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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,
RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS
FOR
HICKORY KNOLLS ESTATES**

THIS DECLARATION, is made this 1st day of April 2003, by CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC., whose mailing address is 3620 Peoria Road, Orange Park, Florida 32065, (hereinafter referred to as "Developer").

RECITALS:

A. Developer is the owner of all that certain real property (the "Property") located in Clay, Florida, and more particularly described as and shown on plat of Hickory Knolls Estates recorded in Plat Book 41, Page 11 - 15, inclusive, of the public records of Clay County, Florida.

B. It is the intention and desire of Developer to develop the Property as a residential community. Homes within the Property shall be single-family detached dwellings and shall be developed and maintained as part of a residential development of superior quality, architectural design and condition.

C. Developer desires to maintain the beauty of the Property, and to assure high-quality standards for the enjoyment of the Property. To provide for the preservation, enhancement and maintenance of the Property and the improvements thereon, Developer desires to subject the Property to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens of this Declaration, each and all of which is and are for the benefit of the Property and each owner of a portion thereof.

D. To provide for the efficient management of the Property, Developer deems it desirable to create a not-for-profit association. The Association, as hereinafter defined, shall own, operate, maintain and administer all of the common areas within the Property and administer and enforce the covenants, conditions, restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth. The Association shall also have the power and duty to administer and enforce the easements and rules set forth in this Declaration, and to collect and disburse the assessments hereinafter created.

DECLARATION

NOW, THEREFORE, Developer hereby declares that the Property shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, limitations and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with title to the Property and be binding upon all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part hereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof, including Developer.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply wherever the capitalized terms appear in this Declaration:

(a) "Hickory Knolls Estates" shall mean the plat of recorded in Plat Book 41, Pages 11 - 15, inclusive, of the public records of Clay County, Florida.

(b) "Association" shall mean and refer to Hickory Knolls Estates Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, its successors and assigns. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the Association shall be referred to as the "Association Articles of Incorporation" and the "Association Bylaws", respectively. The Association shall own, operate and maintain the Common Areas; enforce the easements set forth in this Declaration; collect and disburse the assessments hereinafter created; and be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the covenants, conditions, restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth (sometimes referred to as the "Covenants and Restrictions").

(c) "Association Rules and Regulations" shall mean and refer to the rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Board of Directors as the same may be amended from time to time.

(d) "Architectural Review Board" shall consist of three (3) individuals as more specifically provided herein.

(e) "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the Board of Directors of the Association.

(f) "Charges" shall mean and include all General, Special and Lot Assessments.

(g) "Common Area" or "Common Areas" shall mean and refer to all real and personal property now or hereafter owned or required to be maintained by the Association which is intended for the common use and enjoyment of all of the owners within the Property. The Common Areas will include (i) the lake now existing on the Property (which shall be maintained in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Articles VIII and IX of this Declaration); (ii) and the easement herein below to be created covering a portion of Lot ___ and the easement described hereinafter including but not limited to an easement for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the fencing, walls, berms, landscaping, irrigation and signs which may be constructed by Developer. Developer may erect perimeter fencing, berms, and landscaping along boundaries of the Property as deemed necessary by Developer and a sign or signs at the entry to the Property (hereinafter referred to as the "Entrance"). The Association shall have a five foot (5') easement surrounding the Entrance and all perimeter fencing to maintain in good condition and shall include in the annual assessments a reasonable reserve for the repair and replacement of the Entrance. No Owner shall remove, damage or alter any part of the Entrance without the approval of the ARB.

(h) "Developer" shall mean and refer to Clay County Development Company, Inc., or such other entity which has been specifically assigned the rights of Developer hereunder and any assignee thereof which has had the rights of Developer similarly assigned to it. The Developer may also be an Owner for so long as the Developer shall be record owner of any Lot as defined herein.

(i) "Declaration" shall mean and refer to this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements applicable to the Property.

(j) "Family" shall mean and refer to a social unit consisting of parent(s) and the children that they rear.

(k) "General Assessment" shall mean and refer to an assessment required of all Owners, as further provided in Article VII entitled "Covenants for Maintenance Assessments" and elsewhere in this Declaration.

(l) "Guest" shall mean and refer to a social guest of an Owner. However, any person residing on any portion of the Property for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days or longer shall be deemed a permanent resident.

(m) "House" shall mean and refer to any single-family residential dwelling constructed or to be constructed on or within any Lot.

(n) "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land intended as a site for a House, whether or not the same is then shown upon any duly recorded subdivision plat of the Property. Upon construction of a House, the term "Lot" as used herein shall include the House and Yard.

(o) "Lot Assessment" shall mean and refer to any assessment charged to a particular Owner pursuant to this Declaration for services and costs which relate specifically to that Owner's Lot.

(p) "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership in the Association as provided in this Declaration or the Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

(q) "Mortgage" shall mean any bona fide mortgage encumbering a Lot as security for the performance of an obligation.

(r) "Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to any owner and holder of a Mortgage.

(s) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot. Owner shall not include those having an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

(t) "Plat" shall mean and refer to that certain plat of Hickory Knolls Estates per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 41, Page 11 - 15, inclusive, of the public records of Clay County, Florida.

(u) "Property" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described on the Plat.

(v) "Special Assessment" shall mean and refer to those Special Assessments referred to in Article VII hereof.

(w) "Surface Water or Stormwater Management System" means a system which is designed and constructed or implemented to control discharges which are necessitated by rainfall events incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use or re-use water to prevent or reduce flooding, overdrainage, environmental degradation and water pollution or otherwise affect the quantity and quality of discharges from the system, as permitted pursuant to Chapters 40C-4, 40C-40 or 40C-42 of the Florida Administrative Code.

(x) "Yard" shall mean and refer to any and all portions of any Lot lying outside the exterior walls of any House constructed on such Lot and shall include all landscaping, improvements and decorative and functional appurtenances thereon.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

Section 1. The real property which is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to this Declaration consists of that land lying in Clay County, Florida, which has been more particularly described as Hickory Knolls Estates per the Hickory Knolls Estates Plat.

Section 2. No Lot upon which a House has been constructed shall be further subdivided or separated into smaller Lots by any Owner; provided that this shall not prohibit corrective deeds, or similar corrective instruments.

Section 3 - Amendment. After Class B Membership is terminated, there must be approval of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Owners for amending this Declaration.

ARTICLE III

OWNERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A Lot may be owned by one or more natural persons or entity other than a natural person.

Section 2. Every Owner shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from title to any Lot except as provided for herein.

Section 3. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

(a) Class A: Class A Members shall be all Owners with the exception of Developer while the Developer is a Class B Member. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one (1) person holds an interest in any Lot, other than as security for the performance of an obligation, all such persons shall be Members. The vote for such parcel shall be exercised as they, between themselves, determine, by written designation to the Association, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot. The vote appurtenant to any Lot shall be suspended in the event that, and for as long as, more than one (1) member holding an interest in that Lot lawfully seeks to exercise it.

(b) Class B: Class B Members shall be the Developer, who shall be entitled to the number of votes equal to the number of votes held by all Class A Members, plus one (1). The Class B membership shall cease when the Developer has conveyed one hundred (100%) percent of the Lots within the Property or when the Developer, in its sole discretion, elects to terminate its Class B membership, whichever shall occur first. Upon this termination of its Class B membership, the Developer shall be a Class A Member so long as it owns any Lots.

ARTICLE IV

OWNER'S RIGHTS

Section 1. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area, which will be appurtenant to and shall pass with title to every Lot, subject to the provisions of the Association Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and the following provisions:

(a) The right of the Association to charge assessments and other fees for the maintenance and security of the Common Areas and the facilities and services provided Owners as described herein.

(b) The right of the Association to adopt rules and regulations governing the manner and extent of use of the Common Areas and the personal conduct of the Members of the Association and their guests thereon.

(c) The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas, to any public agency, authority or utility (public or private) for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon by the Members of the Association.

(d) The right of the Association to mortgage any or all of the facilities constructed on its property for the purpose of improvements or repair to such property or facilities at a regular meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for this purpose.

(e) The right of Developer or the Association to grant and reserve easements and rights-of-way through, under, over and across the Common Areas, including the right to grant easements for ingress and egress to members of the general public.

(f) The right of Developer or the Association to acquire, extend, terminate or abandon easements.

Section 2. Any Owner may assign his right of enjoyment to the Common Areas and facilities thereon to his tenant who resides on his Lot, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Association Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

Section 3. In the event any Common Areas, facilities or personal property of the Association or of Developer are damaged or destroyed by an Owner or any of his guests, tenants, licensees, agents, employees or members of his Family as a result of negligence or intentional acts, the Association shall repair the damage. Such repairs will be performed in good and workmanlike manner in conformance with the original plans and specifications for the area involved or as the area may have been modified or altered subsequently by the Association. The expense incurred by the Association in making such repairs shall be the responsibility of such Owner and shall become a Lot Assessment.

Section 4. Prior to elimination of the Class B Membership, Developer hereby covenants that it will convey such easements to the Association over property then owned by the Developer as may be reasonably necessary to enable the Association to perform its duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Declaration. Such conveyance shall be subject to covenants, easements, covenants, restrictions and all other terms and conditions, limitations, and reservations contained in the Declaration.

Further, the Entrance (signage, landscaping, fence and irrigation) at Hickory Knolls Estates entrance is located upon lands within the public right-of-way and upon Lots 1 thru 15 and 63 thru 70 will be required to be maintained by the Association.

Developer shall and does hereby reserve an alienable and releasable easement over and across the Common Area for its benefit and the benefit of its successors in title or assignees of record, which easements shall be for the purpose of and include the right, but not the obligation, after conveyance to the Association, to enter upon such Common Areas for the purpose of construction of additional facilities, alteration of existing facilities, maintain and make alterations and additions to the entrance way and signage, landscaping or creation of new easements or modifications of pre-existing easements, to exercise any other rights provided for elsewhere herein, or take any other actions necessary to ensure that the Common Areas are maintained and preserved in a quality manner. Each Owner's obligation to pay assessments, as provided herein, shall commence upon his acquisition of his Lot, notwithstanding that the Common Areas have not then been conveyed to the Association. Developer hereby reserves for itself, the Association and the Owners an alienable and releasable easement over and through rear and side yard drainage systems within the Property for drainage of surface water.

ARTICLE V

ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The duties and powers of the Association shall be those provided for by law or set forth in this Declaration, the Association's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, together with those duties and powers which may be reasonably implied to effect the purposes of the Association. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association may take such measures and perform such services which in the judgment of the Board of Directors are necessary or desirable to enforce the covenants, conditions, restrictions and limitations set forth in this Declaration; operate.

maintain and administer all Common Areas within the Property; administer and enforce the easements provided for in this Declaration; and collect and disburse the assessments created in this Declaration.

Section 2. It shall be the obligation of each Owner to maintain his Lot in a neat, clean and attractive condition. In the event an Owner fails to do so, the Association shall have the right to clean up the Lot, cut weeds and do such things as it may deem necessary and appropriate. The costs incurred by the Association for such Lot maintenance shall be a Lot Assessment.

Section 3. Except as provided for herein, the Association is not responsible for any exterior maintenance of Houses, including, but not limited to, glass surfaces on doors, screened and screen doors, exterior doors and window fixtures, terraces, patio and deck improvements or roofs.

Section 4. The Association may employ or contract with one or more third parties for the performance of all or any portion of the Association's management, maintenance and repair activities, as the Association Board of Directors may choose. The Association shall be billed by its independent contractors, and the cost therefore shall be included within the General Assessment or Lot Assessment, as the case may be.

Section 5. The Association may establish security procedures for the Property. Such procedures may be adopted and from time to time changed by the Association as the Association Board of Directors chooses in its discretion. Security procedures adopted and provided by the Developer or the Association may be in conjunction with other associations representing property owners. No representation, warranty, or guarantee is made, nor assurance given, that the security procedures for the Property will prevent personal injury or damage or loss of property. Neither the Developer nor the Association nor its Board of Directors or other agents shall be liable or responsible for any personal injury or for any loss or damage to property which may occur within the Property, whether or not it is due to the failure of the security procedures adopted from time to time.

ARTICLE VI

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Section 1. Purpose. In order to preserve the natural beauty and aesthetic design of the Hickory Knolls Estates community, and to promote the value of the Hickory Knolls Estates community, the Property is hereby made subject to the following restrictions in this Article VI and every Lot Owner agrees to be bound hereby.

Section 2. Architectural Review Board. The Board of Directors shall establish the Architectural Review Board ("ARB"), which shall consist of at least three (3) individuals who may or may not be members of the Board of Directors' provided, however, prior to the termination of Developer's right to appoint and remove officers and directors of the Association. Developer shall have the right to appoint members of the ARB and ARB members so appointed do not have to be Members. Each ARB member shall be appointed for a one (1) year term commencing with the fiscal year of the Association and may be removed with or without cause by the Board of Directors at any time by written notice, with successors appointed to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term of the former member, provided that only Developer shall have the right to remove ARB members which Developer has appointed. Two of the three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the affirmative vote of the majority of those present in person or by proxy shall constitute the action of the ARB on any matter before it. The ARB is authorized to retain the services of consulting architects, landscape architects, urban designers, engineers, inspectors, contractors, and/or attorneys in order to advise and assist the ARB in performing its functions as set forth herein.

Section 3. Construction Subject to Architectural Control. No construction, modification, alteration or other improvement of any nature whatsoever, except for interior alterations not affecting the external structure or appearance of any House shall be undertaken on any Lot unless and until the plans of such construction or alteration shall have been approved in writing by the ARB. Modifications subject to ARB approval specifically include, but are not limited to the following: Painting or other alteration of a House (including doors, windows and roof); installation of solar

panels or other devices; construction of fountains, swimming pools, whirlpools or other pools; construction of privacy walls or other fences; addition of awnings, shutters, gates, flower boxes, shelves, statues, or other outdoor ornamentation; installation of patterned or brightly colored internal window treatment; any alteration of the landscaping or topography of the Lot, including, without limitation, any cutting or removal of trees in excess of six inches (6") in diameter four feet (4') from the surface of the ground; planting or removal of plants; creation or alteration of lakes, lake banks, marshes, hammocks, lagoons, or similar features of the Property; and all other modifications, alterations or improvements visible from Common Areas, other Lots, or from the street.

Section 4. Provisions Inoperative as to Developer. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration, any development of the Property or construction of Houses by Developer shall not be subject to review and approval by the ARB.

Section 5. Architectural Review Procedures.

(a) Design and Construction Standards and Uniform Procedures. The ARB shall review the applications submitted to it.

(b) Application. The plans to be submitted to the ARB for approval for any House or other improvement shall include:

(i) Two copies of the construction plans and specifications, including all proposed landscaping, containing the seal of an architect licensed to do business in the State of Florida where required by the ARB;

(ii) An elevation or rendering of all proposed improvements;

(iii) A site plan;

(iv) Such other items as the ARB may deem appropriate.

One copy of such plans, specifications and related data so submitted shall be retained in the records of the ARB, and the other copy shall be returned to the Lot Owner marked "approved" or "disapproved".

(c) Basis for Decision. Approval shall be granted or denied by the ARB based upon compliance with the provisions of this Declaration, the ARB's decision, the quality of workmanship and materials, harmony of external design with surrounding structures, the effect of the improvements on the appearance from surrounding areas, and all other factors, including purely aesthetic considerations which, in the sole opinion of the ARB, will affect the desirability or suitability of the construction. The ARB shall have the sole discretion to determine whether plans and specifications submitted for approval are acceptable. In connection with approval rights and to prevent excessive drainage or surface water run-off, the ARB shall have the right to establish a maximum percentage of a Lot which may be covered by dwellings, buildings, structures, or other improvements, which standards shall be promulgated on the basis of topography, percolation rate of the soil, soil types and conditions, vegetation cover, and other environmental factors. Following approval of any plans and specifications by the ARB, representatives of the ARB shall have the right during reasonable hours to enter upon and inspect any Lot and House, or other improvements with respect to which construction is underway to determine whether or not the plans and specifications therefor have been approved and are being complied with. In the event the ARB shall determine that such plans and specifications have not been approved or are not being complied with, the ARB, in its own name, or in the name of the Association, or any Lot Owner, shall be entitled to enjoin further construction and to require the removal or correction of any work in place which does not comply with approved plans and specifications.

(d) Notification. Approval or disapproval of applications shall be given to the applicant in writing by the ARB. In the event that the approval or disapproval is not forthcoming within thirty (30) days after a complete submittal has been made to the ARB fully in accord with its published procedures or specific requests, unless an extension is agreed to by the applicant, the application shall be deemed approved and the construction of the improvements applied for may be commenced.

provided that all such construction is in accordance with the submitted plans, and provided further that such plans conform in all respects to the other terms and provisions of this Declaration.

(e) Construction. After approval by the ARB and the requisite inspections, the proposed improvements must be substantially completed within six months, or approval must once again be obtained from the ARB as provided herein. Once commenced, the construction must proceed diligently. The exterior of any House, and the accompanying landscaping, shall be completed within nine (9) months from commencement unless the ARB allows an extension of time.

(f) Fee. The ARB shall establish a fee sufficient to cover the expense of reviewing plans and related data and to compensate any consulting architects, landscape architects, urban designers, inspectors, or attorneys retained in accordance with the terms hereof.

Section 5. Appeal. Any Lot Owner may appeal an adverse decision of the ARB to the Board of Directors who may reverse or modify the decision of the ARB pursuant to procedures set forth in the Association's By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation.

Section 6. Approval Not a Guarantee. No approval of plans and specifications and no publication of architectural standards shall be construed as representing or implying that such plans, specifications, or standards will, if followed, result in properly designed improvements. Such approvals and standards shall in no event be construed as representing, warranting, or guaranteeing that any House or other improvement built in accordance therewith will be built in accordance with applicable building codes or other governmental requirements or in a good and workmanlike manner. Neither Declarant, the Association, nor the ARB shall be responsible or liable for any defects in any plans or specifications submitted, revised, or approved pursuant to the terms of this Article, nor any defects in construction undertaken pursuant to such plans and specifications.

ARTICLE VII

COVENANTS FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. All assessments and fines (referred to collectively in this Article as "charges"), together with interest and cost of collection when delinquent, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which the charges are made, and shall also be the personal obligation of the person or entity who is the Owner of such Lot at the time when the charges were levied, and of each subsequent Owner. The lien shall attach to the Lot upon recording of a claim of lien in the public records of Clay County, Florida, which lien shall include all the formalities of a deed and be signed by a duly authorized officer of the Association. The claim of lien can provide that it secures not only current outstanding assessments as of the date of filing the claim of lien, but may also include future unpaid assessments, interest, late charges, and other costs related thereto. Each Owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other transfer document therefore, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or transfer document, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay the Association the charges established or described in this Article and in the Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. No diminution or abatement or any charges shall be allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to perform such function required of it, or any alleged negligent or wrongful acts of the Association, or its officers, agents and employees, or the non-use by the Owner of any or all of the Common Areas, the obligation to pay such charges being a separate and independent covenant by each Owner. Mortgagees are not required to collect assessments.

Section 2. Each Lot within the Property is subject to an Annual General Assessment by the Association for the improvement, maintenance and operation of the Property, including the management and administration of the Association and the furnishing of services as set forth in this Declaration. Such General Assessments must be allocated equally on a per Lot basis. The Board of Directors of the Association by a majority vote shall set the Annual General Assessments at a level sufficient to meet the Association's obligations. The Association Board of Directors shall have the right, power and authority, during any fiscal year, to increase the Annual General Assessment for the purpose of meeting its expenses and operating costs on a current basis. The Association Board of Directors shall set the date or dates that the Assessment shall become due, and may provide for collection of Assessments annually or in monthly, quarterly or semi-annual installments; provided however, that upon a default in the payment of any one or more installments, the entire balance of

the yearly Assessment may be accelerated at the option of the Association Board of Directors and be declared due and payable in full. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2, the maximum Annual General Assessment for the first year shall be Three Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$350.00) per Lot. The maximum Annual General Assessment shall not increase more than five percent (5%) per year unless by a vote of a majority of the members. This cap on maximum Annual General Assessment will be waived if Developer elects to add additional lands and/or improvements to the Common Area.

There will no assessment due on any lot owned by the Developer. Assessments begin when the property is purchased by the homeowner.

Section 3.

(a) In addition to Annual General Assessments authorized above, the Association may levy in any assessment year a Special Assessment for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Areas, including fixtures and personal property related thereto, provided that such assessments shall have been properly authorized pursuant to the terms of the Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

(b) In addition, the Association may levy an Emergency Assessment at any time by a majority vote of the Association Board of Directors, for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any unusual or emergency matters that affect the Common Areas, and such Emergency Assessment shall be due and payable at the time and in the manner specified by the Association Board of Directors.

Section 4. In addition to the Assessments authorized above, the Association may levy in any assessment year a Lot Assessment against a particular Lot for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the specific lot (or a charge under Section 3 of Article IV above), or any other maintenance or special services provided to such Lot or its Owner, the cost of which is not included in the General Assessment.

Section 5. The initial Assessment on any Lot subject to assessment shall be collected at the time title to such Lot is conveyed to the Owner by the Developer. During the initial year of ownership, each Owner shall be responsible for the pro rata share of the General or Special Assessments charged to that Owner's Lot, prorated to the date of closing based upon a thirty (30) day month.

Section 6.

(a) Any charges not paid within fifteen (15) days after the due date shall be subject to a late fee as determined from time to time by the Association Board of Directors and shall bear interest at the rate of eighteen (18%) percent per annum (or the maximum rate allowed by law, if less) until paid.

(b) Any charges against any Lot pursuant to this Declaration, together with such late fees, interest thereon, and cost of collection thereof (including reasonable attorneys' fees, whether suit is filed or not), shall become a lien on such Lot which lien shall attach upon the recording of the claim of lien as aforesaid. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same, foreclose the lien against the Lot, or both. Costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in any such action shall be awarded to the prevailing party. The lien provided for in this Section shall be in favor of the Association. The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid for an interest in any Lot foreclosed at such foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same.

(c) Each Owner, by acquisition of an interest in a Lot hereby expressly vests in the Association the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally for the collection of such charges as a debt and to enforce the aforesaid by all methods available for the enforcement of such liens, including foreclosures, by an action brought in the name of the Association, in a like

manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and such Owner hereby expressly grants to the Association a power of sale in connection with such lien. No Owner may waive or otherwise avoid liability for the charges provided for herein by abandonment of his Lot.

(d) The lien rights provided for herein shall be inferior and subordinate to the lien of a Mortgage held by a Mortgagee now or hereafter placed upon any Lot subject to assessment. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect such lien; however, the sale or transfer of any parcel pursuant to foreclosure of such Mortgage, including a transfer by a deed in lieu of foreclosure, shall extinguish the lien of such charges as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer.

Section 7. The Treasurer of the Association, upon demand of any Owner liable for charges, shall furnish to such Owner a certificate in writing signed by such Treasurer, setting forth whether such charges have been made.

Section 8 - Budget.

(a) The fiscal year of the Association shall consist of a twelve (12) month period commencing on the first day of January of each year and terminating on the last day of December of that year.

(b) Developer shall determine the Association budget for the fiscal year in which a Lot is first assessed its fractional share of the Annual General Assessment.

(c) Pursuant to the Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Association Board of Directors shall adopt a budget for each succeeding year containing an estimate of the total amount which they consider necessary to pay the cost of all expenses to be incurred by the Association to carry out its responsibilities and obligations including, without limitation, the cost of wages, materials, insurance premiums, services, supplies and other expenses needed to render the services specified hereunder. Such budget shall also include such reasonable amounts as the Association Board of Directors consider necessary to provide working capital and to provide for a general operating reserve and reserves for contingencies and replacements. The Association Board of Directors reserves the right to determine the collection periods, whether they be quarterly or annually. The Association Board of Directors shall send each of its Members a copy of the budget, in a reasonably itemized form which sets forth the amount of the Assessments payable by each of its Members. Each budget shall constitute the basis for determining each Owner's General Assessment as provided herein.

(d) The failure or delay of the Association Board of Directors to prepare or adopt the annual budget or adjusted budget for any fiscal year shall not constitute a waiver or release in any manner of any Owner's obligation to pay his Assessment as herein provided, whenever the same shall be determined. In the absence of an annual budget or adjusted budget, each Owner shall continue to pay the Assessment at the then existing rate established for the previous fiscal period in the manner such payment was previously due until notified otherwise.

Section 9. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempted from the Assessments and liens created herein:

(a) All properties dedicated to and accepted by a governmental body, agency or authority; and

(b) All Common Areas.

Section 10. In the event the Common Areas owned by the Association are taxed separately from the Lots deeded to Owners, the Association shall include such taxes as a part of the budget. In the event the Common Areas owned by the Association are taxed as a component of the value of the Lot owned by each Owner, it shall be the obligation of each Owner to timely pay such taxes.

Section 11. Covenant for Maintenance Assessments for Association. Assessments shall also be used for the maintenance and repair of the surface water or stormwater management systems including but not limited to work within retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements.

The Association shall be responsible for such maintenance and operation from the time it is substantially complete and put into use by the Developer. Any repair or reconstruction of the Surface and Storm Water Management System shall only be as permitted, or if modified only as approved, by the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Section 12. Enforcement. The St. Johns River Water Management District shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in the Covenant and Restrictions which relate to the maintenance, operation and repair of the surface water or stormwater management system.

Section 13. Swale Maintenance. The Developer has constructed a Drainage Swale upon each Lot for the purpose of managing and containing the flow of excess surface water, if any, found upon such lot from time to time. Each lot owner, including builders, shall be responsible for the maintenance, operation and repair of the swales on the lot. Maintenance, operation and repair shall mean the exercise of practices, such as mowing and erosion repair, which allow the swales to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance or other stormwater management capabilities as permitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District. Filling, excavation, construction of fences or otherwise obstructing the surface water flow in the swales is prohibited. No alteration of the Drainage Swale shall be authorized and any damage to any Drainage Swale, whether caused by natural or human-induced phenomena, shall be repaired and the Drainage Swale returned to its former condition as soon as possible by the Owner(s) of the Lot(s) upon which the drainage swale is located.

ARTICLE VIII

USE OF PROPERTY

In order to preserve the Property as a desirable place to live for all Owners, the following protective covenants are made a part of this Declaration:

Section 1 - Single Family Residence Only. Each lot shall be used for the purpose of constructing a single-family residence thereon and for no other purpose. Except as herein otherwise provided, no structure shall be erected, altered or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one single-family residence with a two (2) car usable garage. No building or structure shall be rented or leased separately from the rental or lease of the entire Lot. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent Developer from using any Lot or portion thereof as a right-of-way for road purposes or for access or utility easement, in which event none of these restrictions shall apply. No building or structure shall have exposed concrete blocks except for its foundation, except for painted or stuccoed surfaces. No carports shall be allowed.

Section 2 - Minimum Square Footage. No House or other structure shall be constructed on a Lot which has a height exceeding thirty-five (35) feet above the elevation of the finished surface of the first floor of such dwelling. All Houses constructed on Lots in Hickory Knolls Estates shall have a minimum of one thousand six hundred (1,600) square feet of heated and air conditioned living space. The Developer reserves the right to decrease the minimum square footage by ten percent (10%).

Section 3 - Set Back Definitions. Set back restrictions for all Lots shall be in accordance with set back requirements set forth under the regulations of Clay County, Florida.

Section 4 - Maximum Lot Coverage. The maximum area of a Lot covered by all buildings and structures shall not exceed County Zoning Guidelines, or any other governmental agency charged with setting same.

Section 5 - Sheds, Shacks or Trailers. No shed, shack, trailer, tent or other temporary or movable building or structure of any kind shall be erected or permitted to remain on any Lot. However, this paragraph shall not prevent the use of temporary buildings during the period of actual construction of a residence and other buildings permitted hereunder, nor the use of adequate sanitary toilet facilities for workmen during the course of such construction. All storage sheds must be approved by the Architectural Review Board and will be limited to a size of 10' x 12' and must be

screened from view by a board on board pressure treated fence made of new quality materials acceptable to the Architectural Review Board. The exterior color of the roof and wall of the storage sheds must match the color of the home.

Section 6 - Residing Only in Residence. No trailer, basement, garage, or any outbuilding of any kind or shall be at any time used as a residence either temporarily or permanently.

Section 7 - Fences. Hedges, fences or walls may not be built or maintained on any portion of any Lot except on the rear or interior side Lot line and not closer to the front of the Lot than the front line of the main residence. No fence or wall shall be erected nor hedge maintained higher than six feet (6') from the normal surface of the ground other than the perimeter fence which is installed by the Developer which is 8' tall. No fence or wall shall be erected until quality, style, color, design and location shall have been first approved by the Architectural Review Board.

Section 8 - Sewage Disposal and Water Service. The utility company providing service to the Property, has the sole and exclusive right to provide all water and sewage facilities and service to the Property. No well of any kind shall be dug or drilled on the Property to provide potable water for use within any structure to be built, and no potable water shall be used within said structures except potable water which is obtained from the utility company. Nothing herein shall prevent the digging of a well (subject to state and local rules and regulations with respect thereto) to provide water for swimming pools, irrigation of a yard or garden or for heat transfer systems of heating and air conditioning units. No septic tank may be constructed on any Lot. No sewage may be discharged on the open ground or into the wetlands. All sewage must be disposed of through the sewer lines and disposal plan owned and controlled by the utility company or its assigns. The utility company has a non-exclusive perpetual easement in, over and under the areas described on the Plat as "Easement for Utilities" or similar wording for the purposes of installation, maintenance and operation of water and sewage facilities.

Section 9 - Motorists' Vision to Remain Unobstructed. The Developer, or the Association, shall have the right, but not the obligation, to remove or require the removal of any fence, wall, hedge, shrub, bush, tree or other thing, natural or artificial, placed or located on any Lot, if the location of same will, in the sole judgment and opinion of the Developer or the Association, obstruct the vision of the motorist upon any of the streets.

Section 10 - Signs. No sign of any character shall be displayed or placed on any Lot except "FOR RENT" or "FOR SALE" signs which shall be no larger than four (4) feet square, or one small sign used to denote the name and address of the resident, which sign may refer only to the particular premises on which displayed, and shall be of materials, size, height, and design approved by the ARB. The Developer or Association may enter upon any Lot and summarily remove any signs which do not meet the provisions of this paragraph. Nothing contained in these Covenants and Restrictions shall prevent the Developer or any person designated by the Developer from erecting or maintaining such commercial and display signs as Developer deems appropriate and such temporary dwellings, model houses and other structures as the Developer may deem advisable to promote home sales.

Section 11 - Aerials and Antennas. No radio or television aerial or antenna or any other exterior electronic or electrical equipment or devices of any kind shall be installed or maintained on the exterior of any structure of any Lot unless and until the location, size and design thereof shall have been approved by the Architectural Review Board. As a general rule, antennas and other electronic equipment will be approved if installed in a manner that is not visually offensive and does not interfere with other Owners. Satellite dishes or antennas must be approved by the Architectural Review Board prior to installation.

Section 12 - Pets. Not more than two (2) dogs, or two (2) cats, or two (2) birds (excluding parrots), or two (2) rabbits, or any combination of two (2) thereof, may be kept on a Lot for the pleasure and use of the occupants, but not for any commercial or breeding use except by approval of the ARB or Board of Directors. If, in the sole opinion of the ARB, the animal or animals are dangerous or are an annoyance or nuisance or destructive of wildlife, they may not hereafter be kept on the Lot. Birds and rabbits shall be kept caged at all times. All pets must be held or kept leashed

at all times if they are in the Common Areas, and pet owners shall immediately collect and properly dispose of the waste and litter of their pets.

Section 13 - No Offensive Activities and Conditions. No illegal, noxious or offensive activity shall be permitted on any part of the Property, nor shall anything be permitted or done which is or may become a nuisance or a source of embarrassment, discomfort, or annoyance to the neighborhood. No trash, garbage, rubbish or debris shall be deposited or allowed to accumulate or remain outside a receptacle on any part of the Property or on any contiguous land. No fires for burning trash, leaves, clippings, or other debris shall be permitted on any part of the Property, including street rights-of-way. Landscaping and lawns are to be neatly trimmed, weeded and maintained.

Section 14 - No Parking of Vehicles, Boats, Etc. No recreational or other vehicles of any kind, including, but not limited to, any mobile home, trailer (either with or without wheels), motor home, tractor, camper, motorized camper or trailer, motorized bicycle, motorized go-cart, boats or any other objects may be kept or parked between the street and the residential structures or in the side yards. All such objects shall be completely screened inside the garage or within the rear or side yard concealed from view from any adjacent Lot or roadway. Private automobiles of guests of occupants may be parked in the driveways and other vehicles may be parked in the driveways during the times necessary for pick-up and delivery service and solely for the purpose of such service. No trailer shall be kept on any Lot unless approved by the Architectural Review Board. No Owner or other occupant of any portion of the Property shall repair or restore any vehicle of any kind upon or within any Lot or within any portion of the Property, except within enclosed garages or workshops.

Section 15 - Air Conditioners. Unless the written approval of the Architectural Review Board has been obtained, no window air conditioning units shall be installed.

Section 16 - Clothesline. No clothesline or other clothes drying facility shall be permitted on any Lot unless screened from view from outside the Lot.

Section 17 - Storage of Fuel Tanks Garbage and Trash Receptacles. All above ground tanks, cylinders or containers for the storage of liquified petroleum, gas or other fuel, garbage or trash, shall be screened from view from adjacent Lots and any street.

Section 18 - Insurance. Nothing shall be done or kept on any Lot or in the Common Areas which will increase the rate of insurance for the Property or any other Lot, or the contents thereof, without the prior written consent of the Association. No Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept on his Lot or in the Common Areas which will result in the cancellation of insurance on the Property or any other Lot, or the contents thereof, or which will be in violation of the law.

Section 19 - Trees. No tree of a diameter of six (6) inches or more shall be removed without the permission of the Developer and/or the ARB.

Section 20 - Lakes.

(a) Water Level and Use. With respect to the lake now existing or which may hereafter be erected within the Property, only the Association shall have the right to remove any water from such lakes for the purpose of irrigation or other use or to place any matter or object in such lakes. The Association shall have the sole and absolute right to control the water level of the lake and to control the growth and eradication of plants, fowl, reptiles, animals, fish and fungi in and on such lake and to fill any lake. No Owner shall deposit any fill in such lake. No dock, moorings, pilings, boat shelters or other structure shall be erected on or over the lake without the approval of the ARB. No gas or diesel-driven boat shall be permitted to be operated on the lake. Canoes and small noncombustion-powered boats will be permitted. All permitted boats shall be stored, screened from public view, and shall be stored either within existing structures on the Owner's Lot, or behind landscaping approved by the ARB.

(b) Lake Embankments. The lake embankments shall be maintained by the Owner owning the lake bottom. The embankments shall be maintained by each applicable Owner so that the grass, planting, or other lateral support shall prevent erosion of the embankment of the lake and the height,

grade and contour of such embankments shall not be changed without the prior written consent of the ARB. If the Owner required to maintain the embankment fails to maintain such embankment as part of his landscape maintenance obligations in accordance with the foregoing, the Association and its agent or representative shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter upon such Owner's property to perform such maintenance which may be reasonably required, all at the expense of the appropriate Owner.

(c) Easement for Access and Drainage. The Association shall have a perpetual, non-exclusive easement over all areas of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management Systems for access to operate, maintain or repair such systems. This easement shall provide the Association with the right to enter upon any portion of a Lot which is adjacent to or a part of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, to operate, maintain or repair the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System as required by the St. Johns River Water Management District permit. In addition, the Association shall have a perpetual, non-exclusive easement for drainage over the entire Surface Water or Stormwater Management System. No person shall alter the drainage flow of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, including buffer areas or swales, without the prior written approval of the St. Johns River Water Management District.

ARTICLE IX

UTILITY EASEMENTS AND OTHER EASEMENTS

Section 1. Subject to the rights of Clay County, the Developer shall have the unrestricted right, without the approval or joinder of any other person or entity to designate the use and to alienate, release, or otherwise assign the easements shown in the Plat or described herein.

Section 2. Developer reserves for itself and for the Association and its designees a ten (10) foot easement for the benefit of the Property, upon, across, over, through and under, along and parallel to each front and rear Lot line and a five (5) foot easement for the benefit of the Property, upon, across, over, through and under, along and parallel to each side Lot line for ingress, egress, installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of the utility system, for drainage, and for services supplied by either Developer or Association. By virtue of this easement, it shall be expressly permissible for Developer and the Association to install and maintain facilities and equipment on the Property, to excavate for such purposes and to affix and maintain wires, circuits, pipes and conduits on and under the Lots, following which Developer or the Association, as applicable, shall restore the affected property to its original condition as nearly as practicable. This easement shall be in addition to, rather than in place of, any other recorded easements on the Property.

Section 3. Developer reserves for itself and for the Association and its designees a blanket easement and right on, over and under the Yard within the Property to maintain and correct drainage of surface water and other erosion controls in order to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance. Said right expressly includes the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, make any gradings of soil, take up pavement or to take any other similar action reasonably necessary, following which Developer or the Association, as applicable, shall restore the affected property to its original condition (excluding replacement of trees) as nearly as practicable. Developer, or the Association, shall give reasonable notice of intent to take such action to all affected Owners, unless in the opinion of the Developer, or the Association, an emergency exists which precludes such notice. The right granted hereunder may be exercised at the sole option of Developer, or the Association, and shall not be construed to obligate Developer, or the Association to take any affirmative action in connection therewith.

Section 4. To the extent that any improvements constructed by Developer on, or if any Lot encroaches on, any other Lot or Common Area, whether by reason of any deviation from the subdivision plat(s) of the Property or by reason of the settling or shifting of any land or improvements, a valid easement for such encroachment and the maintenance thereof shall exist. Upon the termination of such an encroachment, the easement created in this Section 4 shall also terminate.

Section 5. The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance, operation and repair of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System. Maintenance of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System(s) shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the systems to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance or other surface water or stormwater management capabilities as permitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District. The Association shall be responsible for such maintenance and operation. Any repair or reconstruction of the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System shall be as permitted or, if modified, as approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Section 6. The Developer reserves the right to release any lot from any part of these covenants and restrictions which have been violated (including without limiting the foregoing, violations of building restriction lines and provisions hereof relating thereto wherever the developer, in its sole judgment, determines such violation to be minor or insubstantial violation).

Section 7. Easement for Access and Drainage. The Association shall have a perpetual non-exclusive easement over all areas of the surface water or stormwater management system for access to operate, maintain or repair the system. By this easement the Association shall have the right to enter upon any portion of any lot which is a part of the surface water or stormwater management system, at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, to operate, maintain, or repair the surface water or stormwater management system as required by the St. Johns River Water Management District permit. Additionally, the Association shall have a perpetual non-exclusive easement for drainage over the entire surface water or stormwater management system, including buffer areas or swales, without the prior written approval of the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Section 8. Easement for Preservation of Uplands and Wetlands. The easements reserved as shown on the plat are for mitigation purposes and shall not be disturbed per the SJRWMD permit. Any activity or use of the Upland or Wetland Preservation Area inconsistent with the purpose of this Upland or Wetland Preservation Area is prohibited. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following activities and uses are expressly prohibited:

- (a) Construction or placing buildings, roads, signs, billboards or other advertising, utilities, or other structures on or above the ground.
- (b) Dumping or placing soil or other substance or material as landfill or dumping or placing of trash, waste or unsightly or offensive materials.
- (c) Removing or destroying trees, shrubs, or other vegetation.
- (d) Excavating, dredging or removing loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock or other material substance in such a manner as to affect the surface.
- (e) Surface use, except for purposes that permit the land or water area to remain predominantly in its natural condition.
- (f) Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation, or fish and wildlife habitat preservation.
- (g) Acts or uses detrimental to such retention of land or water areas.
- (h) Acts or uses detrimental to the preservation of the structural integrity or physical appearance of sites or properties of historical, architectural or cultural significance.

The St. Johns River Water Management District has the right to enter upon and inspect the Upland and Wetland Preservation Area in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times to determine if the covenants and prohibitions contained in the Declaration are being complied with. The SJRWMD may proceed a law or in equity to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the covenants set forth herein, to prevent the occurrence of any of the prohibited activities set forth herein, and require the restoration of the Upland or Wetland Preservation Area that may be damaged by an activity inconsistent with the Declaration.

Section 9. Pedestrian Easement. Easement as shown on the plat gives every property owner within Hickory Knolls Estates the right to access Common or Recreational Areas. There are four Common Areas which may be accessed:

1. Tract "B" retention area, Pond 1
2. Tract "B" retention area, Pond 2
3. Tract "E" recreational area
4. Tract "V" recreational area

Section 10. Private Drainage Easements. These easements extend across lots (58, 59, 63 - 70). These easements allow stormwater to runoff from the discharging lot through the easement and then flow into adjacent lot (receiving lot). Once the stormwater leaves the easement, and enters the receiving lot, this lot now has full responsibility for directing the stormwater to the correct discharge point within his lot, in accordance with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) permit documents. The discharging lot cannot construct his lot in such a way as to create a channelized discharge condition unless called for on the plans, or agreed to by both the discharging and receiving lots. The stormwater leaving the discharging lot must be displaced equally over the entire length of the easement which creates a sheet flow condition, and prevents erosion. Any erosion to the receiving lot, caused by stormwater runoff from the discharging lot, shall be repaired in a timely manner by the discharging lot.

The receiving lot cannot impede the sheet flow of drainage from the discharging lot unless agreed upon by both the discharging and receiving lots. If either of the lots was not constructed in accordance with the SJRWMD permit, and engineering documents, and this is causing difficulty in maintaining the proper drainage pattern then it is the responsibility of this lot to construct the means necessary to properly drain the area at his expense. This must be accomplished in a timely manner, prior to the completion of the adjacent lots. This lot must also show evidence (signed and sealed by a licensed Civil Engineer in the State of Florida) to the Homeowners Association that this new drainage system will function adequately in accordance with the SJRWMD permit. Any of these problems which cause additional construction or maintenance fees to either the Homeowners Association, or other lot owners, shall be paid in full by the negligent lot owner.

ARTICLE X

ADDITIONAL LANDS

Section 1. Developer reserves the right to file or record amended or supplemental Declarations from time to time adding all or portions of the Phase Two Lands to the Hickory Knolls Estates Development thereby subjecting such additional property to the terms and conditions of this Declaration and to the jurisdiction of the Association. This right to subject additional property to the terms and conditions of this Declaration may be exercised at Developer's sole discretion before or after turn over of control of the Association and with no requirement or vote of the membership or joinder of any other person or entity.

ARTICLE XI

VEGETATIVE NATURAL BUFFER

Section 1. There shall be set aside permanent vegetative buffers ("Buffer") in varying widths, over that portion of the property shown on the plat. This buffer extends across lots as per plat. The Buffer if part of the surface water management system permitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District. The purpose of this Buffer is to detain and treat stormwater prior to drainage offsite; therefore, the area must be maintained with a dense vegetative cover. Filling and placement of impervious surface (other than fenceposts) are prohibited within the Buffer.

ARTICLE XII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. There is hereby reserved to the Association the right, which shall also be its duty and responsibility and obligation, to maintain the Common Area in accordance with the Declaration and the Association Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and rules and regulations.

Section 2. The covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time, shall run with and bind the Property and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Developer, the Association, the Owners and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years after the date that this Declaration is recorded in the public records of Clay County, Florida, after which time all of said provisions shall be extended automatically for successive periods of ten (10) years each unless an instrument signed by the President and Secretary of the Association certifying that the Owners holding seventy-five (75%) percent of the total voting power in the Association have agreed to terminate all of the said provisions as of a specified date shall have been recorded. Unless this Declaration is terminated in accordance with this section, the Association shall re-record this Declaration or the notice of its terms at intervals necessary under Florida law to preserve its effect.

Section 3. In the event all or part of the Common Area owned by the Association shall be taken or condemned by any authority having the power of eminent domain, all compensation and damages shall be paid to the Association. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the sole and exclusive right to act on behalf of the Association with respect to the negotiation and litigation of the taking or condemnation affecting such property. Any amendment (to the Covenants and Restrictions) which would affect the surface water management system including the water management portions of the Common Areas, must have the prior written approval of the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Section 4. Any notice required to be sent to the Owner of any Lot under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, first class postage prepaid, or hand delivered to the last known address of the person who appears as Owner of such Lot on the records of the Association at the time of such mailing.

Section 5. Developer reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, following ten (10) days written notice to the Owner of the Lot specifying the violation to enter upon any Lot to correct any violation of these covenants and restrictions or to take such action, as Developer deems necessary to enforce these Covenants and Restrictions all at the expense of the Lot Owner. The Owner of the Lot shall pay Developer on demand the actual cost of such enforcement plus twenty percent (20%) of the cost of performing the enforcement. In the event that such charges are not paid on demand the charges shall bear interest at the maximum legal rate of interest from the date of demand. Developer may, at its option, bring action at law against the Lot Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or upon giving the Lot Owner ten (10) days written notice of intention to file a claim of lien against a Lot, may file and foreclose such lien. In addition, Developer shall be entitled to bring actions at law for damages or in equity for injunctions for the purposes of curing or correcting any violation of the terms of these covenants and restrictions. All costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees (at trial, in settlement, and on appeal) incurred by Developer to effectuate collection of any charges or to cure or correct any violation of the terms of these covenants and restrictions shall be borne by the Lot Owners responsible for the charges or violations in question. All foregoing remedies of Developer shall be cumulative to any and all other remedies of Developer provided herein or at law or in equity. The failure by Developer or the Association to bring any action to enforce any provisions of these covenants and restrictions shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter as to the same breach or as to one occurring prior to or subsequent thereto, nor shall such failure give rise to any claim or cause of action by any Lot Owner or any other party against Developer or the Association.

Section 6. In addition to the enforcement provisions previously set forth in this Declaration, the provisions of this Declaration may be enforced by any Owner (including the Developer) or the Association by a proceeding at law or in equity against any person or entity violating or attempting to violate the same, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, or both, and against his or its property to enforce any lien created by this Declaration. Failure to so enforce any of these protective covenants and restrictions shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so at any time thereafter.

Section 7. Whenever the approval of the Developer or Association is required by these covenants and restrictions, no action requiring such approval shall be commenced or undertaken until after a request shall be sent to Developer or Association by Registered or Certified Mail with return receipt requested. If the Developer or Association fails to act on any such written request within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt thereof, the approval requested shall be deemed granted; however, no action shall be taken by or on behalf of the person or persons submitting the written request which violates any of these covenants and restrictions.

Section 8. Whenever approval by Developer is required in these covenants and restrictions, same shall mean approval of the President or any Vice President of Developer as evidenced by a certificate or other writing signed by the President, Vice President, or General Partner of Developer.

Section 9. The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed to effectuate their purpose of creating a uniform consistent plan for the development and use of the Property.

Section 10. The invalidity of any part of this Declaration shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity and enforceability of the balance of the Declaration which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. The use of the masculine gender herein shall be deemed to include the feminine gender and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, whenever the context so requires.

Section 12.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article XI, Section 2, Developer specifically reserves the absolute and unconditional right, so long as it owns any of the Property, to amend this Declaration without the consent or joinder of any party to (I) conform to the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association, FHA/VA/HUD or any other generally recognized institution involved in the purchase and sale of home loan mortgages or (ii) to conform to the requirements of institutional mortgage lender(s) or title insurance company(ies) or (iii) to perfect, clarify or make internally consistent the provisions herein. As long as there is Class B Membership, this reservation is subject to U.S. Housing and Urban Development approval for the following:

- (i) Annexation of additional properties,
- (ii) Dedication of Common Area, and
- (iii) Amendment of this Declaration.

(b) Subject to the provisions of Article XI, Section 2, Developer reserves the right to amend this Declaration in any other manner without the joinder of any party until the termination of Class B membership so long as (I) the voting power of existing Members is not diluted thereby, (ii) the assessments of existing Owners are not increased except as may be expressly provided for herein, and (iii) no Owners right to the use and enjoyment of his Lot or the Common Areas is materially and adversely altered thereby, unless such Owner has consented thereto.

(c) This Declaration may be also amended at a duly called meeting of the Association where a quorum is present if the amendment resolution is adopted by (I) a majority vote of all Class A Members of the Association present at such meeting and (ii) the Class B Member, if any. An amendment so adopted shall be effective upon the recordation in the public records of Clay County, Florida, of a copy of the amendment resolution, signed by the President of the Association and certified by the Secretary of the Association.

Section 13. Notwithstanding this or any other provision of this Declaration, any amendment to this Declaration which alters the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System, beyond maintenance in its original condition, including the water management portion of the Common Areas, must have the prior written approval of the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Section 14. Notwithstanding anything in these covenants and restrictions to the contrary, the lien of Developer for charges incurred in enforcing these covenants and restrictions shall be subordinate and inferior to the lien of any mortgage on any Lot recorded prior to the recording of a claim of lien by Developer. In addition, any mortgagee holding a mortgage lien on a Lot who acquires title to a Lot as a result of foreclosure or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or any party who purchases a Lot at a foreclosure sale shall not be liable for the charges pertaining to such Lot which are chargeable to the former Lot Owner and which became due prior to such acquisition of title. This provision shall not preclude the Association from obtaining relief from the Lot Owner who owed the homeowner's fees.

Section 15. Any and all legal fees, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and court costs, including any appeals, which may be incurred by the Developer or Association in the lawful enforcement of any of the provisions of this Declaration, regardless of whether such enforcement requires judicial action, shall be assessed against and collectible from the unsuccessful party to the action, and if an Owner, shall be a lien against such Owner's Lot in favor of the Association and/or Developer.

Section 16. The Developer shall have the sole and exclusive right at any time, and from time to time, to transfer and assign to, or withdraw from, such person, firm, corporation or committee of Lot Owners as it shall elect, any or all rights, powers, privileges, authorities and reservations given to or reserved by the Developer by any part or paragraph of this Declaration. Following any such assignment, Developer shall be relieved of the performance of all duties and obligations hereunder. If at any time hereafter there shall be no person, firm or corporation entitled to exercise the rights, powers, privileges, authorities, and reservations given to or reserved by the Developer under these provisions, the same shall be vested in and be exercised by a committee to be elected or appointed by the Owners of a majority of the Lots shown on the Plat. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed as conferring any rights, powers, privileges, authorities or reservations in said committee except in the event aforesaid. The term "Developer" as used herein shall include the person or entity identified on the first page as Developer and its successors or assigns.

Section 17. This Declaration shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XIII

MAINTENANCE OF SURFACE WATER OR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Section 1. Surface Water or Stormwater Management System. The Association shall be responsible for the maintenance, operation and repair of the surface water or stormwater management system. Maintenance of the surface water or stormwater management systems(s) shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the systems to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance or other surface water or stormwater management capabilities as permitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District. The Association shall be responsible for such maintenance and operation. Any repair or reconstruction of the surface water or stormwater management system shall be as permitted, or if modified as approved by the St. Johns River Management District.

Any amendment to the Covenants and Restrictions which affect the surface water or stormwater management system, beyond maintenance in its original condition, including the water management portions of the common area, must have the prior approval of the St. Johns River Water Management District.

The St. Johns River Water Management District shall have the right to enforce, by proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in this Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation and repair of the surface water or stormwater management system.

Section 2. Activities in Upland Buffer Area. The following provision is established as a condition of permit issued by St. Johns Water Management District, solely to off-set adverse impacts to natural resources, fish and wildlife, and wetland functions; and desires to preserve the Upland Buffer is to assure that the Property will be retained forever in its existing natural condition and to

prevent any use of the Property that will impair or interfere with the environmental value of the Property.

Any activity on or use of the Upland Buffer inconsistent with the purpose of this Upland Buffer is prohibited. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following activities and uses are expressly prohibited:

- (a) Construction or placing buildings, roads, signs, billboards or other advertising, utilities, or other structures on or above the ground.
- (b) Dumping or placing soil or other substance or material as landfill or dumping or placing of trash, waste or unsightly or offensive materials.
- (c) Removing or destroying trees, shrubs, or other vegetation.
- (d) Excavating, dredging or removing loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock or other material substances in such a manner as to affect the surface.
- (e) Surface use, except for purposes that permit the land or water area to remain predominantly in its natural condition.
- (f) Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation, or fish and wildlife habitat preservation.
- (g) Acts or uses detrimental to such retention of land or water areas.
- (h) Acts or uses detrimental to the preservation of the structural integrity or physical appearance of sites or properties of historical, architectural, or cultural significance.


The St. John River Water Management District has the right to enter upon and inspect the Upland Buffer in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times to determine if the covenants and prohibitions contained in the Declaration are being complied with. The SJRWMD may proceed at law or in equity to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the covenants set forth herein, to prevent the occurrence of any of the prohibited activities set forth herein, and require the restoration of the Upland Buffer that may be damaged by an activity inconsistent with this Declaration.

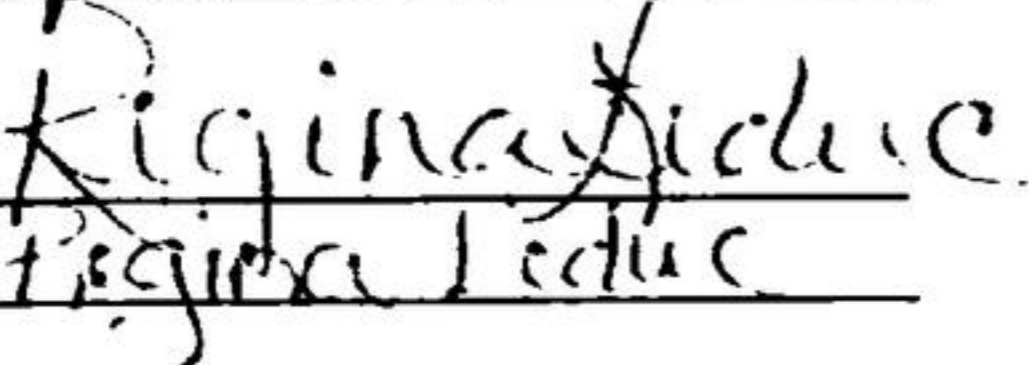
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Developer herein, does hereby make this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements for and has caused this Declaration to be executed in its name on the day and year first above written.

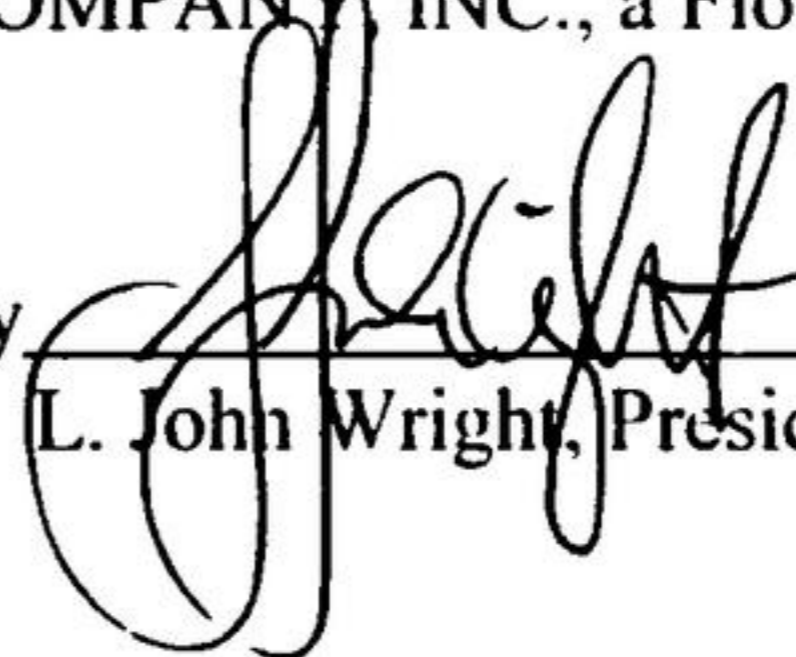
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

DEVELOPER:

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC., a Florida corporation.

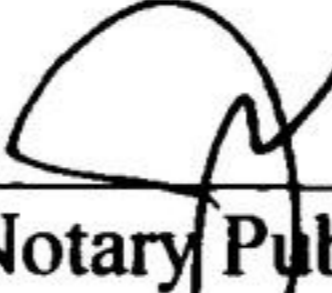
Sign: 
 Print: John P. Moss

Sign: 
 Print: Regina Leduc

By 
L. John Wright, President

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CLAY

The foregoing instrument was personally acknowledged before me this 10th day of April, 2003, by L. John Wright, who stated that he is President of Clay County Development Company, Inc., a Florida corporation, further stated that he was duly authorized in such capacity to execute the foregoing for and on behalf of the corporation, and that he had done so for the purposes therein mentioned and set forth. L. John Wright is personally known to me.



Notary Public, State of Florida
(Official Stamp)



John B. Moss
MY COMMISSION # CC986553 EXPIRES
January 28, 2005
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.