No Person shall seek any judicial partition unless the portion of the Common Area which is the subject of such partition action has been removed from the provisions of this Declaration. This Section shall not prohibit the Board from acquiring and disposing of other real property which may or may not be subject to this Declaration.

2.3 <u>Condemnation</u>. The Association shall be the sole representative with respect to condemnation proceedings concerning Common Area and shall act as attorney-in-fact for all Owners in such matters. Whenever any part of the Common Area shall be taken by or conveyed under threat of condemnation to any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner shall be entitled to written notice of such taking or conveyance. The Board may convey Common Area under threat of condemnation only if approved by Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and, during the Development Period, the written consent of the Declarant. The award made for such taking or proceeds of such conveyance shall be payable to the Association.

If the taking or conveyance involves a portion of the Common Area on which improvements have been constructed, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements on the remaining land included in the Common Area to the extent available, unless within sixty (60) Days after such taking Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" vote of the Association and, during the Development Period, the Declarant shall otherwise agree in writing. Any such construction shall be in accordance with plans approved by the Board and the ARB. The provisions of <u>Section 6.1(c)</u> regarding funds for the repair of damage or destruction shall apply.

If the taking or conveyance does not involve any improvements on the Common Area, or if a decision is made not to repair or restore, or if net funds remain after any such restoration or replacement is complete, then such award or net funds may be used by the Association for such purposes as the Board shall determine.

2.4 <u>View Impairment</u>. Neither the Declarant nor the Association guarantees or represents that any view from Lots over and across the Common Area will be preserved without impairment. The Association shall have no obligation to prune or thin trees or other landscaping, and shall have the right,

in its sole discretion, to add trees and other landscaping or to install improvements or barriers (both natural and artificial) to the Common Area from time to time. Any such additions or changes may diminish or obstruct any view from the Lots and any express or implied easements for view purposes or for the passage of light and air are hereby expressly disclaimed. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed, acknowledges that any view of a Common Area which the Lot may enjoy as of the date of the purchase of the Lot may be impaired or obstructed by the natural growth of existing landscaping, the installation of additional trees, other landscaping or other types of improvements or barriers (both natural and artificial) on the Common Area.

## ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

3.1 <u>Membership</u>. Every Owner shall be a Member of the Association. There shall be only one (1) membership per Lot. If a Lot is owned by more than one (1) Person, all co-Owners shall share the privileges of such membership, subject to reasonable Board regulation and the restrictions on voting set forth in <u>Section 3.2(c)</u> and in the By-Laws. The membership rights of an Owner which is not a natural person may be exercised by any officer, director, member, manager, partner or trustee of such Owner, or by any individual designated from time to time by the Owner in a written instrument provided to the secretary of the Association.

3.2 <u>Voting</u>. The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B."

(a) <u>Class "A</u>". Class "A" Members shall be all Owners except the Class "B" Member, if any. Each Class "A" Member shall have one (1) equal vote for each Lot in which he or she holds the interest required for membership under <u>Section 3.1</u>; provided however, there shall be only one (1) vote per Lot and no vote shall be exercised for any property which is exempt from assessment under <u>Section 8.9</u>. All Class "A" votes shall be cast as provided in <u>Section 3.2(c)</u> below.

(b) <u>Class "B</u>". The sole Class "B" Member shall be the Declarant. The rights of the Class "B" Member, including the right to approve, or withhold approval of, actions proposed under this Declaration, the By-Laws and the Articles, are specified in the relevant sections of this Declaration, the By-Laws and the Articles. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Class "B" Member may appoint all of the members of the Board of Directors until the first to occur of the following:

(i) when one hundred percent (100%) of the total number of Lots permitted by the Plat (including any amendments thereto) have been conveyed to Persons other than Declarant; or

(ii) when, in its discretion, the Class "B" Member so determines and voluntarily relinquishes such right.

At such time, the Class "B" membership shall terminate, and the Declarant shall be a Class "A" Member entitled to Class "A" votes for each Lot which it owns. After termination of the Class "B" membership, the Declarant shall nevertheless have a right to disapprove actions of the Board, the ARB, and committees as provided in the Declaration.

(c) <u>Exercise of Voting Rights</u>. If there is more than one (1) Owner of a Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as the co-Owners determine among themselves and advise the secretary of the Association in writing prior to the vote being taken. Absent such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended if more than one (1) Person seeks to exercise it.

### ARTICLE 4: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.1 <u>Function of Association</u>. The Association shall be the entity responsible for management, maintenance, operation and control of the Area of Common Responsibility and all improvements thereon. The Association shall be the primary entity responsible for enforcement of this Declaration and such reasonable rules regulating use of the Community as the Board may adopt pursuant to <u>Article 10</u>. The Association shall also be responsible for administering and enforcing the architectural standards and controls set forth in this Declaration and in the Design Guidelines. The Association shall perform its functions in accordance with the Governing Documents and the laws of the State of Alabama.

4.2 <u>Personal Property and Real Property for Common Use</u>. The Association may acquire, hold, and dispose of tangible and intangible personal property and real property. The Declarant and its designees, with the Declarant's prior written consent, may convey to the Association improved or unimproved real estate, or interests in real estate, located within the property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u>, personal property and leasehold and other property interests. Such property shall be accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense for the benefit of its Members, subject to any restrictions set forth in the deed or other instrument transferring such property to the Association. Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements or repairs whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section including, without limitation, dredging or otherwise removing silt from any pond or other body of water that may be conveyed. Upon written request of Declarant, the Association shall reconvey to Declarant any unimproved portions of the Community originally conveyed by Declarant to the Association for no consideration, to the extent conveyed by Declarant in error or needed by Declarant to make adjustments in property lines, provided that the reconveyance has no material adverse effect upon the rights of the Owners.

The Association agrees that the Common Area, including all improvements thereon, shall be conveyed in its "where is, as is" condition and without recourse, and Declarant disclaims and makes no representations, warranties or other agreements express or implied with respect thereto, including without limitation, representations or warranties of merchantability or fitness for the ordinary or any particular purpose, and representations or warranties regarding the conditions, design, construction, accuracy, completeness, adequacy of the size or capacity in relation to utilization or the future economic performance or operations of the Common Area. No claim shall be made by the Association or any Owner relating to the condition, operation, or completeness of the Common Area or for incidental or consequential damages arising therefrom. Declarant will transfer and assign to the Association, without recourse, all warranties which it receives from manufacturers and suppliers relating to any of the Common Area which exist and are assignable.

4.3 <u>Enforcement</u>. The Board or any committee established by the Board, with the Board's approval, may impose sanctions for violation of the Governing Documents after compliance with the notice and hearing procedures set forth in the By-Laws. Such sanctions may include, without limitation:

(a) imposing monetary fines which shall constitute a lien upon the Lot of the violator;

(b) filing notices of violations in the Public Records providing record notice of any violation of the Governing Documents;

(c) suspending an Owner's right to vote;

(d) suspending any Person's right to use any recreational facilities within the Common Area; provided however, nothing herein shall authorize the Board to limit ingress or egress to or from a Lot; and

(e) suspending any services provided by the Association to an Owner or the Owner's Lot if the Owner is more than thirty (30) Days delinquent in paying any assessment or other charge owed to the Association.

In the event that any occupant, guest or invitee of a Lot violates the Governing Documents, the Board or any committee established by the Board, with the Board's approval, may sanction such occupant, guest or invitee and/or the Owner of the Lot that the violator is occupying or visiting. If a fine is imposed, the fine may first be assessed against the occupant; provided however, if the fine is not paid by the occupant within the time period set by the Board, the Owner shall pay the fine upon notice from the Board.

In addition, the Board, or the covenants committee if established, may elect to enforce any provision of the Governing Documents by exercising self-help (specifically including, but not limited to, the filing of liens in the Public Records for non-payment of assessments and other charges, the towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking rules, the removal of pets that are in violation of pet rules, or the correction of any maintenance, construction or other violation of the Governing Documents) without the necessity of compliance with the procedures set forth in the By-Laws. The Association may levy Specific Assessments to cover all costs incurred in bringing a Lot into compliance with the terms of the Governing Documents.

The Association may also elect to enforce any provisions of the Governing Documents by suit at law or in equity to enjoin any violation or to recover monetary damages or both without the necessity of compliance with the procedures set forth in the By-Laws.

All remedies set forth in this Declaration and the By-Laws shall be cumulative of any remedies available at law or in equity. In any action or remedy taken by the Association to enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents, if the Association prevails, it shall be entitled to recover all costs, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys fees and court costs, incurred in such action.

The Association shall not be obligated to take action to enforce any covenant, restriction, or rule which the Board in the exercise of its business judgment determines is, or is likely to be construed as, inconsistent with applicable law, or in any case in which the Board reasonably determines that the Association's position is not strong enough to justify taking enforcement action. Any such determination shall not be construed a waiver of the right of the Association to enforce such provision under any circumstances or prevent the Association from enforcing any other covenant, restriction or rule.

The Association, by contract or other agreement, may enforce county, city, state and federal ordinances, if applicable, and permit local and other governments to enforce ordinances on the Community for the benefit of the Association and its Members.

4.4 <u>Implied Rights; Board Authority</u>. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration or the By-Laws, or reasonably implied from or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration, the By-Laws, the Articles, or by law, all rights and powers of the Association may be exercised by the Board without a vote of the membership.

4.5 <u>Indemnification</u>. The Association shall indemnify every officer, director, ARB member and committee member against all damages, liabilities, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred 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 he or she may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer, director, ARB member or committee member, except that such obligation to indemnify shall be limited to those actions for which liability is limited under this Section, the Articles of Incorporation and Alabama law.

The officers, directors, ARB members 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, ARB members, and committee members shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made or action taken in good faith on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers, directors, ARB members or committee members may also be Members of the Association). The Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer, director, ARB member and committee member harmless from any and all liability to others on account of any such contract, commitment or action. This right to indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any present or former officer, director, ARB member or committee member may be entitled. The Association shall, as a Common Expense, maintain adequate general liability and officers' and directors' liability insurance to fund this obligation, if such insurance is reasonably available.

4.6 <u>Dedication of or Grant of Easements on Common Area</u>. The Association may dedicate or grant easements across portions of the Common Area to Chambers County, Alabama, or to any other local, state, or federal governmental or quasi-governmental entity, or to any private utility company.

4.7 <u>Security</u>. Each Owner and occupant of a Lot, and their respective guests and invitees, shall be responsible for their own personal safety and the security of their property in the Community. The Association may, but shall not be obligated to, maintain or support certain activities within the Community designed to make the Community safer than they otherwise might be. Neither the Association, the original Declarant, nor any successor Declarant shall in any way be considered insurers or guarantors of security within the Community, nor shall any of them be held liable for any loss or damage by reason of failure to provide adequate security or ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken. No representation or warranty is made that the lighting facilities or systems (including the placement thereof) will adequately illuminate or attempt to adequately illuminate all of the Common Areas, or that such facilities or systems will be designed with safety measures in mind. Each Owner acknowledges, understands and covenants to inform its tenants and all occupants of its Lot that the Association, its Board of Directors and committees, Declarant, and any successor Declarant are not insurers and that each Person using the Community assumes all risks of personal injury and loss or damage to property, including Lots and the contents of Lots, resulting from acts of third parties.

4.8 Provision of Services. The Association may provide services and facilities for the Members of the Association and their guests, lessees and invitees. The Association shall be authorized to enter into contracts or other similar agreements with other entities, including Declarant, to provide such services and facilities. The costs of services and facilities provided by the Association shall be funded by the Association as a Common Expense. In addition, the Board shall be authorized to charge use and consumption fees for services and facilities through Specific Assessments or by requiring payment at the time the service or facility is provided. As an alternative, the Association may arrange for the costs of the services and facilities to be billed directly to Owners by the provider(s) of such services and facilities. By way of example, some services and facilities which may be provided include landscape maintenance, garbage collection, pest control service, cable, digital, satellite or similar television service, internet, intranet, and other computer related services, security, caretaker, fire protection, utilities, and similar services and facilities. The Board, without the consent of the Class "A" Members of the Association, shall be permitted to modify or cancel existing services or facilities provided, if any, or to provide additional services and facilities. Nothing contained herein can be relied upon as a representation as to the services and facilities, if any, which will be provided by the Association.

4.9 <u>Rezoning</u>. No Owner or any other Person may apply or join in an application to amend, vary or modify the applicable zoning ordinance or apply for any zoning variance or waiver as to all or any portion of the Community without the prior written consent of Declarant.

## ARTICLE 5: MAINTENANCE

### 5.1 <u>Association's Responsibility</u>.

(a) The Association shall maintain and keep in good condition, order and repair the Area of Common Responsibility, which shall include, but need not be limited to:

### (i) all Common Area;

(ii) all landscaping and other flora, parks, structures, and improvements, including any entry features, sidewalks, situated upon the Common Area;

(iii) all furnishings, equipment and other personal property of the Association;

(iv) any landscaping and other flora, parks, sidewalks, buffers, entry features, structures and improvements within public rights-of-way within or abutting the Community or upon such other public land adjacent to the Community as deemed necessary in the discretion of the Board;

(v) such additional portions of any property included within the Area of Common Responsibility as may be dictated by this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, any Cost Sharing Agreement, or any contract or agreement for maintenance thereof entered into by the Association; and

(vi) all ponds, streams and/or creeks located within the Community which serve as part of the drainage and storm water retention system for the Community, including any retaining walls, bulkheads or dams (earthen or otherwise) retaining water therein, and any fountains, lighting, pumps, conduits, and similar equipment installed therein or used in connection therewith.

The Association may, as a Common Expense, maintain other property and improvements which it does not own, including, without limitation, property dedicated to the public, or provide maintenance or services related to such property over and above the level being provided by the property owner, if the Board of Directors determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard.

(b) The Association shall maintain the facilities and equipment within the Area of Common Responsibility in continuous operation, except for any periods necessary, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, to perform required maintenance or repairs, unless Members holding sixty-seven percent (67%) of the Class "A" votes in the Association and Declarant, if during the Development Period, agree in writing to discontinue such operation.

(c) The Association may be relieved of all or any portion of its maintenance responsibilities herein to the extent that (i) such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to an Owner or (ii) such property is dedicated to any local, state, or federal government or quasi-governmental entity; provided however, that in connection with such assumption, assignment or dedication, the Association may reserve or assume the right or obligation to continue to perform all or any portion of its maintenance responsibilities, if the Board determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard. Except as provided above, the Area of Common Responsibility shall not be reduced by amendment of this Declaration or any other means during the Development Period except with the written consent of the Declarant.

(d) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of the Area of Common Responsibility shall be a Common Expense to be allocated among all Lots as part of the General Assessment, without prejudice to the right of the Association to seek reimbursement from the owner(s) of, or other Persons responsible for, certain portions of the Area of Common Responsibility pursuant to the Governing Documents, any recorded covenants, or any agreements with the owner(s) thereof.

(e) In the event that the Association fails to properly perform its maintenance responsibilities hereunder and to comply with the Community-Wide Standard, the Declarant may at any time, upon not less than ten (10) Days' notice and opportunity to cure such failure, cause such maintenance to be performed and in such event, shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Association for all costs incurred.

5.2 <u>Owner's Responsibility</u>. Each Owner shall maintain his or her Lot, and all structures, parking areas, sprinkler and irrigation systems, landscaping and other flora, and other improvements on the Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all Governing Documents, unless such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to the Association. Each Owner shall also maintain the driveway and mailbox serving his or her Lot and all landscaping located in the right-of-way immediately adjacent to the Owner's Lot. In addition to any other enforcement rights, if an Owner fails properly to perform his or her maintenance responsibility, the Association may perform such maintenance responsibilities and assess all costs incurred by the Association against the Lot and the Owner in accordance with <u>Section 8.5(b)</u>. The Association shall afford the Owner reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the problem prior to entry, except when entry is required due to an emergency situation. Entry under this Section shall not constitute a trespass.

5.3 <u>Standard of Performance</u>. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in other instruments creating and assigning such maintenance responsibility, responsibility for maintenance shall include responsibility for repair and replacement, as necessary. All maintenance shall be performed in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all Governing Documents. Neither the Association nor any Owner shall be liable for any damage or injury occurring on, or arising out of the condition of, property which such Person does not own except to the extent that it has been grossly negligent in the performance of its maintenance responsibilities.

5.4 <u>Cost Sharing Agreements</u>. Adjacent to or in the vicinity of the Community, there may be certain residential, nonresidential or recreational areas, including without limitation single family residential developments, retail, commercial, or business areas, which are not subject to this Declaration and which are neither Lots nor Common Area as defined in this Declaration (hereinafter "adjacent properties"). The owners of such adjacent properties shall not be Members of the Association, shall not be entitled to vote, and shall not be subject to assessment under <u>Article 8</u> of this Declaration.

The Association may enter into one (1) or more Cost Sharing Agreements with the owners or operators of portions of the adjacent properties:

(a) to obligate the owners or operators of such adjacent properties to perform and/or to share in certain costs associated with, the maintenance, repair, replacement and insuring of portions of the Area of Common Responsibility, if any, which are used by or benefit jointly the owners or operators of such adjacent properties and the owners within the Community; (b) to permit use of any recreational and other facilities located on the Common Areas by the owners or operators of such adjacent properties;

(c) to permit use of any recreational and other facilities located on such adjacent properties by the Owners of all Lots;

(d) to obligate the Association to share in certain costs associated with the maintenance, repair, replacement and insuring of portions of such adjacent properties, if any, which are used by or benefit jointly the owners or operators of such adjacent properties and the owners within the Community; and/or

(e) to establish rules and regulations regarding the use of areas that benefit jointly the owners or operators of such adjacent properties and the owners within the Community.

The owners or operators of such adjacent properties shall be subject to assessment by the Association only in accordance with the provisions of such Cost Sharing Agreement(s). If the Association is obligated to share costs incurred by the owners of such adjacent properties, such payments by the Association shall be deemed to constitute Common Expenses of the Association unless the Cost Sharing Agreement provides otherwise. The owners or operators of the adjacent properties shall not be subject to the restrictions contained in this Declaration except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

## ARTICLE 6: INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES

### 6.1 <u>Association Insurance</u>.

(a) <u>Required Coverages</u>. The Association, acting through its Board or its duly authorized agent, shall obtain and continue in effect the following types of insurance, if reasonably available, or if not reasonably available, the most nearly equivalent coverages as are reasonably available:

(i) Blanket property insurance covering "risks of direct physical loss" on a "special form" basis (or comparable coverage by whatever name denominated) for all insurable improvements on the Common Area, if any, and on other portions of the Area of Common Responsibility to the extent that it has assumed responsibility for maintenance, repair and/or replacement in the event of a casualty. If such coverage is not generally available at reasonable cost, then "broad form" coverage may be substituted. The Association shall have the authority to and interest in insuring any property for which it has maintenance or repair responsibility, regardless of ownership. All property insurance policies obtained by the Association shall have policy limits sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of the insured improvements under current building ordinances and codes;

(ii) Commercial general liability insurance on all public ways located within the Community and on the Area of Common Responsibility, insuring the Association and its Members for damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its Members, employees, agents, or contractors while acting on its behalf. If generally available at reasonable cost, the commercial general liability coverage (including primary and any umbrella coverage) shall have a limit of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, provided should additional coverage and higher limits be available at reasonable cost which a reasonably prudent person would obtain, the Association shall obtain such additional coverages or limits;

(iii) Workers compensation insurance and employers liability insurance, if and to the extent required by law;

(iv) Directors and officers liability coverage;

(v) Commercial crime insurance, including fidelity insurance covering all Persons responsible for handling Association funds in an amount determined in the Board's best business judgment but not less than an amount equal to one-sixth (1/6th) of the annual General Assessments on all Lots plus reserves on hand. Fidelity insurance policies shall contain a waiver of all defenses based upon the exclusion of Persons serving without compensation; and

(vi) Such additional insurance as the Board, in its best business judgment, determines advisable, which may include, without limitation, flood insurance.

In the event that any portion of the Common Area is or shall become located in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") as an area having special flood hazards, a "blanket" policy of flood insurance on the Common Area must be maintained in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of current "replacement cost" of all effected improvements and other insurable property or the maximum limit of coverage available, whichever is less.

Premiums for all insurance on the Area of Common Responsibility shall be Common Expenses and shall be included in the General Assessment. In the event of an insured loss, the deductible shall be treated as a Common Expense and assessed in the same manner as the premiums for the applicable insurance coverage. However, if the Board reasonably determines, after notice and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with the By-Laws, that the loss resulted from the negligence or willful misconduct of one (1) or more Owners, their guests, invitees, or lessees, then the Board may specifically assess the full amount of such deductible against such Owner(s) and their Lots pursuant to <u>Section 8.5</u>.

(b) <u>Policy Requirements</u>. The Association shall arrange for periodic reviews of the sufficiency of insurance coverage by one (1) or more qualified Persons, at least one (1) of whom must be familiar with insurable replacement costs in the geographic area of the Community.

All Association policies shall provide for a certificate of insurance to be furnished to the Association and to each Member upon request. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the policy limits satisfy the requirements of <u>Section 6.1(a)</u>.

(i) All insurance coverage obtained by the Board shall:

(1) be written with a company authorized to do business in the State of which satisfies the requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association, or such other secondary mortgage market agencies or federal agencies as the Board deems appropriate;

(2) be written in the name of the Association as trustee for the benefited parties. Policies on the Common Areas shall be for the benefit of the Association and its Members;

(3) not be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by Owners, occupants, or their Mortgagees individually;

- (4) contain an inflation guard endorsement;
- (5) include an agreed amount endorsement, if the policy contains a co-insurance

clause; and

(6) an endorsement requiring at least thirty (30) Days prior written notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification, or non-renewal.

(ii) In addition, the Board shall use reasonable efforts to secure insurance policies which list the Owners as additional insureds and provide:

(1) a waiver of subrogation as to any claims against the Association's Board, officers, employees, and manager, the Owners and their tenants, servants, agents, and guests;

(2) a waiver of the insurer's rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying

cash;

(3) an endorsement precluding cancellation, invalidation, suspension, or nonrenewal by the insurer on account of any one (1) or more individual Owners, or on account of any curable defect or violation without prior written demand to the Association to cure the defect or violation and allowance of a reasonable time to cure;

(4) an endorsement excluding Owners' individual policies from consideration under any "other insurance" clause;

(5) a cross liability provision; and

(6) a provision vesting the Board with the exclusive authority to adjust losses; provided however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related to the loss.

(c) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. In the event of any insured loss covered by insurance held by the Association, only the Board or its duly authorized agent may file and adjust insurance claims and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this subsection, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the condition existing prior to the damage, allowing for changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes.

Any damage to or destruction of the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and Declarant, if during the Development Period, decide in writing within sixty (60) Days after the loss either (i) not to repair or reconstruct or (ii) to construct alternative improvements.

If either the insurance proceeds or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not available to the Association within such sixty (60) Day period, then the period shall be extended until such funds or information are available. However, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) additional Days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction to the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed.

If determined in the manner described above that the damage or destruction to the Common Area shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, the affected property shall be cleared of all debris and ruins and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

Any insurance proceeds remaining after paying the costs of repair or reconstruction, or after such settlement as is necessary and appropriate, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association or

the Neighborhood, as appropriate, and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of Mortgagees and may be enforced by the Mortgagee of any affected Lot.

If insurance proceeds are insufficient to cover the costs of repair or reconstruction, the Board of Directors may, without a vote of the Members, levy Special Assessments to cover the shortfall against those Owners responsible for the premiums for the applicable insurance coverage under Section 6.1(a).

6.2 <u>Owners' Insurance</u>. By virtue of taking title to a Lot, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association to carry property insurance for the full replacement cost of all insurable improvements on his or her Lot, less a reasonable deductible. If the Association assumes responsibility for obtaining any insurance coverage on behalf of Owners, the premiums for such insurance shall be levied as a Specific Assessment against the benefited Lot and the Owner thereof pursuant to <u>Section 8.5</u>.

Each Owner further covenants and agrees that in the event of damage to or destruction of structures or landscaping on or comprising his or her Lot, the Owner shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct the damaged structure or landscaping consistent with the original construction or such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with <u>Article 9</u>. Alternatively, the Owner shall clear the Lot of all debris and ruins and maintain the Lot in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Owner shall pay any costs which are not covered by insurance proceeds.

6.3 <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Notwithstanding the duty of the Association to maintain and repair portions of the Common Area, neither the Association, its Board of Directors, its successors or assigns, nor any officer or director or committee member, employee, agent, contractor (including the management company, if any) of any of them shall be liable to any Member or any member of a Member's immediate household for any injury or damage sustained in the Area of Common Responsibility, the Common Area or other area maintained by the Association, or for any injury or damage caused by the negligence or misconduct of any Members or their family members, guests, invitees, agents, servants, contractors or lessees, whether such loss occurs in the Common Area or in individual Lots.

Each Owner, by virtue of the acceptance of title to his or her Lot, and each other Person having an interest in or right to use any portion of the Community, by virtue of accepting such interest or right to use, shall be bound by this Section and shall be deemed to have automatically waived any and all rights, claims, demands, and causes of action against the Association arising from or connected with any matter for which the liability of the Association has been disclaimed under this Section.

# ARTICLE 7: ANNEXATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PROPERTY

7.1 <u>Annexation by Declarant</u>. Until the expiration of the Development Period, Declarant may from time to time unilaterally subject to the provisions of this Declaration additional property, any and all of which shall be deemed "Additional Property" under the terms of this Declaration, in which case Declarant may unilaterally amend the Plat to include such Additional Property. Declarant may transfer or assign this right to annex property, provided that the transferee or assignee is the developer of at least a portion of the real property described in <u>Exhibit "A"</u> and that such transfer is memorialized in a written, recorded instrument executed by Declarant.

Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing a Supplemental Declaration in the Public Records describing the property being annexed. Such Supplemental Declaration shall not require the consent of the Members, but shall require the consent of the owner of such property, if other than

Declarant. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplemental Declaration unless otherwise provided therein.

Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to require the Declarant or any successor to annex or develop any of the Additional Property in any manner whatsoever.

7.2 <u>Annexation by Membership</u>. The Association may annex any real property to the provisions of this Declaration with the consent of the owner of such property, the affirmative vote of Members holding a Majority of the Class "A" votes of the Association represented at a meeting duly called for such purpose and, during the Development Period, the written consent of the Declarant.

Such annexation shall be accomplished by filing a Supplemental Declaration describing the property being annexed in the Public Records. Any such Supplemental Declaration shall be signed by the president and the secretary of the Association, and by the owner of the property being annexed, and by the Declarant, if the Declarant's consent is required. Any such annexation shall be effective upon filing unless otherwise provided therein.

7.3 <u>Withdrawal of Property</u>. The Declarant reserves the unilateral right to amend this Declaration during the Development Period for the purpose of removing any portion of the Community from the coverage of this Declaration, provided such withdrawal is not contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for the Community. Such amendment shall not require the consent of any Person other than the owner of the property to be withdrawn, if not the Declarant. If the property is Common Area, the Association shall execute a written consent to such withdrawal.

7.4 <u>Additional Covenants and Easements</u>. During the Development Period, the Declarant may unilaterally subject any portion of the Community to additional covenants and easements, including covenants obligating the Association to maintain and insure such property on behalf of the Owners and obligating such Owners to pay the costs incurred by the Association. Such additional covenants and easements shall be set forth in a Supplemental Declaration filed either concurrently with or after the annexation of the subject property, and shall require the written consent of the owner(s) of such property, if other than the Declarant. Any such Supplemental Declaration may supplement, create exceptions to, or otherwise modify the terms of this Declaration as it applies to the subject property for such purposes as deemed appropriate in the Declarant's sole discretion, including but not limited to modifications to reflect the different character and intended use of such property.

7.5 <u>Amendment</u>. This Article shall not be amended during the Development Period without the prior written consent of Declarant.

# ARTICLE 8: ASSESSMENTS

8.1 <u>Creation of Assessments</u>. There are hereby created assessments for Association expenses as the Board may specifically authorize from time to time. In addition to the Special District Assessments (as defined in <u>Section 14.12</u> below) imposed by the Improvement District, there shall be three (3) types of assessments imposed by the Association: (a) General Assessments to fund Common Expenses for the general benefit of all Lots (which shall include, among other things, the cost to operate and maintain certain property owned by the Improvement District benefiting the Owners); (b) Special Assessments as described in <u>Section 8.4</u>; and (c) Specific Assessments as described in <u>Section 8.5</u>. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or entering into a recorded contract of sale for any portion of the Community, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these assessments.

All assessments and other charges, together with interest, late charges, costs of collection, and reasonable attorneys fees, shall be a charge and continuing lien upon each Lot against which the assessment or charge is made until paid, as more particularly provided in <u>Section 8.6</u>. Each such assessment or charge, together with interest, late charges, costs, and reasonable attorneys fees, also shall be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment arose. Upon a transfer of title to a Lot, the grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for any assessments and other charges due at the time of conveyance. However, no first Mortgagee who obtains title to a Lot by exercising the remedies provided in its Mortgage shall be liable for unpaid assessments which accrued prior to such acquisition of title.

The Association shall, upon request, furnish to any Owner liable for any type of assessment a written statement signed by an Association officer or designee setting forth whether such assessment has been paid. Such statement shall be conclusive evidence of payment. The Association may require the advance payment of a reasonable processing fee for the issuance of such statement.

Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as the Board may establish, which may include discounts for early payment or similar time/price differentials. The Board may require advance payment of assessments at closing of the transfer of title to a Lot and impose special requirements for Owners with a history of delinquent payment. If the Board so elects, assessments may be paid in two (2) or more installments. Unless the Board otherwise provides, the General Assessment shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of each fiscal year. If any Owner is delinquent in paying any assessments or other charges levied on his or her Lot, the Board may require any unpaid installments of all outstanding assessments to be paid in full immediately. Any assessment or installment thereof shall be considered delinquent on the fifteenth (15th) day following the due date unless otherwise specified by Board resolution.

No Owner may exempt himself or herself from liability for assessments by non-use of Common Area, abandonment of his or her Lot, or any other means. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner. No diminution or abatement of assessments or setoff shall be claimed or allowed for any alleged failure of the Association or Board to take some action or perform some function required of it, or for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements, or from any other action taken by the Association or Board.

The Association is specifically authorized to enter into subsidy contracts or contracts for "in kind" contribution of services, materials, or a combination of services and materials with the Declarant or other entities for payment of Common Expenses.

8.2 <u>Computation of General Assessments</u>. At least thirty (30) Days before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated Common Expenses during the coming year, which may include a contribution to establish a reserve fund in accordance with a budget separately prepared as provided in <u>Section 8.3</u>. For so long as the Class "B" membership exists, Common Expenses shall not include any expenses incurred for initial development, original construction, installation of infrastructure, original capital improvements, or other original construction costs unless approved by Member holding a Majority of the total Class "A" votes of the Association.

General Assessments shall be levied equally against all Lots subject to assessment.

The assessment rate shall be set at a level which is reasonably expected to produce total income for the Association equal to the total budgeted Common Expenses, including any reserves. In determining the level of General Assessments, the Board, in its discretion, may consider other sources of funds available to the Association, including any surplus from prior years, any assessment income expected to be generated from any additional Lots reasonably anticipated to become subject to assessment during the fiscal year, and any income expected to be generated from any Cost Sharing Agreement.

During the Development Period, the Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to, reduce the General Assessment for any fiscal year by payment of a subsidy and/or contributions of services and materials, which may be treated as either a contribution or an advance against future sums due from the Declarant, or a loan, in the Declarant's discretion. Any such anticipated payment or contribution by the Declarant shall be disclosed as a line item in the Common Expense budget. Payments by the Declarant in any year shall under no circumstances obligate the Declarant to continue such payments in future years unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between the Association and the Declarant.

The Board shall send a copy of the budget and notice of the amount of the General Assessment for the following year to each Owner at least thirty (30) Days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which it is to be effective. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and consented to in writing by Declarant, if during the Development Period. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of the Members as provided for special meetings in the By-Laws, which petition must be presented to the Board within twenty (20) Days after the date of the notice of assessments. If a meeting is requested, assessments pursuant to such proposed budget shall not become effective until after such meeting is held, provided such assessments shall be retroactive to the original effective date of the budget if the budget is not disapproved at such meeting.

If the proposed budget is disapproved or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any year, then until such time as a budget is determined, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year. In such event or if the budget proves inadequate for any reason, the Board may prepare a revised budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Board shall send a copy of the revised budget to each Owner at least thirty (30) Days prior to its becoming effective. The revised budget shall become effective unless disapproved in accordance with the above procedure.

The initial annual assessment is estimated to be \$660.00.

8.3 <u>Reserve Budget</u>. The Board may, in its sole discretion, annually prepare reserve budgets which take into account the number and nature of replaceable assets within the Area of Common Responsibility, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall include in the general budgets reserve amounts sufficient to meet the projected needs of the Association.

8.4 <u>Special Assessments</u>. In addition to other authorized assessments, the Association may levy Special Assessments from time to time to cover unbudgeted expenses or expenses in excess of those budgeted. Any such Special Assessment may be levied against all Lots, if such Special Assessment is for Common Expenses. Special Assessments shall be allocated equally among all Lots subject to such Special Assessment. Any Special Assessment which would cause the total of Special Assessments levied in one fiscal year to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per Lot shall require the approval of Members holding at least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes and consented to in writing by Declarant, if during the Development Period. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering any Special Assessment except on petition of the Members as provided for special meetings in the By-Laws, which petition must be presented to the Board within twenty (20) Days after the date of the notice of such Special Assessment. All other Special Assessments shall become effective upon approval by the Board. Special Assessments shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Board, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Special Assessment is approved.

8.5 <u>Specific Assessments</u>. The Association shall have the power to levy Specific Assessments against a particular Lot or Lots as follows:

(a) to cover the costs, including overhead and administrative costs, of providing benefits, items, or services to the Lot(s) or occupants thereof upon request of the Owner pursuant to a menu of special services which the Board may from time to time authorize to be offered to Owners and occupants (which might include, without limitation, landscape maintenance, garbage collection, pest control service, cable, digital, satellite or similar television service, internet, and other computer related services, security, caretaker, utilities, and similar services and facilities), which assessments may be levied in advance of the provision of the requested benefit, item or service as a deposit against charges to be incurred by the Owner; and

(b) to cover all costs incurred in bringing the Lot(s) into compliance with the terms of the Governing Documents, or costs incurred as a consequence of the conduct of the Owner or occupants of the Lot, their agents, contractors, employees, licensees, invitees, or guests.

In addition, fines levied by the Association pursuant to <u>Section 4.3</u> shall constitute Specific Assessments.

8.6 Lien for Assessments. The Association shall have a lien against each Lot to secure payment of assessments and other charges (including without limitation General Assessments, Special Assessments and Specific Assessments), as well as interest at a rate to be set by the Board (subject to the maximum interest rate limitations of Alabama law), late charges in such amount as the Board may establish (subject to the limitations of Alabama law), costs of collection and reasonable attorneys fees. Such lien shall be superior to all other liens, except (a) the liens of all taxes, bonds, assessments, and other levies which by law would be superior, and (b) the lien or charge of any first Mortgage of record (meaning any recorded Mortgage with first priority over other Mortgages) made in good faith and for value. If such assessments are not paid when due, the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner who is personally obligated to pay the same or to foreclose the lien against the Lot, and the cost of such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. In the event a judgment is obtained, such judgment shall include the assessment, late fee, interest and a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the Court together with the costs of the action.

The Declarant or the Association may bid for the Lot at the foreclosure sale and acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the Lot. While a Lot is owned by the Association following foreclosure: (a) no right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; (b) no assessment shall be levied on it; and (c) each other Lot shall be charged, in addition to its usual assessment, its pro rata share of the assessment allocated to the Lot owned by the Association. The Association may sue for unpaid assessments and other charges authorized hereunder without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same.

The sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien or relieve such Lot from the lien for any subsequent assessments. A Mortgagee or other purchaser of a Lot who obtains title pursuant to foreclosure of the Mortgage shall not be personally liable for assessments on such Lot due prior to such acquisition of title. Such unpaid assessments shall remain the personal obligation of the owner of the Lot prior to the foreclosure, and, unless and until collected from such prior owner, shall be deemed to be Common Expenses collectible from Owners of all Lots subject to assessment under <u>Section 8.7</u>, including such acquirer, its successors and assigns.

All other Persons acquiring liens or encumbrances on any Lot after this Declaration has been recorded shall be deemed to consent that such liens or encumbrances shall be inferior to future liens for assessments, as provided herein, whether or not prior consent is specifically set forth in the instruments creating such liens or encumbrances.

8.7 <u>Date of Commencement of Assessments</u>. The obligation to pay assessments shall commence as to each Lot on the date which the Lot is conveyed to a Person other than a Builder or Declarant or the month in which the Board first determines a budget and levies assessments pursuant to this Article, whichever is later.

8.8 <u>Failure to Assess</u>. Failure of the Board to establish assessment amounts or rates or to deliver or mail 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 General Assessments on the same basis as during the last year for which an assessment was made, if any, until a new assessment is levied, at which time the Association may retroactively assess any shortfalls in collections.

8.9 <u>Exempt Property</u>. The following property shall be exempt from payment of General Assessments and Special Assessments:

(a) All Common Area and such portions of the property owned by the Declarant as are included in the Area of Common Responsibility pursuant to <u>Section 5.1</u>;

(b) Any property dedicated or otherwise conveyed to and accepted by any governmental authority or public utility; and

(c) Any property that is owned by a charitable nonprofit corporation or public agency whose primary purposes include the acquisition and preservation of open space for public benefit and held by such agency or organization for such recreational and open space purposes.

8.10 Intentionally omitted.

8.11 <u>Contributions by Declarant</u>. In accordance with <u>Section 8.2</u>, the Declarant may support the Association by funding operating deficits during the Development Period. At the sole election of Declarant, Declarant may recoup from the Association all such payments, which amounts may be paid from the operating account of the Association, or from the working capital contributions collected at the sale of Lots, but not from capital reserves. Regardless of whether the Declarant recoups any other deficit amounts, it is not the intention of the Declarant to forfeit refundable reserves or deposits paid by Declarant, nor to pay for deficits created by the nonpayment of assessments by other Owners. It is also not the intention of Declarant to pay for expenses which are otherwise covered in the annual budget of the Association, but which, due to the requirement of an advance payment, create temporary or seasonal deficits. Accordingly, Declarant shall be reimbursed for all amounts paid by Declarant in the funding of deficits caused by the nonpayment of assessments by Owners which, if not sooner paid, shall be paid to Declarant at the time the unpaid assessment is collected. In addition, if not sooner paid, Declarant shall be reimbursed for any refundable deposit upon the Association's receipt of the same.

All deficits shall be collectible by Declarant at any time from the working capital contributions or from excess funds not designated for capital reserves. The Declarant shall have the right to pursue the collection of any unpaid assessments on behalf of the Association, as well as the right to act on behalf of the Association (if necessary) in obtaining refunds of all deposits paid for by Declarant. The Board of Directors, specifically including members of the Board appointed by the Declarant, shall be authorized to

execute a promissory note or notes on behalf of the Association to evidence the repayment obligation of the Association; provided however, the failure to execute such a note shall in no way diminish such obligation.

#### ARTICLE 9: ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

9.1 <u>General</u>. No exterior structure or improvement, as described in <u>Section 9.4</u>, shall be placed, erected, installed or made upon any Lot or adjacent to any Lot where the purpose of the structure is to service such Lot except in compliance with this Article, and with the prior written approval of the appropriate reviewing body under <u>Section 9.2</u>, unless exempted from the application and approval requirements pursuant to <u>Section 9.3</u>.

All dwellings constructed on any portion of the Community shall be designed by and built in accordance with the plans and specifications of a licensed architect or other qualified building designer, unless otherwise approved by the ARB in its sole discretion.

The minimum square footage of the living area required for dwellings constructed on any portion of the Community shall be 1,800 square feet, exclusive of eaves, garages, overhangs and unenclosed porches and terraces, basements, carports, storage areas and patios.

This Article 9 shall not apply to the activities of the Declarant, nor to improvements to the Common Area by or on behalf of the Association. This Article may not be amended during the Development Period without the Declarant's written consent.

Architectural Review. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or other instrument conveying 9.2 any interest in any portion of the Community acknowledges that, as the developer of the Community, Declarant has a substantial interest in ensuring that all structures and improvements within the Community enhance Declarant's reputation as a community developer and do not impair Declarant's ability to market, sell or lease any portion of the Community or the Additional Property. Therefore, the Declarant may, on its behalf, establish an ARB to be responsible for administration of the Design Guidelines and review of all applications for construction and modifications under this Article. If so established, the ARB shall initially be composed of at least five (5) and no more than seven (7) Persons designated and re-designated from time to time by the Declarant or the Association, as the case may be. The members of the ARB will be designated and may be removed at any time by the Declarant until such time as the Declarant no longer owns any lot or lots in the Community, at which time the Association shall become vested with the rights, duties and functions of the ARB, all of which shall be enforceable by the Association. The ARB shall have the powers and duties enumerated herein. It may approve, disapprove or approve with modifications, any plans submitted in writing to the ARB. The ARB shall have the right to establish and amend from time to time written rules, regulations and standards governing construction and alteration of any improvements on any lot, as well as the content and types of information required to be submitted to the ARB for its approval, each of which shall be in addition to the provisions and requirements set forth herein. The ARB is sometimes referred to herein collectively as the reviewing bodies. The reviewing bodies shall consist of Persons who may, but are not required to, be Members of the Association or representatives of Members, and may, but need not, include architects, landscape architects, engineers or similar professionals, whose compensation, if any, shall be established from time to time by the ARB. The reviewing bodies may establish and charge reasonable fees for review of applications hereunder and may require such fees to be paid in full prior to review of any application. Such fees may include the reasonable costs incurred in having any application reviewed by

architects, engineers or other professionals. In addition, the reviewing bodies may require deposits while construction is pending on any Lot to ensure completion without damage to the Community.

The ARB shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all construction on any portion of the Community. Until one hundred percent (100%) of the homes in the Community have been developed and conveyed to Owners other than Builders and the Declarant and initial construction on each Lot has been completed in accordance with the Design Guidelines, the Declarant retains the exclusive right to appoint and remove all members of the ARB who shall serve at the Declarant's discretion. There shall be no surrender of this right prior to that time except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by Declarant. Upon the expiration or surrender of such right, the Board shall appoint the members of the ARB, who shall thereafter serve and may be removed in the Board's discretion.

The names and addresses of the individuals who are to serve as the initial members of the ARB are:

Member:	Address:
Walter Shealy	1791 O.G. Skinner Drive West Point, Georgia 31833
Bob Smith	1791 O.G. Skinner Drive West Point, Georgia 31833
Mark Held	1791 O.G. Skinner Drive West Point, Georgia 31833
Tim Randolph	1791 O.G. Skinner Drive West Point, Georgia 31833
Ross Mundy	1791 O.G. Skinner Drive West Point, Georgia 31833
Jay Walker	1791 O.G. Skinner Drive West Point, Georgia 31833
Susan Marsh	1791 O.G. Skinner Drive West Point, Georgia 31833

Three (3) members of the ARB shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the ARB, but if less than three (3) members of the ARB are present at a meeting, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. If a quorum is present when the meeting is convened, the members of the ARB present may continue to do business, taking action by a vote of a majority of the quorum as fixed above, until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum as fixed above, or the refusal of any member present to vote.

#### 9.3 <u>Guidelines and Procedures</u>.

(a) <u>Design Guidelines</u>. The Declarant may prepare the initial Design Guidelines for the Community. If not established by the Declarant, the ARB may prepare initial Design Guidelines at a later date. The Design Guidelines may contain general provisions applicable to all of the Community, as well as specific provisions which vary according to land use and from one (1) portion of the Community to

another depending upon the location, unique characteristics, and intended use. The Design Guidelines are intended to provide guidance to Owners and Builders regarding matters of particular concern to the reviewing bodies in considering applications hereunder. The Design Guidelines are not the exclusive basis for decisions of the reviewing bodies and compliance with the Design Guidelines does not guarantee approval of any application.

The ARB shall have sole and full authority to amend the Design Guidelines. Any amendments to the Design Guidelines shall be prospective only. There shall be no limitation on the scope of amendments to the Design Guidelines except that no amendment shall require the modification or removal of any structure previously approved once the approved construction or modification has commenced. The ARB is expressly authorized to amend the Design Guidelines to remove requirements previously imposed or otherwise to make the Design Guidelines less restrictive.

The ARB shall make the Design Guidelines available to Owners and Builders who seek to engage in development or construction within the Community.

No fence of any kind shall be placed or constructed nearer to the front property line than the rear corner of the residence, and may be constructed only after approval as provided herein. The ARB may, in its discretion, require double-sided fencing where it deems such requirement to be appropriate. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "B"</u> are examples of typical fence specifications which may be permitted. The ARB may provide additional specifications on the allowable fencing.

(b) <u>Procedures</u>. Plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, color, size, materials, and location of all proposed structures and improvements shall be submitted to the appropriate reviewing body for review and approval (or disapproval). In addition, information concerning septic tank drainage fields and placement, irrigation systems, drainage, lighting, landscaping and other features of proposed construction shall be submitted as applicable and as required by the Design Guidelines. In reviewing each submission, the reviewing bodies may consider the quality of workmanship and design, harmony of external design with existing structures, and location in relation to surrounding structures, topography, and finish grade elevation, among other considerations. Decisions may be based solely on aesthetic considerations. Each Owner acknowledges that opinions on aesthetic matters are subjective and may vary over time.

Each application to the ARB shall contain a representation and warranty by the Owner that use of the plans submitted does not violate any copyright associated with the plans. Neither the submission of the plans to the ARB, nor the distribution and review of the plans by the ARB shall be construed as publication in violation of the designer's copyright, if any. Each Owner submitting plans to the ARB shall hold the members of the ARB, the Association and the Declarant harmless and shall indemnify said parties against any and all damages, liabilities, and expenses incurred in connection with the review process of this Declaration.

In reviewing and acting upon request for approval, the ARB shall be acting solely in Declarant's interest and shall owe no duty to any other Person. Decisions may be based solely on aesthetic considerations. Each Owner acknowledges that opinions on aesthetic matters are subjective and may vary over time. The ARB shall have the sole discretion to make final, conclusive, and binding determinations on matters of aesthetic judgment and whether proposed improvements are consistent with Design Guidelines.

In the event that the ARB fails to approve or to disapprove any application within sixty (60) Days after submission of all information and materials reasonably requested, the application shall be deemed approved. However, no approval, whether expressly granted or deemed granted pursuant to the

foregoing, shall be inconsistent with the Design Guidelines unless a variance has been granted in writing by the ARB pursuant to <u>Section 9.6</u>.

Notwithstanding the above, the ARB by resolution may exempt certain activities from the application and approval requirements of this Article, provided such activities are undertaken in strict compliance with the requirements of such resolution. Any Owner may remodel, paint or redecorate the interior of structures on his or her Lot without approval. However, modifications to the interior of screened porches, patios, garages, carports and similar portions of a Lot visible from outside the structures on the Lot shall be subject to approval.

All plans for construction must contain final architectural seal and signature. All contractors must be licensed and insured. The plans shall include but not be limited to the following:

(i) SITE PLANS. Plans must show house location as it relates to property line and applicable setback lines, and must comply with the following:

Drawn to a scale no less that 1 inch = 20 feet.

Plan to show all sidewalks, driveways, patio, decks, fencing (see section 4). Fences and hedges elevation of proposed finished floor and approximate existing grade. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "C"</u> are approved landscape concepts.

(ii) FOUNDATION PLAN. Plans must show type and details of footing and foundation to be used, and must comply with the following:

To be at a scale no less than  $\_$  inch = 1 foot.

Foundation plan to show any and all changes in elevation of foundation, concrete slabs, etc. NOTE: Foundation not to be less than 9 inches above finish grade.

NOTE: If house is to be built on a pile fouundation, footing plans shall include stamped, sealed plans from a licensed structure Engineer, showing details of design.

(iii) FLOOR PLAN. Plans to show layout of home, all dimensions, changes in level or elevations of floors. Plans shall locate electrical panel box and all service areas. NOTE: No finished floors shall be below Flood Insurance Rate Map designated flood elevations. Plans are to be printed at a minimum scale of \_ inch = 1 foot.

(iv) ELEVATIONS. Plans shall show all exterior elevations indicating the type, color and specifications of finish materials, and must comply with the following:

Plans are to be drawn at a minimum scale of  $\_$  inch + 1 foot.

Elevation shall indicate finish floor elevation, approximately existing grade elevation and designated Flood Insurance Rate Map flood elevation.

(v) BUILDING SECTIONS AND DETAILS. The drawings are to be as required by the complexity of the structure to clearly define needs of the structure. If required they are to be at a scale of no less than \_ inch = 1 foot.

(c) <u>Delinquent Assessments and Other Charges</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) above, any application for the approval of plans and specifications as set forth in this

Article shall be deemed to be disapproved unless and until any and all delinquent assessments and other charges permitted by this Declaration have been paid current by the Owner submitting such plans and specifications for approval.

Subsequent to the approval of plans and specifications pursuant to this Article, if the Owner shall become delinquent in the payment of assessments or other charges permitted by this Declaration at any time during the prosecution of the approved work, the Owner shall be deemed to be in violation of such approval and shall be subject to any means of enforcement set forth in <u>Section 9.8</u> and <u>Section 4.3</u>.

# 9.4 <u>Specific Guidelines and Restrictions</u>.

(a) Exterior Structures and Improvements. Exterior structures and improvements shall include, but shall not be limited to, staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work; initial construction of any dwelling or accessory building; exterior alteration of existing improvements; installation or replacement of hardscape, such as driveways, walkways, or parking areas; mailboxes; basketball hoops; swing sets and similar sports and play equipment; clotheslines; garbage cans; wood piles; swimming pools; gazebos or playhouses; window air-conditioning units or fans; hot tubs; wells; solar panels; antennas; satellite dishes or any other apparatus for the transmission or reception of television, radio, satellite, or other signals of any kind; hedges, walls, dog runs, animal pens, or fences of any kind, including invisible fences; artificial vegetation or sculpture; and planting or removal of landscaping materials. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant and the Association shall regulate antennas, satellite dishes, or any other apparatus for the transmission or reception, radio, satellite or other signals of any kind; hedges with all federal laws and regulations.

(b) In addition to the foregoing exterior structures and improvements requiring prior approval, the following items are strictly regulated, and the reviewing body shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit or restrict these items within the Community. Each Owner must strictly comply with the terms of this Section unless approval or waiver in writing is obtained from the appropriate reviewing body. The ARB may, but is not required to, adopt additional specific guidelines as part of the Design Guidelines.

(i) <u>Signs</u>. No sign of any kind shall be erected by an Owner or occupant without the prior written consent of the appropriate reviewing body, except (1) such signs as may be required by legal proceedings; (2) not more than one (1) professional security sign of such size deemed reasonable by the ARB in its sole discretion; (3) not more than one (1) "For Sale" sign not to exceed two feet (2') by two feet (2') on any Lot being offered for sale, provided that there shall be a prohibition against any "For Sale By Owner" signs unless approved by the Board; (4) one (1) political campaign sign not to exceed two feet (2') by two feet (2') for such time periods as established by the ARB; and (5) such additional signs as may be permitted in the Design Guidelines; provided however, all signs shall be posted and erected in accordance with any requirements set forth in the Design Guidelines. Unless in compliance with this Section, no other signs shall be posted or erected by any Owner or occupant within any portion of the Community, including the Common Area, any structure or dwelling located on the Common Area or any Lot (if such sign would be visible from the exterior of such structure or dwelling as determined in the reviewing body's sole discretion).

The Declarant and the ARB reserve the right to prohibit signs and to restrict the size, content, color, lettering, design and placement of any approved signs. All permitted signs must be professionally prepared. This provision shall not apply to entry, directional, or other signs installed by the Declarant or its duly authorized agent as may be necessary or convenient for the marketing and development of the Community.

(ii) <u>Tree Removal</u>. No trees that are more than six (6) inches in diameter at a point two (2) feet above the ground shall be removed without the prior written consent of the appropriate reviewing body; provided however, any trees, regardless of their diameter, that are located within ten (10) feet of a drainage area, a septic field, a sidewalk, a residence, or a driveway, or any diseased or dead trees needing to be removed to promote the growth of other trees or for safety reasons may be removed without the written consent of the appropriate reviewing body. The appropriate reviewing body may adopt or impose requirements for, or condition approval of, tree removal upon the replacement of any tree removed.

(iii) <u>Lighting</u>. Exterior lighting visible from the street shall not be permitted except for: (1) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; (2) one (1) approved decorative post light; (3) approved pathway lighting; (4) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for the Community; (5) seasonal decorative lights during the usual and common season; (6) front house illumination of model homes; or (7) any additional lighting as may be approved by the appropriate reviewing body. All lights shall be installed or aimed so that they do not present a disabling glare to drivers or pedestrians or create a nuisance by projecting or reflecting objectionable light onto a neighboring property.

(iv) <u>Temporary or Detached Structures</u>. Except as may be permitted by the ARB during initial construction, no temporary house, dwelling, garage or outbuilding shall be placed or erected on any Lot.

(v) <u>Accessory Structures</u>. With the approval of the ARB, detached accessory structures may be placed on a Lot to be used for a playhouse, swimming pool, tennis court, tool shed, dog house, garage or other approved use. A garage may also be an attached accessory structure. Such accessory structures shall conform in exterior design and quality to the dwelling on the Lot. With the exception of a garage that is attached to a dwelling and except as may be provided otherwise by the ARB, an accessory structure placed on a Lot shall be located only behind the dwelling as such dwelling fronts on the street abutting such Lot or in a location approved by the ARB. All accessory structures shall be located within side and rear setback lines as may be required by the ARB or by applicable zoning law.

(vi) <u>Utility Lines</u>. Overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, are not permitted except for temporary lines as required during construction and lines installed by or at the request of Declarant.

(vii) <u>Standard Mailboxes</u>. The ARB reserves the right to approve the style, design, color and location prior to any original installation or replacement of any mailbox. Application shall be made to the ARB prior to installation or replacement of a mailbox. By accepting a deed to a Lot, each Owner agrees that the ARB may remove any nonapproved mailbox in a reasonable manner; all costs for same shall be paid by Owner of such Lot, and all claims for damages caused by the ARB are waived.

9.5 <u>No Waiver of Future Approvals</u>. Approval of proposals, plans and specifications, or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring approval, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to withhold approval as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or other matters subsequently or additionally submitted for approval.

9.6 <u>Variance</u>. The ARB may authorize variances from compliance with any of its guidelines and procedures when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, or aesthetic or environmental considerations require, but only in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the ARB. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall (a) be effective unless in writing; (b) be contrary to this Declaration; or (c) prevent the ARB from denying a variance in other circumstances. For purposes of this Section, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency, the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.

9.7 <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. The standards and procedures established pursuant to this Article are intended to provide a mechanism for maintaining and enhancing the overall aesthetics of the Community only, and shall not create any duty to any Person. Review and approval of any application pursuant to this Article is made on the basis of aesthetic considerations only, and neither the Declarant, the Association, the Board nor the ARB shall bear any responsibility for ensuring the structural integrity or soundness of approved construction or modifications, the adequacy of soils or drainage, nor for ensuring compliance with building codes and other governmental requirements, nor for ensuring that all dwellings are of comparable quality, value or size, of similar design, or aesthetically pleasing or otherwise acceptable to neighboring property owners. Neither the Declarant, the Association, the Board, the ARB nor any committee, or member of any of the foregoing shall be held liable for any injury, damages, or loss arising out of the manner or quality of approved construction on or modifications to any Lot. In all matters, the committees and their members shall be defended and indemnified by the Association as provided in <u>Section 4.5</u>.

9.8 Enforcement. The Declarant, any member of the ARB, or the Board, or the representatives of each shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any Lot to inspect for the purpose of ascertaining whether any structure or improvement is in violation of this Article. Any structure, improvement or landscaping placed or made in violation of this Article shall be deemed to be nonconforming. Upon written notice from the ARB, Owners shall, at their own cost and expense, remove such structure or improvement and restore the property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the nonconforming work. Should an Owner fail to remove and restore the property as required, any authorized agent of Declarant, the ARB, or the Board shall have the right to enter the property, remove the violation, and restore the property to substantially the same condition as previously existed. Entry for such purposes and in compliance with this Section shall not constitute a trespass. In addition, the Board may enforce the decisions of the Declarant or the ARB by any means of enforcement described in <u>Section 4.3</u>. All costs, together with the interest at the maximum rate then allowed by law, may be assessed against the benefited Lot and collected as a Specific Assessment pursuant to <u>Section 8.5</u>.

Unless otherwise specified in writing by the committee granting approval, all approvals granted hereunder shall be deemed conditioned upon completion of all elements of the approved work and all work previously approved with respect to the same Lot, unless approval to modify any application has been obtained. If, after commencement, any Person fails to diligently pursue to completion all approved work, the Association shall be authorized, after notice to the Owner of the Lot and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with the By-Laws, to enter upon the Lot and remove or complete any incomplete work and to assess all costs incurred against the Lot and the Owner thereof as a Specific Assessment pursuant to Section 8.5.

Neither the ARB, nor any member of the foregoing nor the Association, the Declarant, or their members, officers or directors shall be held liable to any Person for exercising the rights granted by this Article. In addition to the foregoing, the Association shall have the authority and standing to pursue all legal and equitable remedies available to enforce the provisions of this Article and the decisions of the ARB.

#### ARTICLE 10: USE RESTRICTIONS

10.1 <u>General</u>. This Article sets out certain use restrictions which must be complied with by all Owners and occupants of any Lot. The Community shall be used only for residential, recreational, and related purposes (which may include, without limitation, model homes, sales offices for Declarant and/or Builders, an information center and/or a sales office for any real estate broker retained by the Declarant to assist in the sale of property described on <u>Exhibit "A"</u>, offices for any property manager retained by the Association, business offices for the Declarant or the Association and related parking facilities) consistent with this Declaration and any Supplemental Declaration.

10.2 <u>Rules and Regulations</u>. In addition to the use restrictions set forth in this Article, the Board may, from time to time, without consent of the Members, promulgate, modify, or delete rules and regulations applicable to the Community. Such rules 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 in a regular or special meeting by Members holding a Majority of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and consented to in writing by Declarant, if during the Development Period.

10.3 <u>Occupants Bound</u>. All provisions of the Declaration, By-Laws, and of any rules and regulations, use restrictions or Design Guidelines governing the conduct of Owners and establishing sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all occupants even though occupants are not specifically mentioned.

10.4 <u>Dwelling Size</u>. The minimum square footage of the living area required for residential dwellings shall be 1,800 square feet, exclusive of eaves, garages, overhangs and unenclosed porches and terraces, carports, basements, storage areas and patios.

10.5 <u>Residential Use</u>. Lots may be used only for residential purposes of a single family and for ancillary business or home office uses. A business or home office use shall be considered ancillary so long as: (a) the existence or operation of the activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from outside the Lot; (b) the activity conforms to all zoning requirements for the Community; (c) the activity does not involve regular visitation of the Lot by clients, customers, suppliers, or other invitees or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Community; (d) the activity does not increase traffic or include frequent deliveries within the Community; and (e) the activity is consistent with the residential character of the Community and does not constitute a nuisance, or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Community, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board.

No other business, trade, or similar activity shall be conducted upon a Lot without the prior written consent of the Board. 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: (a) such activity is engaged in full or part-time, (b) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit, or (c) a license is required.

The leasing of a Lot shall not be considered a business or trade within the meaning of this Section. This Section shall not apply to any activity conducted by the Declarant or a Builder approved by the Declarant with respect to its development and sale of the Community or its use of any Lots which it owns within the Community, including the operation of a timeshare or similar program.

10.6 <u>Occupancy of Unfinished Dwellings</u>. No dwelling erected upon any Lot shall be occupied in any manner before commencement of construction or while in the course of construction, nor at any time prior to the dwelling being fully completed.

10.7 Parking. Vehicles shall be parked only in the garages or in the driveways, if any, serving the Lots or in appropriate spaces or areas designated by the Board. Vehicles shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Board may adopt. Service and delivery vehicles may be parked in the Community during daylight hours for such periods of time as are reasonably necessary to provide service or to make a delivery to a Lot or the Common Area. Any vehicle parked in violation of this Section or parking rules promulgated by the Board may be towed in accordance with the Governing Documents. Parking of commercial vehicles prohibited. No semi-tractor trailers, semi-rigs or other commercial trucks or vehicles shall be parked at any time in any driveway or garage or on any street or road within Quail Run. With written permission from the Board, during the construction of a dwelling on a lot, construction trucks and equipment may be temporarily parked in the driveway serving the lot or on the street or road immediately facing such lot; provided, however, that no such construction trucks or equipment may be parked overnight.

10.8 Use of Common Area. There shall be no obstruction of the Common Area, nor shall anything be kept, parked or stored on any part of the Common Area without the prior written consent of the Association. With the prior written approval of the Board of Directors, and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Board, an Owner or Owners may reserve portions of the Common Area for use for a period of time as set by the Board. Any such Owner or Owners who reserve a portion of the Common Area as provided herein shall assume, on behalf of himself/herself/themselves and his/her/their guests, occupants and family, all risks associated with the use of the Common Area and all liability for any damage or injury to any person or thing as a result of such use. The Association shall not be liable for any damage or injury resulting from such use unless such damage or injury is caused solely by the willful acts or gross negligence of the Association, its agents or employees.

10.9 <u>Animals and Pets</u>. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept, or permitted on any Lot, with the exception of dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number, as determined by the Board. No animals shall be kept, bred or maintained for commercial purposes. All pets shall be reasonably controlled by the owner whenever outside a dwelling and shall be kept in such a manner as to not become a nuisance by barking or other acts. The owners of the pet shall be responsible for all of the pet's actions. If, in the sole opinion of the Board, any animal becomes dangerous or an annoyance or nuisance in the Community or to nearby property or destructive of wildlife, such animal shall be removed from the Community. By way of explanation and not limitation, this Section may be enforced by exercising self-help rights provided in <u>Section 4.3</u>. This provision shall not be construed to interfere with any provision under the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar applicable federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation. Service animals in active use shall be permitted on the Community. See attached Exhibit.

10.10 <u>Nuisance</u>. No Owner, Lessee, Licensee or Occupant shall create a nuisance. No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate on any real property and no odors shall be permitted to emanate so as to render any of said real property in the vicinity or to any Owner, Lessee, Licensee or Occupant thereof. No property shall be used in such a manner as to create a nuisance to others, such as, but not limited to, vibration, sound, electro-mechanical disturbance and radiation, electromagnetic disturbance, radiation, air or water pollution, dust or emission of odorous, toxic and non-toxic matters, with the exception of new home construction. The use of motorized all-terrain vehicles, two-cycle dirt bikes or go carts within the Subdivision is expressly prohibited.

No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on within the Community, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any Person using any property within the Community. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the Community. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no speaker, horn, whistle, siren, bell, amplifier or other sound device, except such devices as may be used exclusively for security purposes or as approved by the ARB, shall be located, installed or maintained upon the exterior of any Lot unless required by law. Any siren or device for security purposes shall contain a device or system which causes it to shut off automatically.

The reasonable and normal development, construction and sales activities conducted or permitted by the Declarant shall not be considered a nuisance or a disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of any Owner or occupant.

10.11 <u>Storage of Materials, Garbage, Dumping, Etc</u>. All garbage cans shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate. There shall be no dumping of grass clippings, leaves or other debris; rubbish, trash or garbage; petroleum products, fertilizers, or other potentially hazardous or toxic substances in any pond, drainage ditch or stream within the Community, except that fertilizers may be applied to landscaping on Lots provided care is taken to minimize runoff.

Each Owner shall maintain its Lot in a neat and orderly condition throughout initial construction of a residential dwelling and not allow trash or debris from its activities to be carried by the wind or otherwise scattered within the Community. Storage of construction materials on the Lot shall be subject to such conditions, rules, and regulations as may be set forth in the Design Guidelines. Each Owner shall keep roadways, easements, swales, and other portions of the Community clear of silt, construction materials and trash from its activities at all times. Trash and debris during initial construction of a residential dwelling shall be contained in standard size dumpsters or other appropriate receptacles and removed regularly from Lots and shall not be buried or covered on the Lot. Any Lot on which construction is in progress may be policed prior to each weekend, and during the weekend all materials shall be neatly stacked or placed and any trash or waste materials shall be removed. In addition, Owners shall remove trash and debris from the Lot upon reasonable notice by Declarant in preparation for special events.

10.12 <u>Combustible Liquid</u>. There shall be no storage of gasoline, propane, heating or other fuels, except for a reasonable amount of fuel that may be stored in containers appropriate for such purpose on each Lot for emergency purposes and operation of lawn mowers, grills, and similar tools or equipment, or small buried or hidden propane tanks for fireplaces, except as may be approved in writing by the ARB. The Association shall be permitted to store fuel for operation of maintenance vehicles, generators and similar equipment.

10.13 <u>Guns</u>. The discharge of firearms on the Community is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes without limitation "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and firearms of all types. The Board may impose fines and exercise other enforcement remedies as set forth in this Declaration, but shall have no obligation to exercise self-help to prevent or stop any such discharge.

10.14 <u>Subdivision of Lot</u>. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed without the Declarant's prior written consent during the Development Period, and the prior written consent of the ARB thereafter. In addition, no home shall be subdivided or partitioned to create housing for more than a single family. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Lot or Lots which it

owns. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations, if any.

10.15 <u>Sight Distance at Intersections</u>. All property located at street intersections or driveways shall be landscaped, improved and maintained so as to permit safe sight across such areas. No fence, wall, hedge or shrub shall be placed or permitted to remain where it would cause a traffic or sight problem.

10.16 Drainage and Grading.

(a) Catch basins and drainage areas are for the purpose of natural flow of water only. No improvements, obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Owner or occupant may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains.

(b) Each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining all drainage areas located on its Lot. Required maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, maintaining ground cover in drainage areas and removing any accumulated debris from catch basins and drainage areas.

(c) Each Owner shall be responsible for controlling the natural and man-made water flow from its Lot. No Owner shall be entitled to overburden the drainage areas or drainage system within any portion of the Community with excessive water flow from its Lot. Owners shall be responsible for all remedial acts necessary to cure any unreasonable drainage flows from Lots. Neither the Association nor the Declarant bears any responsibility for remedial actions to any Lot.

(d) Use of any areas designated as "drainage easement areas" on any recorded subdivision plat of the Community, shall be subject to strict prohibitions against encroachment of structures into, over or across the drainage easement areas, and the right of the Declarant to enter upon and maintain the drainage easement areas. Such maintenance activities may include disturbance of landscaping pursuant to the terms contained in any declaration of easements, notwithstanding approval of the landscaping as set forth in <u>Article 9</u>.

(e) No Person shall alter the grading of any Lot without prior approval pursuant to <u>Article 9</u> of this Declaration. The Declarant hereby reserves for itself and the Association a perpetual easement across the Community for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow. The exercise of such an easement shall not materially diminish the value of or unreasonably interfere with the use of any Lot without the Owner's consent.

(f) All Persons shall comply with any and all applicable erosion control ordinances and regulations in construction of improvements on any Lot and in conducting any activity within non-disturbance buffer zones.

(g) All Persons shall comply with any and all applicable state or county ground disturbance laws, including, but not limited to Alabama's "Call-Before-You-Dig" law.

10.17 <u>Streams</u>. No streams which run across any Lot may be dammed, or the water therefrom impounded, diverted, or used for any purpose without the prior written consent of the Board, except that the Declarant shall have such rights as provided in <u>Article 11</u>.

10.18 <u>Exterior Lighting</u>. All exterior lighting for any house, including, without limitation, free standing lighting and utility (e.g., flood) lights attached to the house, must be approved by the ARB.

10.19 <u>Mail Boxes</u>. No mail box or paper box or other receptacle of any kind for use in the delivery of mail or newspaper or magazine or similar material shall be erected or located on any building site unless and until the size, location, design and type of material for said boxes or receptacles shall have been approved in writing by the ARB. The ARB shall not be required to approve more than one type for all Lots in Quail Run. The builder shall install an approved mailbox during the construction of the house on each Lot. The only letter or numeric inscription permitted on the mailbox or post on which the mailbox is mounted, will be the street number assigned to that Lot.

10.20 <u>Outdoor Furniture, Recreational Facilities, and C(a)</u>theslNnces furniture shall be placed, kept, installed, maintained, or located in or on the front or side yards or areas of any Lot or house, with the exception that standard porch furniture may be placed on the front porch. Any furniture placed, kept, installed, maintained, or located at the rear of or behind a house shall, to the greatest extent practicable, be located so that the same shall not be visible from any street.

(b) Wood piles shall be located only at the rear of the Lot, and shall be screened by appropriate landscaping from view from streets and, to the extent possible, from adjacent Lots and houses.

(c) Children's toys, swing sets, jungle gyms, trampolines, and other outdoor and recreational equipment and appurtenances shall be allowed only at the rear of a house.

(d) Free standing playhouses and tree houses shall be permitted, but only after approval of same by the ARB.

(e) Basketball backboards shall be located in a location approved by the ARB.

(f) Outside clotheslines or other outside facilities for drying or airing clothes shall not be permitted.

(g) Barbeque grills or other types of outdoor cooking equipment and apparatus shall be located only at the rear of the Lot and, to the extent practicable, shall not be visible from any street.

(h) Bird feeders, wood carvings, plaques and other types of home crafts shall not be permitted in the front yards of any Lot or house, nor shall any of the foregoing items be attached to the front or side of any house. All bird feeders, wood carvings, plaques, and other types of home crafts shall be located to the rear of the house.

### ARTICLE 11: EASEMENTS

Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates, and declares the non-exclusive, perpetual easements set forth herein for the enjoyment of the Declarant, the Association, the Members, the Owners, and their successors-in-title.

11.1 <u>Easements of Encroachment</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements of encroachment, and for maintenance and use of any permitted encroachment, between adjacent Lots and between each Lot and any adjacent Common Area, due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of these restrictions) to a distance of not more than three (3) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary along a line perpendicular to such boundary. However, in no event shall an easement for

encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful and knowing conduct on the part of, or with the knowledge and consent of, the Person claiming the benefit of such easement.

### 11.2 Easements for Utilities, Etc.

(a) Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements, for itself during the Development Period, for the Association, and the designees of each (which may include, without limitation, any governmental or quasi-governmental entity and any utility company) perpetual non-exclusive easements upon, across, over, and under all of the Community (but not through a structure, existing or proposed) to the extent reasonably necessary for the purpose of installing, constructing, monitoring, replacing, repairing, maintaining, operating and removing cable, digital or similar television systems, master television antenna systems, and other devices for sending or receiving data and/or other electronic signals; security and similar systems; roads, walkways, pathways and trails, ponds, wetlands, irrigation, and drainage systems; street lights and signage; and all utilities, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, telephone, gas, and electricity, and utility meters; and an easement for access of vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, across, and through the Community, as necessary, to exercise the easements described above.

Declarant may assign to the local water supplier, sewer service provider, electric company, telephone company, natural gas supplier, internet service provider or cable service provider the easements set forth herein across the Community for ingress, egress, installation, reading, replacing, repairing, and maintaining utility lines, meters and boxes, as applicable.

(b) Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself during the Development Period and its designees non-exclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements, and the non-exclusive right and power to grant such specific easements as may be necessary, in the sole discretion of Declarant, in connection with the orderly development of any property described on Exhibit <u>"A"</u>.

(c) Any damage to a Lot resulting from the exercise of the easements described in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall promptly be repaired by, and at the expense of, the Person exercising the easement. The exercise of these easements shall not extend to permitting entry into the structures on any Lot, nor shall it unreasonably interfere with the use of any Lot, and except in an emergency, entry onto any Lot shall be made only after reasonable notice to the Owner or occupant.

(d) Declarant reserves unto itself the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, upon the request of any Person holding, or intending to hold, an interest in the Community, or at any other time, (i) to release all or any portion of the Community from the burden, effect, and encumbrance of any of the easements granted or reserved under this Section, or (ii) to define the limits of any such easements.

11.3 <u>Easement for Slope Control, Drainage and Waterway Maintenance</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, appurtenant easements, for itself, and the Association, and their respective representatives, successors and assigns, contractors and agents, over, across, under, through and upon each Lot for the purposes of:

(a) controlling soil erosion, including grading and planting with vegetation any areas of any Lot which are or may be subject to soil erosion;

(b) drainage of natural or man-made water flow and water areas from any portion of the Community;

(c) changing, modifying or altering the natural flow of water, water courses or waterways on or adjacent to any Lot or Common Area;

(d) dredging, enlarging, reducing or maintaining any water areas or waterways within the Community; and

(e) installing such pipes, lines, conduits or other equipment as may be necessary for slope control, drainage and waterway maintenance of any portion of the Community.

11.4 <u>Easements to Serve Additional Property</u>. The Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, appurtenant easements for itself and its duly authorized successors and assigns, including without limitation, successors-in-title, agents, representatives, and employees, successors, assigns, licensees, and mortgagees, an easement over the Common Area for the purposes of enjoyment, use, access, and development of the Additional Property, whether or not such property is made subject to this Declaration. This easement includes, but is not limited to, a right of ingress and egress over the Common Area for construction of roads, for the posting of signs, and for connecting and installing utilities serving the Additional Property. Declarant agrees that it and its successors or assigns shall be responsible for any damage caused to the Common Area as a result of vehicular traffic connected with development of the Additional Property.

11.5 <u>Easement for Entry</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, appurtenant easements for the Association to enter upon any Lot for emergency, security, and safety reasons. Such right may be exercised by any member of the Board, the Association's officers, committee members, agents, employees and managers of the Association, and by all police officers, fire fighters, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their duties. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Lot shall be only during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner. This easement includes the right to enter any Lot to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of fire, slope erosion, immediate risk of personal injury, or other hazard if an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition within a reasonable time after request by the Board, but shall not authorize entry into any dwelling without permission of the Owner, except by emergency personnel acting in their official capacities. Entry under this Section shall not constitute a trespass.

(b) Declarant hereby reserves for itself and grants to the Association, to the relatives or descendants of any deceased person in any cemetery or burial ground that is located within the boundary of the Community, and to any persons seeking access to any cemetery or burial ground for academic or historical purposes, a nonexclusive, perpetual easement of ingress and egress over such portions of the Common Area as are necessary for such access.

## 11.6 Easements for Maintenance and Enforcement.

(a) Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares non-exclusive, perpetual, appurtenant rights and easements for the Association to enter all portions of the Community, including each Lot but excluding the interior of any residential dwelling, to (i) perform its maintenance responsibilities under <u>Article 5</u>, and (ii) make inspections to ensure compliance with the Governing Documents. Except in emergencies, entry onto a Lot shall be only during reasonable hours. This easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment to Owners' property, and any damage shall be repaired by the Association at its expense.

(b) The Association may also enter a Lot, excluding the interior of any residential dwelling, to abate or remove, using such measures as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition

which violates the Governing Documents. All costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys fees, may be assessed against the violator as a Specific Assessment.

(c) Entry under this Section shall not constitute a trespass, and prior notice to the Owner shall not be required except as provided in <u>Section 5.2</u>.

11.7 <u>Lateral Support</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares nonexclusive, perpetual, reciprocal, appurtenant easements over every portion of the Common Area, every Lot, and any improvement which contributes to the lateral support of another portion of the Common Area, of another Lot, for lateral support, and each shall also have the right to lateral support which shall be appurtenant to and pass with title to such property.

11.8 <u>Easement for Special Events</u>. Declarant reserves, creates, establishes, promulgates and declares for itself, its successors, assigns and designees a perpetual, non-exclusive appurtenant easement over the Common Area for the purpose of conducting or allowing its designees to conduct educational, cultural, entertainment, promotional or sporting events, and other activities of general community interest at such locations and times as Declarant, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or other instrument conveying any interest in a Lot, acknowledges and agrees that the exercise of this easement may result in a temporary increase in traffic, noise, gathering of crowds, and related inconveniences, and each Owner agrees on behalf of itself and the occupants of its Lot to take no action, legal or otherwise, which would interfere with the exercise of such easement or to recover damages for or as the result of any such activities.

11.9 <u>Liability for Use of Easements</u>. No Owner shall have a claim or cause of action against the Declarant, the Association, their successors or assigns, arising out of the exercise or non-exercise of any easement reserved hereunder or shown on any subdivision plat for the Community, except in cases of willful or wanton misconduct.

### ARTICLE 12: MORTGAGEE PROVISIONS

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

12.1 <u>Notices of Action</u>. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage who provides a written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the street address of the Lot to which its Mortgage relates, thereby becoming an "Eligible Holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of:

(a) Any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Community or which affects any Lot on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such Eligible Holder;

(b) Any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such Eligible Holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) Days, or any other violation of the Declaration or By-Laws relating to such Lot or the Owner or occupant which is not cured within sixty (60) Days;

(c) Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or

(d) Any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Eligible Holders pursuant to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation requirements.

12.2 <u>No Priority</u>. No provision of this Declaration or the By-Laws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first Mortgagee of any Lot in the case of distribution to such Owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Area.

12.3 <u>Notice to Association</u>. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.

12.4 <u>Failure of Mortgagee to Respond</u>. Any Mortgagee who receives a written request from the Board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) Days of the date of the Association's request, provided such request is delivered to the Mortgagee by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

12.5 <u>Construction of Article 12</u>. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or Alabama law for any of the acts set out in this Article.

## ARTICLE 13: DECLARANT'S RIGHTS

13.1 <u>Transfer or Assignment</u>. Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant set forth in the Governing Documents may be transferred or assigned in whole or in part to the Association or to other Persons, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that which the Declarant has under this Declaration or the By-Laws. Upon any such transfer, the Declarant shall be automatically released from any and all liability arising with respect to such transferred rights and obligations. No such transfer or assignment shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Public Records.

13.2 <u>Development and Sales</u>. The Declarant and Builders authorized by Declarant may maintain and carry on the Community such activities as, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the development of the Community and/or the construction or sale of Lots, such as sales activities, tournaments, charitable events, and promotional events, and restrict Members from using the Common Area during such activities. Such activities shall be conducted in a manner to minimize (to the extent reasonably possible) any substantial interference with the Members' use and enjoyment of the Common Area. In the event that any such activity necessitates exclusion of Owners from Common Areas, such activities shall not exceed seven (7) consecutive Days. The Declarant and authorized Builders shall have easements over the Community for access, ingress and conducting such activities.

In addition, the Declarant and Builders authorized by Declarant may establish within the Community, including any clubhouse, such facilities as, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the development of the Community and/or the construction or sale of Lots, including, but not limited to, business offices, signs, model units, tents, sales offices, sales centers and related parking facilities. During the Development Period, Owners may be excluded from use of all or a portion of such facilities in the Declarant's sole discretion. The Declarant and authorized Builders shall have easements over the Community for access, ingress, and egress and use of such facilities.

Declarant may permit the use of any facilities situated on the Common Area by Persons other than Owners without the payment of any use fees.

13.3 <u>Improvements to Common Areas</u>. The Declarant and its employees, agents and designees shall also have a right and easement over and upon all of the Common Area for the purpose of making, constructing and installing such improvements to the Common Area as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

13.4 <u>Additional Covenants</u>. No Person shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, declaration of condominium, easements, or similar instrument affecting any portion of the Community without Declarant's review and written consent. Any attempted recordation without such consent shall result in such instrument being void and of no force and effect unless subsequently approved by written consent signed by the Declarant and recorded in the Public Records. No such instrument recorded by any Person, other than the Declarant pursuant to <u>Section 7.4</u>, may conflict with the Declaration, By-Laws or Articles.

13.5 <u>Right of the Declarant to Disapprove Actions</u>. Until the expiration of two (2) years following the termination of the Class "B" membership, the Declarant shall have the right to disapprove any action, policy or program of the Association, the Board and any committee which, in the sole judgment of the Declarant, would tend to impair rights of the Declarant or Builders under the Governing Documents, or interfere with development of, construction on, or marketing of any portion of the Community, or diminish the level of services being provided by the Association. This right to disapprove is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any right to approve or disapprove specific actions of the Association, the Board or any committee as may be granted to the Declarant in the Governing Documents:

(a) The Declarant shall be given written notice of all meetings and proposed actions approved at meetings (or by written consent in lieu of a meeting) of the Association, the Board or any committee. Such notice shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery at the address the Declarant has registered with the secretary of the Association, which notice complies with the By-Laws and which notice shall, except in the case of the regular meetings held pursuant to the By-Laws, set forth in reasonable particularity the agenda to be followed at such meeting. The Declarant may waive its right to receive notice in the same manner as provided in the By-Laws.

(b) The Declarant shall be given the opportunity at any such meeting to join in or to have its representatives or agents join in discussion from the floor of any prospective action, policy, or program which would be subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein. The Declarant, its representatives or agents may make its concerns, thoughts, and suggestions known to the Board and/or the members of the subject committee.

(c) No action, policy or program subject to the right of disapproval set forth herein shall become effective or be implemented until and unless the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) above have been met and the time period set forth in subsection (d) below has expired.

(d) The Declarant, acting through any authorized representative, may exercise its right to disapprove at any time within ten (10) Days following the meeting at which such action was proposed or, in the case of any action taken by written consent in lieu of a meeting, at any time within ten (10) Days following receipt of written notice of the proposed action. No action, policy or program shall be effective or implemented if the Declarant exercises its right to disapprove. This right to disapprove may be used to block proposed actions but shall not include a right to require any action or counteraction on behalf of any committee, or the Board or the Association. The Declarant shall not use its right to disapprove to reduce

the level of services which the Association is obligated to provide or to prevent capital repairs or any expenditure required to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

13.6 <u>Amendments</u>. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Declaration, no amendment to or modification of any use restrictions and rules or Design Guidelines shall be effective without prior notice to and the written consent of the Declarant, during the Development Period. This Article may not be amended without the written consent of the Declarant. The rights contained in this Article shall terminate upon the earlier of (a) the expiration of the Development Period, or (b) upon recording by Declarant of a written statement that all sales activity has ceased.

## ARTICLE 14: GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 14.1 <u>Duration</u>.

(a) Unless terminated as provided in <u>Section 14.1(b)</u>, the provisions of this Declaration shall run with, bind the Community and remain in effect perpetually to the extent permitted by law; provided, however, so long as Alabama law limits the period during which covenants restricting lands to certain uses may run, any provisions of this Declaration affected thereby shall run with and bind the land for so long as permitted by Alabama law. To the extent that Alabama law limits the period during which covenants may run with the land, then to the extent consistent with such law, this Declaration shall automatically be extended at the expiration of such period for successive periods of twenty (20) years each. Notwithstanding the above, if any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by Alabama law, this Declaration may be terminated within the first twenty (20) years after the date of recording by an instrument signed by Owners of at least ninety percent (90%) of the total Lots within the Community, which instrument is recorded in the Public Records; provided however, regardless of the provisions of Alabama law, this Declaration may not be terminated during the Development Period without the prior written consent of the Declarant. After twenty (20) years from the date of recording, this Declaration may be terminated only by an instrument signed by Owners owning at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Lots and constituting at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the total number of Owners, and by the Declarant, if the Declarant owns any portion of the Community, which instrument otherwise complies with the requirements of Alabama law and is recorded in the Public Records. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit termination of any easement created in this Declaration without the consent of the holder of such easement.

14.2 <u>Amendment</u>.

(a) <u>By Declarant</u>. Until termination of the Class "B" membership, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration in its sole discretion for any purpose whatsoever. Thereafter, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration at any time and from time to time if such amendment is necessary (i) to bring any provision into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation, or judicial determination; (ii) to enable any reputable title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage on the Lots; (iii) to enable any institutional or governmental lender, purchaser, insurer or guarantor of Mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to make, purchase, insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots; or (iv) to satisfy the requirements of any local, state or federal governmental agency. However, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Lot unless the Owner shall consent in writing. In addition, during the Development Period, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose, provided the amendment has no material adverse effect upon any right of any Owner. The failure of an amendment to apply uniformly to all Lots shall not constitute a material adverse effect upon the rights of any Owner.

(b) <u>By the Board</u>. The Board shall be authorized to amend this Declaration without the consent of the Members (i) for the purpose of submitting the Community to any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation, or judicial determination, and (ii) to correct scrivener's errors and other mistakes of fact, provided that amendments under this provision have no material adverse effect on the rights of the Owners. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, during the Development Period, any such amendments shall require the written consent of the Declarant.

(c) <u>By Members</u>. Except as otherwise specifically provided above and elsewhere in this Declaration, this Declaration may be amended only by the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of Members holding sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and the written consent of Declarant, if during the Development Period.

Notwithstanding the above, the percentage of votes necessary to amend a specific clause shall not be less than the prescribed percentage of affirmative votes required for action to be taken under that clause.

(d) <u>Validity and Effective Date</u>. Any amendment to the Declaration shall become effective upon recordation in the Public Records, unless a later effective date is specified in the amendment. Any procedural challenge to an amendment must be made within six (6) months of its recordation or such amendment shall be presumed to have been validly adopted. In no event shall a change of conditions or circumstances operate to amend any provisions of this Declaration. No amendment may remove, revoke, or modify any right or privilege of the Declarant or the Class "B" Member without the written consent of the Declarant, the Class "B" Member, or the assignee of such right or privilege.

If an Owner consents to any amendment to this Declaration or the By-Laws, it will be conclusively presumed that such Owner has the authority to consent, and no contrary provision in any Mortgage or contract between the Owner and a third party will affect the validity of such amendment.

14.3 <u>Severability</u>. Invalidation of any provision of this Declaration, in whole or in part, or any application of a provision of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect other provisions or applications.

14.4 <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Any Owner or occupant must give written notice to the Board requesting a hearing with the Board and attend such hearing to discuss amicable resolution of any dispute before that Owner or occupant files any lawsuit against the Association, the Board, any director, or any agent of the Association. The Owner or occupant shall, in such notice and at the hearing, make a good faith effort to explain the grievance to the Board and to resolve the dispute in an amicable fashion and shall give the Board a reasonable opportunity to address the Owner's or occupant's grievance before filing suit. Upon receiving a request for a hearing, the Board shall give notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the person requesting the hearing. The Board shall schedule this hearing for a date no less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21) Days from the date of receipt of the notice of hearing by the person requesting the hearing.

14.5 <u>Litigation</u>. Except as provided below, no judicial or administrative proceeding shall be commenced or prosecuted by the Association unless approved by Members holding eighty percent (80%) of the total Class "A" votes in the Association. This Section shall not apply, however, to (a) actions brought by the Association to enforce the provisions of the Governing Documents (including, without

limitation, the foreclosure of liens); (b) the imposition and collection of assessments as provided in <u>Article 8</u>; (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation; (d) counter-claims 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 services or supplies. This Section shall not be amended unless such amendment is approved by the percentage of votes, and pursuant to the same procedures, necessary to institute proceedings as provided above.

14.6 <u>Non-Merger</u>. Notwithstanding the fact that Declarant is the current owner of the Community, it is the express intention of Declarant that the easements established in the Declaration for the benefit of the Community and Owners shall not merge into the fee simple estate of individual lots conveyed by Declarant or its successor, but that the estates of the Declarant and individual lot owners shall remain as separate and distinct estates. Any conveyance of all or a portion of the Community shall be subject to the terms and provisions of this Declaration, regardless of whether the instrument of conveyance refers to this Declaration.

14.7 <u>Grants</u>. The parties hereby declare that this Declaration, and the easements created herein shall be and constitute covenants running with the fee simple estate of the Community. The grants and reservations of easements in this Declaration are independent of any covenants and contractual agreements undertaken by the parties in this Declaration and a breach by either party of any such covenants or contractual agreements shall not cause or result in a forfeiture or reversion of the easements granted or reserved in this Declaration.

14.8 <u>Use of the "Quail Run" Name and Logo</u>. No Person shall use the words "Quail Run" or the logo for "Quail Run Subdivision" or any derivative in any printed or promotional material without the Declarant's prior written consent. However, Owners may use the words "Quail Run Subdivision" in printed or promotional matter where such terms are used solely to specify that particular property is located within the Community.

14.9 <u>Compliance</u>. Every Owner and occupant of any Lot shall comply with the Governing Documents. Failure to comply shall be grounds for an action by the Association, the Declarant, or by any aggrieved Owner(s) to recover sums due, for damages or injunctive relief, or for any other remedy available at law or in equity, in addition to those enforcement powers granted to the Association in <u>Section 4.3</u>.

14.10 <u>Notice of Sale or Transfer of Title</u>. Any Owner desiring to sell or otherwise transfer title to a Lot shall give the Board at least seven (7) Days' prior written notice of the name and address of the purchaser or transferee, the date of such transfer of title, and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. After the transfer of title, the transferor shall continue to be jointly and severally responsible with the transferee for all obligations of the Owner of the Lot, including assessment obligations, until the date upon which such notice is received by the Board, notwithstanding the transfer of title.

14.11 <u>Exhibits</u>. <u>Exhibits "A", "B" and "C"</u> attached to this Declaration are incorporated by this reference and amendment of such exhibits shall be governed by the provisions of <u>Section 14.2</u>.

14.12 **IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.** THE COMMUNITY IS LOCATED IN THE **IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FORMED IN CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALABAMA PURSUANT** TO CHAPTER 99A OF TITLE 11 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA (1975) (THE "IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ACT"). IN ADDITION TO ANY COMMON AREA OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY THE ASSOCIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS DECLARATION, AND IN ADDITION TO STATE, COUNTY, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL TAXES, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW, THE COMMUNITY (AND ALL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED THEREIN, INCLUDING ALL LOTS) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS MAY BE LEVIED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ACT (COLLECTIVELY, THE "SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS") FOR THE COSTS OF ALL IMPROVEMENTS, FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT. CERTAIN OF THESE SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS PAY THE INITIAL COSTS OF THE DISTRICT AND THE COSTS OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS MAY PAY THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION OF DISTRICT'S PROJECTS. IN ADDITION TO ITS OTHER **OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS DECLARATION, THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING STORMWATER DETENTION FACILITIES,** LANDSCAPING, STREET LIGHTING AND RECREATION TRAILS LOCATED IN THE COMMUNITY, ALTHOUGH SOME OR ALL OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS MAY IN FACT BE OWNED BY THE DISTRICT. AND THE COST OF SUCH MAINTENANCE SHALL BE A COMMON EXPENSE OF THE ASSOCIATION WHICH SHALL BE PASSED ALONG TO LOT **OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS DECLARATION.** 

[Signature on following page]

## "DECLARANT"

QUAIL RUN, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By:\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL) Its:\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_COUNTY )

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whose name as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Quail Run, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of said instrument, (s)he, as such \_\_\_\_\_\_ and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said limited liability company.

Given under my hand and official seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

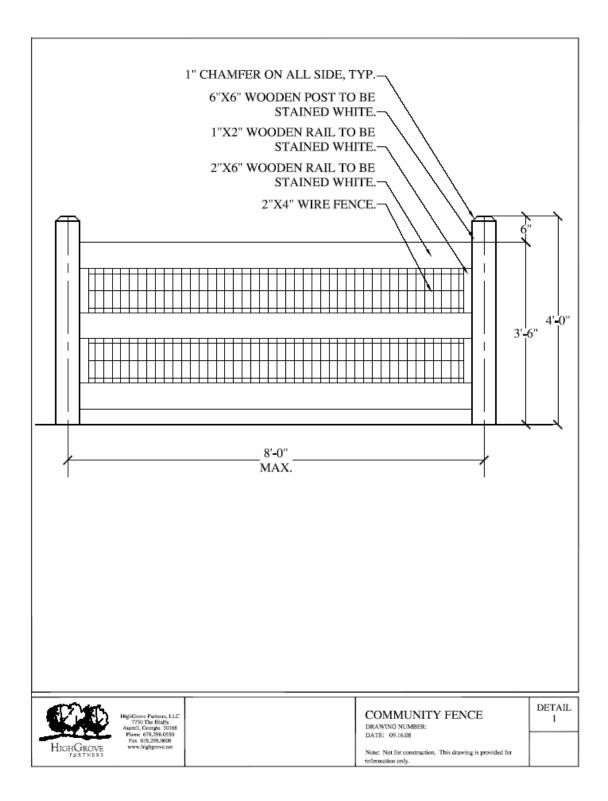
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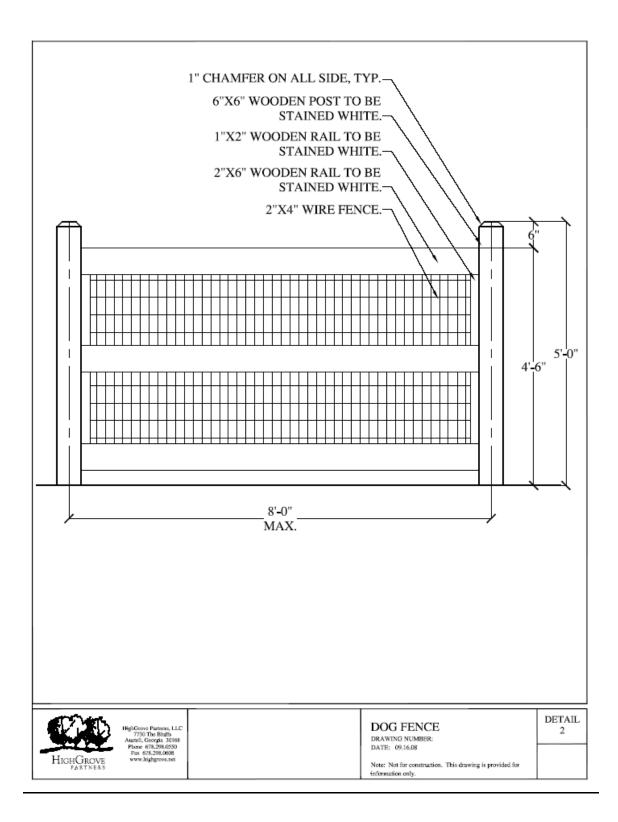
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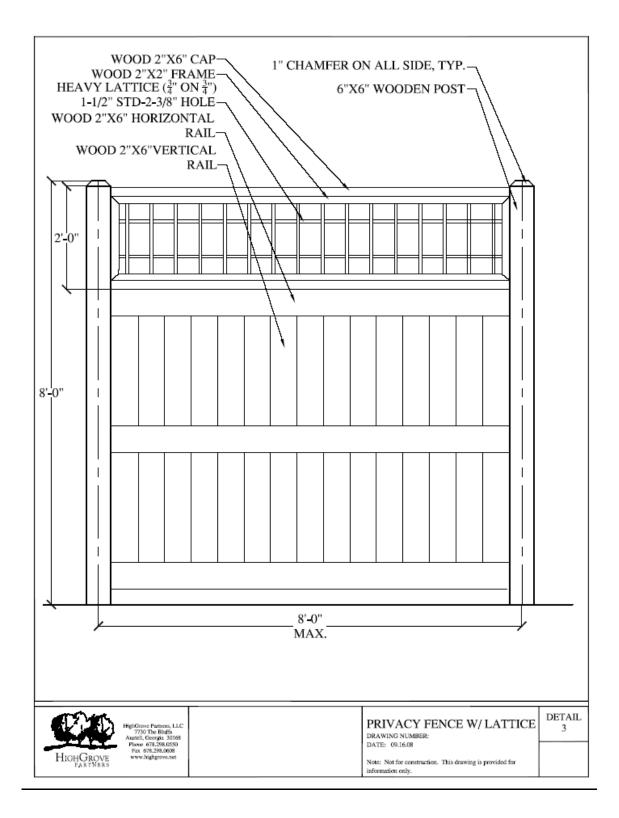
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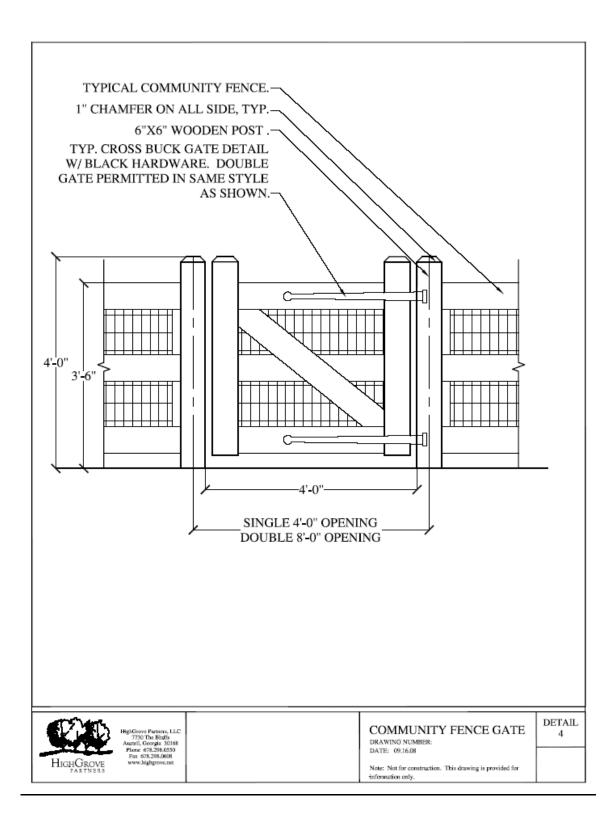
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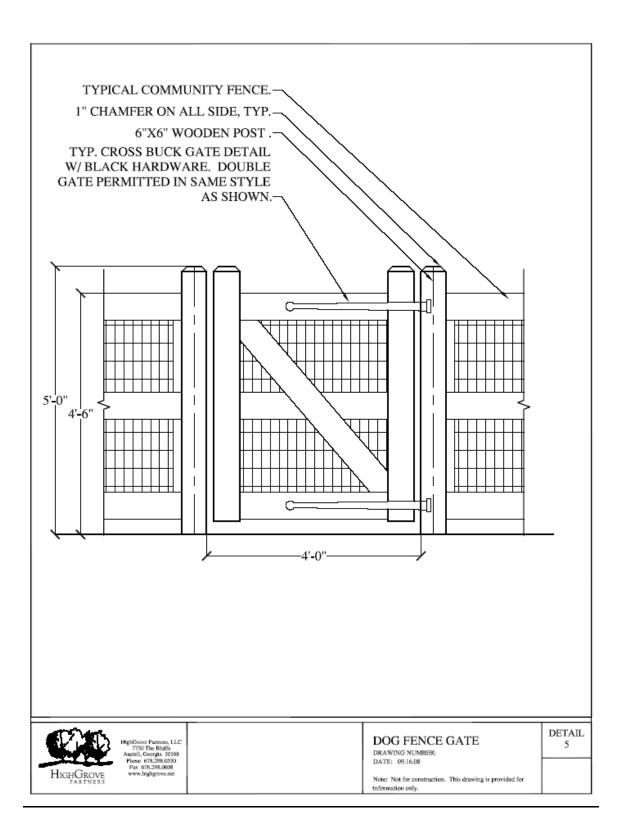
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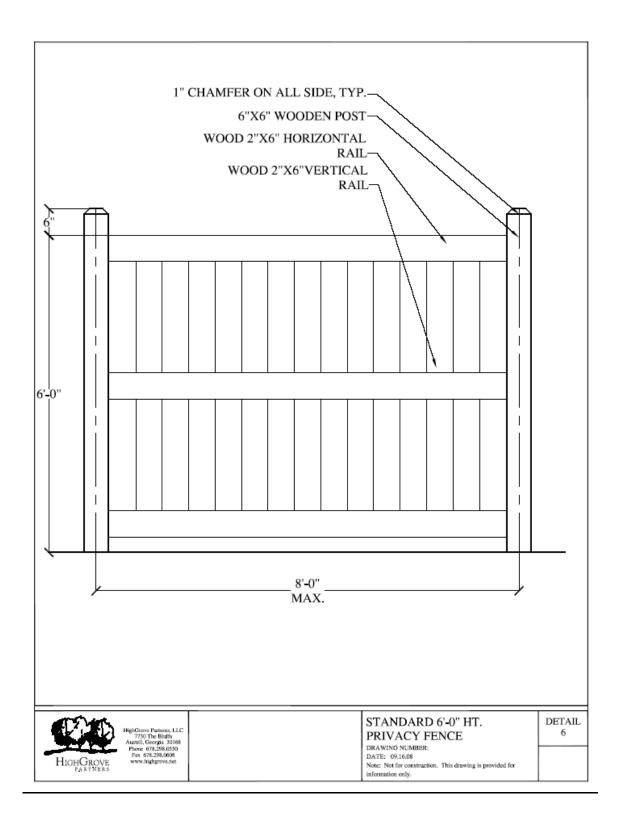












# EXHIBIT "C"

# **Approved Landscape Concepts**

