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**COMMUNITY DECLARATION  
FOR  
HARDWICK FARMS**

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THIS COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR HARDWICK FARMS (this "Declaration") is made this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, by LENNAR HOMES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (the "Declarant" or "Lennar"), joined by HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "Association"), and KL LHB3 AIV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Landbanker").

RECITALS

- A. Landbanker is the record title owner of the real property located in Duval County, Florida, more particularly described on Exhibit 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("HARDWICK FARMS").
- B. The Declarant and Landbanker hereby desire to subject HARDWICK FARMS to the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Declaration.
- C. This Declaration is a covenant running with all of the land comprising HARDWICK FARMS, and each present and future owner of interests therein and their heirs, successors and assigns are hereby subject to this Declaration.
- D. The Declarant has the right to acquire the real property subject to this Declaration from Landbanker, pursuant to that certain Option Agreement dated December 21, 2021 (the "Option Agreement"), entered into by Landbanker and Declarant as evidenced by that certain Memorandum of Option Agreement recorded in Official Records Book 20095, Page 1121, in the Public Records of Duval County, Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained in this Declaration, the Declarant and Landbanker hereby declare that every portion of HARDWICK FARMS is to be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used and occupied subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, reservations, regulations, charges and liens hereinafter set forth.

- 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into and form a part of this Declaration.
- 2. Definitions. In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Declaration, all initially capitalized terms herein shall have the following meanings:

"ACC" shall mean the Architectural Control Committee for HARDWICK FARMS established pursuant to Section 19.1 hereof.

"Articles" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association filed with the Florida Secretary of State in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time.

"Assessments" shall mean any assessments made in accordance with this Declaration and as further defined in Section 17.1 hereof.

"Association" shall mean HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Association.

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**"Builder"** means any person or entity other than the Declarant who acquires an interest in a Vacant Lot (as defined herein) and who is also approved as a "Builder" by the Declarant in writing. The term "Builders" shall collectively refer to all persons or entities meeting the definition of "Builder" as provided herein. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Landbanker, and also any successor homebuilder who acquires a Vacant Lot from Landbanker for the purpose of the construction and sale of a Home thereon to an end purchaser, are hereby approved by the Declarant as a "Builder." Landbanker's designation as a Builder shall not prohibit Landbanker from also being a successor Declarant, if Declarant rights and status are assigned by Lennar to Landbanker in accordance with the terms of the Option Agreement. To the extent Lennar is no longer the Declarant under this Declaration, but Lennar owns any Lot or other property within HARDWICK FARMS, Lennar shall be considered a "Builder" hereunder.

**"Bylaws"** shall mean the Bylaws of the Association in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and made a part hereof, as amended from time to time.

**"City"** shall mean the City of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

**"Common Areas"** shall mean any and all real property interests and personalty within HARDWICK FARMS designated as Common Areas from time to time by the Declarant, by a Plat (as defined herein), by this Declaration, or by a recorded amendment to this Declaration and provided for, owned, leased by, or dedicated to, the common use and enjoyment of the Owners (as defined herein). The Common Areas may include, without limitation, the SMS (as defined herein), any Mail Delivery Centers (as defined herein), Perimeter Walls/Fences (as defined herein) maintained by the Association, as required herein, Retaining Walls (as defined herein) maintained by the Association, as required herein, entrance features, buffer or landscaped areas, open space areas, internal buffers, perimeter buffers, irrigation facilities located within Common Areas, certain sidewalks, street lights, and commonly used utility facilities. The term "Common Areas" shall include Exclusive Common Areas (as defined herein), if any. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY, THE DEFINITION OF "COMMON AREAS" AS SET FORTH IN THIS DECLARATION IS FOR DESCRIPTIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND SHALL IN NO WAY BIND, OBLIGATE OR LIMIT THE DECLARANT AND/OR BUILDERS TO CONSTRUCT OR SUPPLY ANY SUCH ITEM AS SET FORTH IN SUCH DESCRIPTION, THE CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLYING OF ANY SUCH ITEM BEING IN THE DECLARANT'S SOLE DISCRETION. FURTHER, NO PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RELY UPON SUCH DESCRIPTION AS A REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE COMMON AREAS TO BE OWNED BY THE ASSOCIATION, EXCEPT AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH ITEM AND CONVEYANCE OF ANY SUCH ITEM TO THE ASSOCIATION.

**"Community Completion Date"** shall mean the date upon which all Homes in HARDWICK FARMS, as ultimately planned and as fully developed, have been completed and conveyed by the Declarant and/or Builders to Owners.

**"Community Standards"** shall mean such architectural and design standards, if any, established by the Declarant or the Board pursuant to Section 19.5 hereof.

**"Contractors"** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 19.12.2 hereof.

**"County"** shall mean Duval County, Florida.

**"Declarant"** shall mean LENNAR HOMES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, or any successor or assign who has or takes title to any portion of the property described in **Exhibit 1** for development and/or sale and who is designated as the Declarant in a written instrument which the immediately preceding Declarant executes. The Declarant shall have the right to assign all or a portion of any rights granted to the Declarant in this Declaration, subject to the terms of this Declaration. The Declarant shall also have the right to assign all or a portion of any obligations of the Declarant in this Declaration, subject to the terms of this Declaration. In the event of a partial assignment of some, but not all, of the Declarant's rights and/or obligations, the assignee shall not be deemed the Declarant hereunder (unless

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expressly provided in such partial assignment), but may exercise only those rights, or shall be responsible for only those obligations, of the Declarant assigned to such assignee.

**“Declaration”** shall mean this COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR HARDWICK FARMS, together with all amendments, supplements, and modifications thereof.

**“Electronic Transmission”** shall mean any form of communication, not directly involving the physical transmission or transfer of paper, which creates a record that may be retained, retrieved, and reviewed by a recipient and which may be directly reproduced in a comprehensible and legible paper form by such recipient through an automated process. Examples of Electronic Transmission include, without limitation, telegrams, facsimile transmissions and text that is sent via electronic mail between computers. Electronic Transmission may be used to communicate with only those members of the Association who consent in writing to receiving notice by Electronic Transmission. Consent by a member to receive notice by Electronic Transmission shall be revocable by the member only by delivery of written notice to the Board.

**“Exclusive Common Area”** shall mean and refer to a portion of the Common Area primarily benefiting one or more, but less than all, Neighborhoods (as defined herein), as more particularly described in Section 9.16 of this Declaration. By way of illustration and not limitation, Exclusive Common Areas may include entry features and/or private roads within or serving a Neighborhood.

**“Governing Documents”** shall mean this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations (as defined herein), the Community Standards, and any applicable Supplemental Declaration (as defined herein), all as amended from time to time.

**“HARDWICK FARMS”** shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals hereof subject to additions and deletions thereto as permitted pursuant to the terms of this Declaration.

**“Home”** shall mean a residential dwelling and appurtenances thereto constructed on a Lot within HARDWICK FARMS. The term Home may not reflect the same division of property as reflected on the Plat. A Home shall be deemed created and have perpetual existence upon the issuance of a final or temporary Certificate of Occupancy for such residence; provided, however, the subsequent loss of such Certificate of Occupancy (e.g., by casualty or remodeling) shall not affect the status of a Home, or the obligation of an Owner to pay Assessments with respect to such Home. The term “Home” includes any interest in land, improvements, or other property appurtenant to the Home.

**“Individual Assessments”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.5 hereof.

**“Initial Contribution”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.11 hereof.

**“Installment Assessments”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.1 hereof.

**“Landbanker”** shall mean KL LHB3 AIV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. Subject to the terms of any Landbanker Agreement (as defined below), in the event of any default by the Declarant under such Landbanker Agreement, the Landbanker’s rights, privileges, exemptions and obligations under this Declaration can be assigned to any entity who is duly licensed to construct Homes and is in the business of building and constructing residences.

**“Landbanker Agreement”** shall mean any agreement between Landbanker and the Declarant related to the conveyance, sale, re-conveyance and/or development of Lots within HARDWICK FARMS, including the Option Agreement.

**“Lender”** shall mean (i) the institutional and licensed holder of a first mortgage encumbering a Lot or a Home or (ii) the Declarant and/or its agents, designees or affiliates, to the extent the Declarant and/or

its agents, designees or affiliates finances the purchase of a Lot or Home initially or by assignment of an existing mortgage.

**“Lessee”** shall mean the lessee named in any written lease respecting a Home who is legally entitled to possession of any Home within HARDWICK FARMS.

**“Lot”** shall mean any platted lot shown on the Plat. The term “Lot” includes any interest in land, improvements, or other property appurtenant to the Lot, including, without limitation, a Home.

**“Lot Wall/Fence”** shall mean any fence or wall built as part of the original construction of two or more Homes that is placed on the dividing line or platted lot line between the Lots of such Homes. The term “Lot Wall/Fence” shall not include Party Walls (as defined below) or Perimeter Walls/Fences.

**“Master Plan”** shall mean collectively any full or partial concept plan for the development of HARDWICK FARMS, as it exists as of the date of recording this Declaration, regardless of whether such plan is currently on file with one or more governmental agencies. The Master Plan is subject to change as set forth herein. The Master Plan is not a representation by the Declarant as to the development of HARDWICK FARMS, as the Declarant reserves the right to amend all or part of the Master Plan from time to time.

**“Neighborhood”** shall mean and refer to a group of Lots designated as a separate Neighborhood for purposes of sharing certain facilities and/or receiving other benefits or services from the Association that are not provided to all Lots within HARDWICK FARMS. A Neighborhood may be comprised of more than one housing type and may include noncontiguous Homes.

**“Neighborhood Assessments”** shall mean and refer to Assessments levied against the Lots in a particular Neighborhood to fund Neighborhood Expenses (if any), as described in Section 17.2.6.

**“Neighborhood Expenses”** shall mean and refer to the actual and estimated expenses which the Association incurs or expects to incur for the benefit of Owners within a particular Neighborhood, which may include expenses for maintenance, operation, administration or insurance of Exclusive Common Area, a reasonable reserve for capital repairs and replacements and a reasonable administrative charge, as may specifically be authorized pursuant to this Declaration or in the Supplemental Declaration(s) applicable to such Neighborhood(s).

**“Operating Expenses”** shall mean all actual and estimated costs and expenses of operating the Association, as provided herein. Operating Expenses may include, without limitation, the following: all costs of ownership, maintenance, operation, and administration of the Common Areas, including, without limitation, the SMS, any Mail Delivery Centers, certain Perimeter Walls/Fences, and certain Retaining Walls; all amounts payable by the Association under the terms of this Declaration; all costs of community lighting including up-lighting and entrance lighting; all amounts payable in connection with any street lighting agreement between the Association and a utility provider or Private Street Light Provider (as defined herein), if any; all amounts payable in connection with irrigation costs incurred by the Association for Common Area irrigation; costs of utilities; amounts payable by the Association to a Telecommunications Provider (as defined herein) for Telecommunications Services (as defined herein) furnished to Owners, if any; any fees due under a bulk service agreement entered into on behalf of the Owners by the Association or the Declarant, if any; taxes; insurance; bonds; salaries; management fees; professional fees; pest control costs; service costs; costs of supplies; maintenance, repair, replacement, and refurbishment costs; all amounts payable in connection with Association sponsored social events; and any and all costs relating to the discharge of the Association’s obligations hereunder, or as determined to be part of the Operating Expenses by the Board. By way of example, and not of limitation, Operating Expenses shall include all of the Association’s legal expenses and costs relating to or arising from the enforcement and/or interpretation of this Declaration. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Operating Expenses shall not include Reserves (as defined herein). If any of the foregoing items identified as possible Operating Expenses are

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included as Neighborhood Expenses, the same shall not be included in Operating Expenses. Further notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, all expenses associated with any Exclusive Common Area serving a Neighborhood shall be deemed part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the applicable Neighborhood.

**“Owner”** shall mean the record title owner (whether one or more persons or entities) of fee simple title to any Lot, except the term “Owner” shall not include the Declarant or Builders (including, but not limited to, Landbanker), even after the Turnover Date.

**“Parcel”** shall mean a platted or unplatted lot, tract, unit or other subdivision of real property upon which a Home has been, or will be, constructed. Once improved, the term Parcel shall include all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto. The term Parcel, as used herein, may include more than one Lot.

**“Party Wall”** shall mean any fence or wall built as part of the original construction of two or more single family attached Homes on Townhome Lots and that is placed on the dividing line or platted lot line between the Townhome Lots.

**“Permit”** shall collectively mean Permit No. 138929-3, as amended or modified, issued by SJRWMD (as defined herein), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

**“Plat”** shall mean any plat of any portion of HARDWICK FARMS filed in the Public Records, from time to time. This definition shall be automatically amended to include any replat or the plat of any additional phase of HARDWICK FARMS, as such phase is added to this Declaration.

**“Public Records”** shall mean the Public Records of Duval County, Florida.

**“Resale Contribution”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.12 hereof.

**“Reserves”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.4 hereof.

**“Rules and Regulations”** shall mean the Rules and Regulations governing HARDWICK FARMS as adopted from time to time. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations may be adopted separately by the Declarant or the Board, as applicable, pursuant to the requirements for adopting amendments to the Declaration as provided in Section 4 below. Nothing herein shall preclude any Supplemental Declaration or other recorded covenants applicable to any portion of HARDWICK FARMS from containing additional restrictions or provisions that are more restrictive than the Rules and Regulations. The Board shall have the right to take enforcement action against any Owner to compel compliance with the Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations may be incorporated in the Community Standards or may be adopted separately by the Declarant or the Board, as applicable.

**“SFD Lot”** shall mean any Lot that has, or is intended to have, a single family detached Home constructed thereon.

**“SJRWMD”** shall mean the St. Johns River Water Management District.

**“Special Assessments”** shall mean those Assessments more particularly described as Special Assessments in Section 17.2.2 hereof.

**“Stormwater Management System”** or **“SMS”** means a system that is designed and constructed or implemented to control discharges that are necessary by rainfall events, incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use or reuse 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 Chapter 62-330, Florida Administrative Code (2022). The SMS

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includes those works authorized by SJRWMD pursuant to the Permit. The SMS will be part of the Common Areas and will be maintained by the Association.

**“Supplemental Declaration”** shall mean and refer to an instrument filed in the Public Records pursuant to Section 5.1 which subjects additional property to this Declaration, designates Neighborhoods or service areas, designates Exclusive Common Area, creates additional classes of members, and/or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described in such instrument. The Declarant may, by Supplemental Declaration, create additional classes of membership with such rights, privileges and obligations as may be specified in such Supplemental Declaration in recognition of the different character and intended use of the property subject to such Supplemental Declaration. So long as Landbanker owns any real property within HARDWICK FARMS, any Supplemental Declaration shall require the prior approval of Landbanker.

**“Telecommunications Provider”** shall mean any party contracting with the Association and/or the Declarant to provide Owners with one or more Telecommunications Services. With respect to any particular Telecommunications Services, there may be one or more Telecommunications Providers.

**“Telecommunications Services”** shall mean any delivered entertainment services, if and to the extent provided, or none at all; all services that are typically and in the future identified as telecommunication services; cable television services; and data transmission services. Without limiting the foregoing, such Telecommunications Services may include the development, promotion, marketing, advertisement, provision, distribution, maintenance, transmission, and servicing of any of the foregoing services. The term Telecommunications Services is to be construed as broadly as possible.

**“Title Documents”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 24.8 hereof.

**“Townhome Lot”** shall mean any Lot that has, or is intended to have, a single family attached Home constructed thereon.

**“Turnover”** shall mean the transfer of operation of the Association by the Declarant to Owners and Builders.

**“Turnover Date”** shall mean the date on which transition of control of the Association from the Declarant to Owners and Builders occurs.

**“Use Fees”** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.2.3 hereof.

**“Voting Interest”** shall mean and refer to the appurtenant vote(s) of each Lot and/or Parcel located within HARDWICK FARMS, which shall include the voting interests of the Declarant and Builders, as provided herein.

### 3. Plan of Development.

3.1 Plan. The planning process for HARDWICK FARMS is an ever-evolving one and must remain flexible in order to be responsible to and accommodate the needs of the community. Subject to the Title Documents and other Agreements (as defined herein), the Declarant and each Builder may and has the right to develop HARDWICK FARMS and adjacent property owned by the Declarant or Builders into residences, comprised of homes, villas, coach homes, townhomes, patio homes, single-family homes, estate homes, multi-family homes, condominiums, rental homes, rental apartments, and other forms of residential dwellings, as determined by the Declarant in its sole discretion. The existence at any point in time of walls, fences, landscape screens, or berms is not a guaranty or promise that such items will remain or form part of HARDWICK FARMS as finally developed.

3.2 Governing Documents. The Governing Documents create a general plan of development for HARDWICK FARMS which may be supplemented by additional covenants, restrictions and easements applicable to any portion of HARDWICK FARMS. In the event of a conflict between or among the Governing Documents and the additional covenants or restrictions, and/or the provisions of any other articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules or policies, the Governing Documents shall control. Nothing in this Section shall preclude any Supplemental Declaration, any amendment, or other recorded covenants applicable to any portion of HARDWICK FARMS from containing additional restrictions or provisions that are more restrictive than the provisions of this Declaration. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in any "Builder Authorization" and/or any "Assignment of Builder Rights" or similar instrument executed by Declarant, all provisions of the Governing Documents shall apply to all Owners, Builders, and to all occupants of Homes, as well as their respective Lessees, family members, guests and invitees. Any Lease Agreement (as defined herein) for a Home within HARDWICK FARMS shall provide that the Lessee and all occupants of the leased Home shall be bound by the terms of the Governing Documents. Specific requirements for Lessees are set forth in this Declaration. If there is any conflict between the Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and the provisions of Florida law as it exists as of the date of recording this Declaration, then the provisions of Florida law as it exists as of the date of recording this Declaration, the provisions of the Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws, in that order, shall prevail.

3.3 Site Plans and Plats. Site plans, construction plans and/or the Plat(s) may identify some of the Common Areas within HARDWICK FARMS. The description of the Common Areas on the Plat or any site plan or construction plan is subject to change and the notes on a Plat, site plan, or construction plan is not a guarantee of what improvements will be constructed as Common Areas. Site plans and renderings used by the Declarant or Builders in their marketing efforts may illustrate the types of improvements that may be constructed as Common Areas but such site plans or other depictions are not a guarantee of what improvements will actually be constructed. Each Owner should not rely on the Plat or any site plans or other renderings used for illustration purposes, as this Declaration governs the rights and obligations of the Declarant and Owners with respect to the Common Areas. The Declarant shall have the unrestricted right, without approval or joinder of any other person or entity, to replat all or any part of HARDWICK FARMS owned by the Declarant (or with the joinder of the record title owner) or to reconfigure any Lot or other land owned by the Declarant (or with the joinder of the record title owner), for purposes including, without limitation, extending or relocating any right-of-way shown on the Plat or converting any Lot or portion thereof to use as a right-of-way, provided the Declarant owns the lands affected by or subject to such change.

### 3.4 Rentals.

3.4.1 General Disclosure/Disclaimer. From time to time, the Declarant, Builders, their affiliates, and/or third party investors may market and/or sell Homes in HARDWICK FARMS to investors or to buyers who may not occupy their Homes as their primary residence. In addition, the Declarant, Builders, their affiliates, and/or third party investors may own Homes within HARDWICK FARMS and may lease such Homes to occupants, including, Lessees, that are not the record title owners of the Home. Consequently, Homes in HARDWICK FARMS may be leased to or occupied by persons other than the record title owner of such Home. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, there are no restrictions in this Declaration that (i) limit the total number of Homes in HARDWICK FARMS that can be leased; (ii) require the record title owner of a Home to reside in the Home as a primary or secondary residence; or (iii) require the record title owner of a Home to occupy the Home for a specified period of time before such record title owner can rent it to a third party.

3.4.2 Builder-Owned Rentals. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, to the extent a Builder owns any Home(s) within HARDWICK FARMS which is (are) then leased to or occupied by persons other than such Builder, then in such event and as to such leased Home(s), the Builder shall no longer be deemed a "Builder" but shall be deemed an "Owner" hereunder and the "Owner" of such Home(s) for purposes of this Declaration, commencing with the rental of any such Home for occupancy by a Lessee in exchange for the payment of rent. At such

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time as a Builder is no longer deemed a "Builder" as provided in the foregoing sentence, with respect to Home(s) owned and rented by such Builder, all rights and exemptions granted to such Builder hereunder shall cease with respect to the applicable Lot(s), applicable Lot(s) shall not be deemed a "Spec Lot(s)" for purposes of this Declaration, and such former "Builder" shall thereafter be an "Owner" only with respect to such leased Home(s) hereunder. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, a Builder must first obtain the Declarant's prior written consent to the extent a Builder owns any Home(s) which is (are) to be leased to or occupied by persons other than such Builder or for the Builder to establish any "leasing program" or "rental program" for Homes owned by such Builder within HARDWICK FARMS.

3.5 Neighborhood Designation. Certain Homes within HARDWICK FARMS may be located within a Neighborhood. This Declaration or a Supplemental Declaration may designate Homes, Lots, or Parcels to a Neighborhood (by name, tract, or other identifying designation), which Neighborhood may be then existing or newly created. So long as it has the right to subject additional property to this Declaration pursuant to Section 5.1, the Declarant may amend this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration to re-designate Neighborhood boundaries. The following Neighborhood is initially hereby designated:

3.5.1 All Townhome Lots are hereby designated as the "Townhome Neighborhood."

3.5.2 All SFD Lots are hereby designated as the "SFD Neighborhood."

#### 4. Amendment.

4.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to this Declaration or the other Governing Documents shall affect the rights of the Declarant or Landbanker unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of the Declarant or Landbanker, as applicable, which consent may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. So long as Landbanker owns any portion of real property within HARDWICK FARMS, any amendment to this Declaration shall require the prior written approval of Landbanker. Any purported amendment without this approval shall be deemed void and of no force and effect. No amendment shall alter the provisions of this Declaration benefitting Lenders without the prior approval of the Lender(s) enjoying the benefit of such provisions. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to this Declaration, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. All amendments to this Declaration must comply with Section 25.2 which benefits SJRWMD. No amendment to this Declaration shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

4.2 No Vested Rights. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Home or Lot irrevocably waives any claim that such Owner has any vested rights pursuant to case law or statute with respect to this Declaration or any of the other Governing Documents. It is expressly intended that the Declarant and the Association have the broad right to amend this Declaration and the other Governing Documents, except as limited by applicable law as it exists on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records or except as expressly set forth herein.

4.3 Amendments Prior to the Turnover. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend this Declaration, the Community Standards, and/or the Rules and Regulations as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever, except as limited by applicable law as it exists on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records or except as expressly set forth herein (and in all events Declarant shall obtain Landbanker's prior written approval on such amendment, so long as Landbanker owns any real property within HARDWICK FARMS). Such amendments may include, without limitation, (i) the creation of easements for telecommunications systems, utility, drainage, ingress and egress and roof overhangs over any portion of HARDWICK FARMS; (ii) additions or deletions from HARDWICK FARMS and/or the properties comprising the Common Areas; (iii) changes in the Rules and Regulations; (iv) changes in the Community Standards; (v) changes in

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maintenance, repair and replacement obligations; and (vi) modifications of the use restrictions for Homes. The Declarant's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. By way of example, and not as a limitation, the Declarant may create easements over, under and across Lots conveyed to Owners provided that such easements do not prohibit the construction or use of Homes on such Lots as residential dwellings. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, prior to the Turnover, and so long as any Builder shall own any portion of HARDWICK FARMS, no amendment to this Declaration shall materially and adversely affect a Builder's right to develop, construct, market and/or sell Homes on Lots, unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of any such Builder whose Lots are materially and adversely affected by such amendment, which written consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. In the event the Association shall desire to amend this Declaration, the Community Standards, and/or the Rules and Regulations prior to the Turnover, the Association must first obtain the Declarant's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. Thereafter, an amendment identical to that approved by the Declarant may be adopted by the Association pursuant to the requirements for adopting amendments after the Turnover as provided in Section 4.4 below. The Declarant shall join in such identical amendment to the Declaration so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to the Declarant, and thereafter, the Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.

4.4 Amendments after the Turnover. After the Turnover, but subject to the general and specific restrictions on amendments set forth herein, this Declaration may be amended with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of the Association at which there is a quorum. After the Turnover, the Community Standards and the Rules and Regulations may be amended with the approval of a majority of the Board. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, after the Turnover, no amendment to this Declaration shall adversely impact and/or shall affect any Lot(s) and/or Parcel(s) owned by a Builder, unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of the Builder who owns such Lots, which written consent may be withheld in such Builder's sole discretion.

4.5 Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA and SJRWMD. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SJRWMD, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment. After the Turnover, but subject to Section 4.1 of this Declaration, the Board shall have the right to amend this Declaration, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SJRWMD or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to any such amendments by the Board. Any such amendments by the Board shall require the approval of a majority of the Board.

## 5. Annexation and Withdrawal.

5.1 Annexation by Declarant. Prior to the Community Completion Date, additional lands may be made part of HARDWICK FARMS by the Declarant with Landbanker's prior written approval, so long as Landbanker owns any real property within HARDWICK FARMS. Except for applicable governmental approvals (if any) and except for the consent of the record title owner of such additional lands if such record title owner is not the Declarant, no consent to such annexation shall be required from any other party (including, but not limited to, the Association, Owners or any Lenders) except for Landbanker's approval, as set forth in the foregoing sentence. Such annexed lands shall be brought within the provisions and

applicability of this Declaration by the recording of a Supplemental Declaration to this Declaration in the Public Records. The Supplemental Declaration shall subject the annexed lands to the covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration as fully as though the annexed lands were described herein as a portion of HARDWICK FARMS. Such Supplemental Declaration may contain additions to, modifications of, or omissions from the covenants, conditions, and restrictions contained in this Declaration as deemed appropriate by the Declarant and as may be necessary to reflect the different character, if any, of the annexed lands. Prior to the Community Completion Date, only the Declarant may add additional lands to HARDWICK FARMS.

5.2 Annexation by the Association. After the Community Completion Date, and subject to applicable governmental approvals (if any), additional lands may be annexed with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members of the Association at which there is a quorum.

5.3 Withdrawal. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any portions of HARDWICK FARMS (or any additions thereto) may be withdrawn by the Declarant from the provisions and applicability of this Declaration by the recording of an amendment to this Declaration in the Public Records. The right of the Declarant to withdraw portions of HARDWICK FARMS shall not apply to any Lot that has been conveyed to an Owner or Builder unless that right is specifically reserved in the instrument of conveyance or the prior written consent of the Owner or Builder is obtained. The withdrawal of any portion of HARDWICK FARMS shall not require the consent or joinder of any other party (including, without limitation, the Association, Owners, or any Lenders), except Landbanker, so long as Landbanker owns any portion of real property within HARDWICK FARMS. The Association shall have no right to withdraw land from HARDWICK FARMS.

5.4 Effect of Filing Supplemental Declaration. Any Supplemental Declaration filed pursuant to this Section 5 shall be effective upon recording in the Public Records, unless otherwise specified in such Supplemental Declaration. On the effective date of the Supplemental Declaration, any additional property subjected to this Declaration shall be assigned voting rights in the Association and Assessment liability in accordance with the provisions of the Supplemental Declaration and this Declaration.

## 6. Dissolution.

6.1 Generally. In the event of the dissolution of the Association without reinstatement within thirty (30) days thereafter, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any Owner may petition the Circuit Court of the appropriate Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association and to manage the Common Areas in the place and stead of the Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association. In the event the Association is dissolved, other than incident to a merger or consolidation, the SMS shall be conveyed to SJRWMD or an appropriate agency of local government and, if not accepted by such agency, the SMS shall be dedicated to a similar non-profit corporation. If the Association ceases to exist, all Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for the operation and maintenance of the SMS in accordance with the requirements of the Permit, unless and until an alternate entity assumes responsibility.

6.2 Applicability of Declaration after Dissolution. In the event of dissolution of the Association, HARDWICK FARMS and each Lot therein shall continue to be subject to the provisions of this Declaration, including, without limitation, the provisions respecting Assessments specified in this Declaration. Each Owner shall continue to be personally obligated to the successors or assigns of the Association for Assessments to the extent that Assessments are required to enable the successors or assigns of the Association to properly maintain, operate and preserve the Common Areas. The provisions of this Section shall only apply with regard to the maintenance, operation, and preservation of those portions of HARDWICK FARMS that had been Common Areas and continue to be so used for the common use and enjoyment of the Declarant, Builders, and Owners.

## 7. Binding Effect and Membership.

7.1 Term. Subject to the Declarant's right to amend this Declaration prior to Turnover and the Association's right to amend this Declaration after Turnover, the covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, or the owner of any land subject to this Declaration, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records, with said covenants otherwise preserved, revitalized for successive terms and/or otherwise applicable in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapters 720 and 712, as amended from time to time. Alternatively, following the Community Completion Date, the members may terminate this Declaration by an instrument signed by an officer of the Association on behalf of eighty percent (80%) of the total Voting Interests agreeing to terminate this Declaration recorded in the Public Records. Provided, however, that no such agreement to terminate the covenants, conditions and restrictions shall be effective unless made and recorded at least ninety (90) days in advance of the effective date of such change.

7.2 Transfer. The transfer of the fee simple title to a Home or Lot, whether voluntary or by operation of law, terminating an Owner's or Builder's title to that Home or Lot, shall terminate the rights to use and enjoy the Common Areas and shall terminate such Owner's or Builder's membership in the Association with respect to such Home or Lot. An Owner's or Builder's rights and privileges under this Declaration are not assignable separately from a Lot. The record title owner of a Lot is entitled to the benefits of, and is burdened with the duties and responsibilities set forth in the provisions of this Declaration. All parties acquiring any right, title and interest in and to any Lot shall be fully bound by the provisions of this Declaration. In no event shall any Owner acquire any rights that are greater than the rights granted to, and limitations placed upon, its predecessor in title pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The transferor of any Lot shall remain jointly and severally liable with the transferee for all obligations pursuant to this Declaration with respect to such Lot that accrue prior to the date of such transfer, including, without limitation, payment of all Assessments accruing with respect to such Lot prior to the date of transfer.

7.3 Membership and Voting Rights. In addition to the Declarant and Landbanker, upon acceptance of title to a Lot, and as more fully provided in the Articles and the Bylaws, each Owner and Builder shall be a member of the Association. Membership rights are governed by the provisions of this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws. Membership shall be an appurtenance to, and may not be separated from the ownership of a Lot. The Declarant rights with respect to membership in the Association are set forth in this Declaration, the Articles, and the Bylaws. The Association shall have the following two (2) classes of voting membership:

7.3.1 Class A Members. Class A members shall be all Owners and Builders (except for Landbanker). Each Class A member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot as an "Owner," all such persons shall be members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as such persons determine, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast with respect to any Lot.

7.3.2 Class B Member. The Declarant and Landbanker shall be Class B members and shall be entitled to nine (9) votes for each Lot owned by Declarant or the Landbanker, as applicable; provided, however, as to land which is annexed or added pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, the Declarant and Landbanker shall be entitled to fourteen (14) votes per acre or fraction thereof contained within a Parcel owned by Declarant or the Landbanker, as applicable, until such time as the Parcel is platted, whereupon the Declarant and Landbanker shall be entitled to nine (9) votes per Lot in lieu of the votes per acre. Notwithstanding the foregoing, from and after the Turnover Date, the Declarant and the Landbanker shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned by the Declarant or the Landbanker, as applicable. "**Turnover**" shall mean the transfer of operation of the Association by the Declarant to Owners and Builders. The Turnover of the Association by the Declarant shall occur on the Turnover Date at the Turnover meeting. The purpose of the Turnover meeting is to elect a majority of the Board. No more than sixty (60) days and no less than thirty (30)

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days prior to the Turnover meeting, the Association shall notify in writing all Class A members of the date, location, and purpose of the Turnover meeting. The Turnover shall take place within three (3) months of the occurrence of the following events, whichever occurs earliest:

7.3.2.1 When ninety percent (90%) of the total Lots ultimately planned for HARDWICK FARMS are conveyed to members other than the Declarant and Builders (including, without limitation, Landbanker); provided, however, for purposes of establishing the date required for Turnover, the term "members other than the Declarant" shall not include builders, contractors, or others who purchase a Lot or Parcel for the purpose of constructing Homes for resale; or

7.3.2.2 When the Declarant makes the election, in its sole and absolute discretion, but subject to any consent of a Landbanker to the extent required under the Landbanker Agreement (as applicable), to give written notice to the Association of its decision to cause the Turnover to occur; or

7.3.2.3 As otherwise required by Section 720.307, Florida Statutes (2022).

7.4 Voting Interests. Voting Interests in the Association are governed by this Declaration, the Articles, and the Bylaws.

7.5 Document Recordation Prohibited. Neither the Association nor any Owner, Builder, nor group of Owners or Builders, may record any documents that, in any way, affect or restrict the rights of the Declarant or conflict with the provisions of this Declaration or the other Governing Documents.

7.6 Conflicts. In the event of any conflict among this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws or any of the other Governing Documents, this Declaration shall control.

8. Paramount Right of Declarant. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall have the paramount right to dedicate, transfer, and/or convey (by absolute conveyance, easement, or otherwise) portions of HARDWICK FARMS for various public purposes or for the provision of telecommunication systems, or to make any portions of HARDWICK FARMS part of the Common Areas, or to create and implement a special taxing district which may include all or any portion of HARDWICK FARMS. SALES BROCHURES, SITE PLANS, AND MARKETING MATERIALS ARE CURRENT CONCEPTUAL REPRESENTATIONS AS TO WHAT IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY, WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE COMMON AREAS. THE DECLARANT SPECIFICALLY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE LAYOUT, COMPOSITION, AND DESIGN OF ANY AND ALL COMMON AREAS, AT ANY TIME, WITHOUT NOTICE AND AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.

9. Common Areas.

9.1 General. The Common Areas shall be operated, maintained, and administered at the sole cost of the Association for all purposes and uses reasonably intended. The Declarant shall have the right to use and access the Common Areas without interference from any Owner or any other person or entity whatsoever. Owners shall have no right in or to any Common Areas referred to in this Declaration unless and until same are actually constructed, completed, and conveyed or dedicated to the Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant reserves the absolute right, on behalf of itself and its assigns and designees, to add to, delete from, or modify any of the Common Areas referred to herein at its sole discretion without notice.

9.2 Construction of Common Areas and Improvements. The Declarant anticipates it will construct certain improvements as part of the Common Areas, as the Declarant determines in its sole discretion. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant reserves the absolute right to construct additional Common Area improvements within HARDWICK FARMS, from time to time, in its sole discretion,

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and to remove, add to, modify and change the boundaries, facilities and improvements now or then part of the Common Areas. The Declarant is not obligated to, nor has it represented that it will, construct any Common Area improvements. The Declarant is the sole judge of the Common Area improvements constructed by the Declarant or its agents, assigns or designees, including the plans, specifications, design, location, completion schedule, materials, size, and contents of the facilities, improvements, appurtenances, personal property, color, textures, finishes or changes or modifications to any of them.

9.3 Use of Common Areas by Declarant. Until the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall have the right to use any portion of the Common Areas, without charge, for any purpose deemed appropriate by the Declarant.

9.4 Conveyance.

9.4.1 Generally. The Common Areas may be designated by the Plat, created by this Declaration or in the form of easements, or conveyed to the Association by Quitclaim Deed or other instrument of conveyance, as determined by the Declarant in its sole and absolute discretion. The Association shall pay all costs of the conveyance at the Declarant's request. The designation of Common Areas, creation by easement, or conveyance shall be subject to easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations, and declarations of record, real estate taxes for the year of conveyance, zoning, land use regulations and survey matters. The Association shall be deemed to have assumed and agreed to pay all continuing obligations and service and similar contracts relating to the ownership, operation, maintenance, and administration of the conveyed portions of Common Areas and other obligations relating to the Common Areas imposed herein. The Association shall, and does hereby, indemnify and hold the Declarant harmless on account thereof. The Association, by its joinder to this Declaration, hereby accepts such dedication(s) or conveyance(s) without setoff, condition, or qualification of any nature. The Association shall accept any and all transfer of permits from the Declarant, Builders, or any other permittee, of any permit required by a governmental agency in connection with the development of HARDWICK FARMS, as modified and/or amended. The Association shall cooperate with the Declarant, Builders, or any other permittee of such permits, as modified and/or amended, with any applications, certifications, documents or consents required to effectuate any such transfer of permits to the Association. Such obligations of the Association to cooperate with the Declarant and Builders and other permittees shall survive the Turnover. THE COMMON AREAS, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THERETO SHALL BE CONVEYED TO THE ASSOCIATION IN "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR BY LAW, AS TO THE CONDITION, FITNESS OR MERCHANTABILITY OF THE COMMON AREAS BEING CONVEYED, OR WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE CONVEYANCE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR THE ORDINARY OR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSES, AND WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTIES REGARDING FUTURE REPAIR OR REGARDING THE CONDITION, CONSTRUCTION, ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS, DESIGN, ADEQUACY OF THE SIZE OR CAPACITY IN RELATION TO THE UTILIZATION, DATE OF COMPLETION OR THE FUTURE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OR OPERATIONS OF, OR THE MATERIALS OR FURNITURE WHICH HAS BEEN OR WILL BE USED IN SUCH PROPERTY OR REPAIRS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH HEREIN. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such conveyance or encumbrance of such Common Areas is subject to an irrevocable ingress and egress easement in favor of the Declarant and each Owner and Builder granting access to their respective Lot(s).

9.4.2 Common Area Reservations. The Common Areas shall be subject to the following provisions:

9.4.2.1 a perpetual nonexclusive easement in favor of governmental agencies for the maintenance and repair of existing road, speed and directional signs, if any;

9.4.2.2 matters reflected on the Plat(s);

9.4.2.3 perpetual non-exclusive easements in favor of the Declarant, Builders, and their respective successors, and assigns in, to, upon and over all of the Common Areas for the purposes of vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress, installation of improvements, utilities, landscaping and/or drainage, without charge, including, without limitation, the right to use such Common Areas for construction vehicles and equipment. These easements shall run in favor of the Declarant, Builders, and their employees, representatives, agents, licensees, guests, invitees, successors and/or assigns;

9.4.2.4 all restrictions, easements, covenants and other matters of record;

9.4.2.5 in the event the Association believes that the Declarant has failed in any respect to meet the Declarant's obligations under this Declaration or has failed to comply with any of the Declarant's obligations under law, or the Common Areas conveyed herein are defective in any respect, the Association shall give written notice to the Declarant detailing the alleged failure or defect. Once the Association has given written notice to the Declarant pursuant to this Section, the Association shall be obligated to permit the Declarant and its agents to perform inspections of the Common Areas and to perform all tests and make all repairs/replacements deemed necessary by the Declarant to respond to such notice at all reasonable times. The Association agrees that any inspection, test and/or repair/replacement scheduled on a business day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. shall be deemed scheduled at a reasonable time. The rights reserved in this Section include the right of the Declarant to repair or address, in the Declarant's sole option and expense, any aspect of the Common Areas deemed defective by the Declarant during its inspections of the Common Areas. The Association's failure to give the notice and/or otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section will damage the Declarant; and

9.4.2.6 a reservation of right in favor of the Declarant to require that the Association re-convey all or a portion of the Common Areas by Quitclaim Deed in favor of the Declarant in the event that such property is required to be owned by the Declarant for any purpose, including, without limitation, the reconfiguration of any adjacent property by replatting or otherwise. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to the Declarant, and thereafter the Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.

9.5 Operation After Conveyance. Subject to the Association's right to grant easements and other interests as provided herein, the Association may not convey, abandon, alienate, encumber, or transfer all or any portion of the Common Areas to a third party without (i) if prior to the Turnover, the approval of (a) a majority of the Board; and (b) the consent of the Declarant, or (ii) from and after the Turnover, approval of (x) a majority of the Board; and (y) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members.

9.6 Paved and Concrete Common Areas. The Common Areas may contain certain paved or concrete areas. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration, the Association is responsible for the maintenance, repair and/or resurfacing of all paved and concrete surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas, including, but not limited to, any parking areas, pathways, bicycle paths, and community sidewalks (if any). Although pavement appears to be a durable material, it requires maintenance. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to arrange for periodic inspections of all paved and

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concrete surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas by a licensed contractor and/or engineer. The cost of such inspection shall be a part of the Operating Expenses. The Association shall determine periodically the parameters of the inspection to be performed, if any. Any patching, grading, or other maintenance work should be performed by a company licensed to perform the work. Each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association any expense incurred in repairing any damage to paved or concrete surfaces in the event that such Owner's negligent or willful acts (or the negligent or willful acts of such Owner's Lessees, family members, guests or invitees) caused such damage to any paved or concrete surfaces. Failure of an Owner to reimburse the Association any costs necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner (or such Owner's Lessees, family members, guests or invitees) shall subject the Owner to an Individual Assessment for such costs.

9.7 Delegation. Once conveyed or dedicated to the Association, the Common Areas and improvements located thereon shall at all times be under the complete supervision, operation, control, and management of the Association, as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association may delegate all or a portion of its obligations hereunder to a licensed manager or professional management company. The Association specifically shall have the right to pay for management services on any basis approved by the Board (including bonuses or special fee arrangements for meeting financial or other goals). Further, in the event that Common Area is created by easement, the Association's obligations and rights with respect to such Common Area may be limited by the terms of the document creating such easement.

9.8 Use.

9.8.1 Nonexclusive Use. Except for any Exclusive Common Areas, the Common Areas shall be used and enjoyed by the Owners and Builders on a non-exclusive basis in common with other persons, entities and corporations (who may, but are not required to be, members of the Association) entitled to use those portions of the Common Areas. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant, and thereafter, the Association has the right, at any and all times, and from time to time, to further additionally provide and make the Common Areas available to other individuals, persons, firms, or corporations, as it deems appropriate. The granting of such rights shall not invalidate this Declaration, reduce or abate any Owner's or Builder's obligations pursuant to this Declaration, or give any Owner or Builder the right to avoid any of the covenants, agreements or obligations to be performed hereunder.

9.8.2 Right to Allow Use. The Declarant and/or the Association may enter into easement agreements or other use or possession agreements whereby the Owners, Telecommunications Providers, Private Street Light Providers, the Association and/or others may obtain the use, possession of, or other rights regarding certain property, on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis, for certain specified purposes. The Association may agree to maintain and pay the taxes, insurance, administration, upkeep, repair, and replacement of such property, the expenses of which shall be Operating Expenses. Any such agreement by the Association prior to the Community Completion Date shall require the prior written consent of the Declarant. Thereafter, any such agreement shall require the approval of the majority of the Board, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

9.8.3 Retention/Detention Areas. NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CURRENT OR FUTURE WATER LEVELS IN ANY OF THE RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS IN HARDWICK FARMS; PROVIDED, FURTHER, NEITHER THE DECLARANT NOR THE ASSOCIATION BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO ATTEMPT TO ADJUST OR MODIFY THE WATER LEVELS SINCE SUCH LEVELS ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL GROUNDWATER AND RAINFALL FLUCTUATIONS THAT ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME OR LOT, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THE WATER LEVELS OF ALL RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS MAY VARY. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE BY THE DECLARANT OR THE ASSOCIATION THAT WATER LEVELS OR

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RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS WILL BE CONSTANT OR AESTHETICALLY PLEASING AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME; AT TIMES, WATER LEVELS MAY BE NONEXISTENT. THE DECLARANT AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO ERECT FENCES, GATES, OR WALLS AROUND OR ADJACENT TO ANY RETENTION/DETENTION AREAS WITHIN HARDWICK FARMS.

9.8.4 Obstruction of Common Areas. No portion of the Common Areas may be obstructed, encumbered, or used by Owners for any purpose other than as permitted herein or otherwise permitted by the Association.

9.8.5 Assumption of Risk. Without limiting any other provision herein, each Owner accepts and assumes all risk and responsibility for noise, liability, injury, or damage connected with use or occupancy of any portion of such Common Areas, including, without limitation: (i) noise from maintenance equipment; (ii) use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; (iii) view restrictions and impairment caused by the construction of any structures and/or the maturation of trees and shrubbery; (iv) reduction in privacy caused by the removal or pruning of shrubbery or trees within HARDWICK FARMS; and (v) design of any portion of HARDWICK FARMS. Each Owner also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Declarant, the Association, Builders, and their respective employees, directors, representatives, officers, agents, affiliates, shareholders, members, partners, and attorneys (collectively, "**Indemnified Parties**"), from any and all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the person's use of the Common Areas, including for attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and costs at trial and upon appeal. Without limiting the foregoing, all persons using the Common Areas, including, without limitation, any retention/detention areas, or areas adjacent to any water body, do so at their own risk. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO THEIR LOT, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THE COMMON AREAS, AND AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF THE COMMON AREAS, MAY CONTAIN WILDLIFE SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INSECTS, ALLIGATORS, COYOTES, RACCOONS, SNAKES, DUCKS, DEER, SWINE, TURKEYS, AND FOXES. THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, AND THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING SUCH WILDLIFE OR NOTIFYING OWNERS OR OTHER PERSONS OF THE PRESENCE OF SUCH WILDLIFE. EACH OWNER AND HIS OR HER LESSEES, FAMILY MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND INVITEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

9.8.6 Owners' Obligation to Indemnify. Each Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties against all actions, injury, claims, loss, liability, damages, costs and expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever (collectively, "**Losses**") incurred by or asserted against any of the Indemnified Parties from and after the date hereof, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, as a result of or in any way related to the Common Areas within HARDWICK FARMS, including, without limitation, use of the Common Areas by Owners and their Lessees, guests, family members, invitees, or agents. Should any Owner (or its Lessees, guests, family members, invitees or agents) bring suit against the Declarant, the Association, Builders, or any of the Indemnified Parties for any claim or matter and fail to obtain judgment therein against such Indemnified Parties, such Owner shall be liable to such parties for all Losses, costs and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Parties in the defense of such suit, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at trial and upon appeal.

#### 9.9 Rules and Regulations.

9.9.1 Generally. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant, and thereafter the Board, shall have the right to adopt Rules and Regulations governing the use of the Common Areas. The Rules and Regulations and any amendments thereto need not be recorded in the Public Records. The Common Areas shall be used in accordance with this Declaration and Rules and Regulations promulgated hereunder, if any.

9.9.2 Declarant and Builders Not Subject to Rules and Regulations. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the Rules and Regulations shall not apply to the Declarant and/or Builders, or to any property owned by the Declarant and/or Builders, and shall not be applied in a manner that would prohibit or restrict the development or operation of HARDWICK FARMS or adversely affect the interests of the Declarant and/or Builders. Without limiting the foregoing, the Declarant, Builders and/or their respective agents, Contractors, and assigns shall have the right to: (i) develop and construct Lots, Homes, Common Areas and related improvements within HARDWICK FARMS, and make any additions, alterations, improvements, or changes thereto; (ii) maintain sales offices (for the sale and re-sale of (a) Lots and Homes and (b) residences and properties located outside of HARDWICK FARMS), general offices and construction operations within HARDWICK FARMS; (iii) place, erect or construct portable, temporary or accessory buildings or structures within HARDWICK FARMS for sales, construction storage or other purposes; (iv) temporarily deposit, dump or accumulate materials, trash, refuse and rubbish in connection with the development or construction of any portion of HARDWICK FARMS; (v) post, display, inscribe or affix to the exterior of any portion of the Common Areas or any other portions of HARDWICK FARMS, signs and other materials used in developing, constructing, selling or promoting the sale of any portion of HARDWICK FARMS including, without limitation, Lots, Parcels and Homes; (vi) excavate fill from any retention/detention areas or water bodies within and/or contiguous to HARDWICK FARMS by dredge or dragline, store fill within HARDWICK FARMS and remove and/or sell excess fill; (vii) grow or store plants and trees within, or contiguous to, HARDWICK FARMS and use and/or sell excess plants and trees; and (viii) undertake all activities which, in the sole opinion of the Declarant and/or Builders, are necessary or convenient for the development and sale of any lands and improvements comprising HARDWICK FARMS.

9.10 Public Facilities. HARDWICK FARMS may include one or more public facilities that may be dedicated to the County or the City. Except for the private roadways serving the Townhome Neighborhood and being maintained by the Association as Exclusive Common Area of the Townhome Neighborhood, all roadways within HARDWICK FARMS shall be public roadways maintained by the City and shall not be maintained by the Association. Also, a lift station dedicated to Jacksonville Electric Authority, its successors and/or assigns, as part of the waste water treatment system may be located within the boundaries of HARDWICK FARMS. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, THE ROADWAYS WITHIN, ADJACENT OR IN PROXIMITY TO HARDWICK FARMS ARE PART OF THE PUBLIC SYSTEM OF ROADWAYS. EACH OWNER BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO THEIR LOT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THE ASSOCIATION, BUILDERS, AND THE DECLARANT HAVE NO CONTROL WITH REGARD TO ACCESS AND USAGE OF SUCH ROADWAYS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

9.11 Default by Owners or Builders. No default by any Owner or a Builder in the performance of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration shall be construed or considered (i) a breach by the Declarant or the Association of any of their promises or covenants in this Declaration; (ii) an actual, implied or constructive dispossession of another Owner or Builder from the Common Areas; or (iii) an excuse, justification, waiver or indulgence of the covenants and promises contained in this Declaration.

9.12 Association's Obligation to Indemnify. The Association and each Owner covenant and agree, jointly and severally, to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Declarant, Builders and their officers, directors, shareholders, and any related persons, companies, or corporations and their employees from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, causes of action or damages arising from any personal injury, loss of life, or damage to property, sustained on or about the Common Areas, or other property serving the Association and Owners, and improvements thereon, or resulting from or arising out of activities or operations of the Association or Owners, and from and against all costs, expenses, court costs, attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees (including, but not limited to, all trial and appellate levels and whether or not suit be instituted), expenses and liabilities incurred or arising from any such claim, the investigation thereof, or the defense of any action or proceedings brought thereon, and from and against any orders, judgments or decrees which may be entered relating thereto. The costs and expense of fulfilling this covenant of

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indemnification shall be Operating Expenses to the extent such matters are not covered by insurance maintained by the Association.

9.13 Special Taxing Districts. For as long as the Declarant controls the Association, the Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to dedicate or transfer or cause the dedication or transfer of all or portions of the Common Areas of HARDWICK FARMS to a special taxing district, or a public agency or authority under such terms as the Declarant deems appropriate in order to create or contract with special taxing districts and community development districts (or others) for lighting, perimeter walls, fences, entrance features, roads, sidewalks, paths, landscaping, irrigation areas, ponds, surface water management systems, wetlands mitigation areas, parks, recreational or other services, security or communications, or other similar purposes deemed appropriate by the Declarant, including, without limitation, the maintenance and/or operation of any of the foregoing. As hereinafter provided, the Declarant may sign any taxing district petition as attorney-in-fact for each Owner. Each Owner's obligation to pay taxes associated with such district shall be in addition to such Owner's obligation to pay Assessments. Any special taxing district shall be created pursuant to all applicable ordinances of the County, the City and all other applicable governing entities having jurisdiction with respect to the same.

9.14 Water Mains and Damage to Common Areas. In the event the County, the City, or any of their respective subdivisions, agencies, and/or divisions must remove or damage any portion of a roadway, sidewalk, paved area, landscaping or other improvement located within the Common Areas in connection with the County's or the City's operation, maintenance, or repair of a water line or sanitary sewer line or roadway, then the Association shall be responsible for the repair of such Common Areas, if such repair is not conducted by the County or the City. The costs associated with any such repair or replacement shall be part of the Operating Expenses and each Owner shall pay an equal share of the expenses, if such expenses are not paid for by the County or the City.

9.15 Mail Delivery Centers. Individual Lots shall not have mailboxes. Rather, mailboxes shall be grouped together for all or a portion of the Homes as required by the local postmaster (the "**Mail Delivery Centers**"). The Declarant, in its sole discretion, may install one or more Mail Delivery Centers within HARDWICK FARMS and may consist of freestanding, pedestal-mounted mailboxes commonly referred to by the United States Postal Service as "Cluster Box Units" or a "Neighborhood Delivery Center" which is a freestanding and/or enclosed installation containing a large number of individually locked mailboxes. No mailboxes are permitted except the Mail Delivery Centers originally installed by the Declarant or Mail Delivery Centers substantially similar to the Mail Delivery Centers originally installed by the Declarant. Mail Delivery Centers, if any, shall be maintained by the Association in accordance with the requirements of the United States Postal Service and any other applicable governmental authority. All costs associated with the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the Mail Delivery Centers shall be part of the Operating Expenses, except for the costs of keys or replacement keys which shall be borne solely by the individual Owners.

9.16 Exclusive Common Areas.

9.16.1 Purpose. Certain portions of the Common Area may be designated as Exclusive Common Area and reserved for the exclusive use or primary benefit of Owners and occupants within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods. By way of illustration and not limitation, Exclusive Common Areas may include entry features, private roads serving a particular Neighborhood, amenities, landscaped medians and cul-de-sacs, and other portions of the Common Area within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods (if any). All costs associated with maintenance, repair, replacement, and insurance of an Exclusive Common Area shall be a Neighborhood Expense allocated among the Owners in the Neighborhood(s) to which the Exclusive Common Areas are assigned.

9.16.2 Designation. Initially, any Exclusive Common Area shall be designated as such in this Declaration, the deed conveying such area to the Association, in an amendment to this Declaration, in a Supplemental Declaration establishing a Neighborhood or on the subdivision Plat

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relating to such Common Area; provided, however, any such assignment shall not preclude the Declarant from later assigning use of the same Exclusive Common Area to additional Homes and/or Neighborhoods, so long as the Declarant has a right to subject additional property to this Declaration pursuant to Section 5.1. Thereafter, a portion of the Common Area may be assigned as Exclusive Common Area and Exclusive Common Area may be reassigned upon approval of the Board, and the vote of (i) more than fifty percent (50%) of the Voting Interests in the Association, and (ii) more than fifty percent (50%) of the Voting Interests within the Neighborhood affected by the proposed assignment or reassignment. As long as the Declarant owns any property subject to this Declaration, or which may become subject to this Declaration in accordance with Section 5.1, any such assignment or reassignment shall also require the Declarant's prior written consent. The following Exclusive Common Area are hereby initially designated:

9.16.2.1 The private roadways intended to serve only the Townhome Neighborhood are designated as Exclusive Common Area of the Townhome Neighborhood for exclusive use by the Townhome Neighborhood, subject to Section 9.16.3 below. The Declarant may, in Declarant's sole and absolute discretion, specify and/or designate certain property or facilities as part of the Exclusive Common Area serving the Townhome Neighborhood by Supplemental Declaration to this Declaration.

9.16.3 Use by Others. The Association may permit Owners of Homes in other Neighborhoods to use all or a portion of such Exclusive Common Area upon payment of reasonable Use Fee, which fees shall be used to offset the Neighborhood Expenses attributable to such Exclusive Common Area.

9.16.4 Maintenance. Maintenance, repair and replacement of Exclusive Common Areas shall be a Neighborhood Expense assessed to the Neighborhood(s) to which the Exclusive Common Areas are assigned, notwithstanding that the Association may be responsible for performing such maintenance hereunder.

## 10. Maintenance by the Association.

10.1 Common Areas. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration to the contrary, the Association shall at all times maintain, repair, replace and insure the Common Areas, including all improvements placed thereon.

10.2 Landscape Maintenance. Except as otherwise provided in Section 10 with respect to the Townhome Neighborhood, or as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Declaration designating a Neighborhood or amendment to this Declaration, the Association shall have no responsibility for the maintenance of landscaped areas within any Lot or any right-of-way adjacent to a Lot, including, without limitation, sod, irrigation facilities, yards, grass, shrubs, trees, mulch, or any other landscaped areas. Except as otherwise provided in this Declaration, a Supplemental Declaration or amendment to this Declaration, the record title owner of each such Lot shall be responsible for the repair, replacement and maintenance of the irrigation facilities and all landscaped areas and other improvements within any portion of such Lot and the right-of-way adjacent to a Lot, including, without limitation, sod, irrigation facilities, yards, grass, shrubs, trees, mulch, or any other landscaping. Any such repair, replacement and maintenance by an Owner of a Lot shall be consistent with the Landscape Maintenance Standards set forth in this Declaration.

10.3 Roadways. Except for the private roadways serving the Townhome Neighborhood and being maintained by the Association as Exclusive Common Area of the Townhome Neighborhood, roadways within HARDWICK FARMS shall be public roadways maintained by the City and shall not be maintained by the Association. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, THE ROADWAYS WITHIN, ADJACENT OR IN PROXIMITY TO HARDWICK FARMS ARE PART OF THE PUBLIC SYSTEM OF ROADWAYS. EACH OWNER BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO THEIR LOT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES

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THE ASSOCIATION, BUILDERS, AND THE DECLARANT HAVE NO CONTROL WITH REGARD TO ACCESS AND USAGE OF SUCH ROADWAYS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

10.4 Adjoining Areas. The Association shall only maintain those drainage areas, swales, parking areas, retention/detention area slopes and banks, and landscape areas (if any) that are within the Common Areas, and certain Lots only to the extent specifically provided herein, and further provided that such areas shall be readily accessible to the Association. Under no circumstances shall the Association be responsible for maintaining any inaccessible areas within fences or walls that form a part of a Lot.

10.5 Negligent or Willful Acts. The expense of any maintenance, repair, or construction of any portion of the Common Areas or any Lot necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner, its Lessees, family members, guests, invitees, or other persons utilizing any portion of HARDWICK FARMS through or under an Owner, shall be borne solely by such Owner of the Lot, and the Lot owned by such Owner shall be subject to an Individual Assessment for that expense. By way of example, and not of limitation, an Owner shall be responsible for the removal of all landscaping and structures placed within easements or Common Areas without the prior written approval of the Association. Further, an Owner shall be responsible for all costs of maintenance, repair, or construction of any portion of the drainage facilities located on such Owner's Lot if such maintenance, repair, or construction is necessitated by the negligent or willful acts of an Owner or such Owner's Lessees, family members, guests, or invitees.

10.6 Maintenance of Property Owned by Others. The Association shall, if designated by the Declarant (or by the Board after the Turnover Date), by amendment to this Declaration, or any document of record, maintain vegetation, landscaping, irrigation systems, community identification/features, infrastructure, and/or other areas or elements designated by the Declarant (or by the Board after the Turnover Date) upon areas that are within or outside of HARDWICK FARMS. Such areas may abut, or be proximate to, HARDWICK FARMS, and may be owned by, or be dedicated to, others including, but not limited to, a utility, governmental or quasi-governmental entity or a property owners association. These areas may include (for example and not limitation) parks, swale areas, landscape buffer areas, berm areas or median areas within the right-of-way of public streets, roads, sidewalks, paths, drainage areas, community identification or entrance features, community signage or other identification. The Association shall have the right to enter into new agreements or arrangements from time to time for improvements and facilities serving the members of the Association or to amend the foregoing if the Board deems the same reasonable and appropriate for the continued use and benefit of any part of the Common Areas.

10.7 Landscape Maintenance for Townhome Lots. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the landscaped areas within each Townhome Lot in accordance with the following terms:

10.7.1 General. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the landscaped areas within each Townhome Lot only to the extent expressly provided in this Section. The Association's landscape maintenance responsibilities include trimming of trees and shrubs, mowing, edging the lawn, mulching (on such frequency as determined by the Association in its sole discretion), fertilization of grass, and landscape-related exterior pest control. The foregoing shall be performed at the Board's discretion and on such intervals as the Board may decide in its sole and absolute discretion. Except as otherwise provided herein, all costs and expenses pertaining to such landscaping maintenance of the Townhome Lots shall constitute a part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood and each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs. In the event any landscaping, including, without limitation, grass, becomes dead or badly damaged, the Association shall be responsible for the repair, and/or replacement of such landscaping with landscaping selected by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion, except in the case of freeze damage, damage from any other natural disaster, or damage due to the negligence or willful acts of an Owner or its Lessees, family members, invitees, or guests. The Association shall have no responsibility for the repair or replacement of sod, grass, shrubs, trees, or any other landscaping within a Lot in the case of freeze damage or damage from any other natural disaster or damage due to the negligence or willful acts of an Owner or its Lessees, family

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members, invitees, or guests, and the Owner of each Lot shall be responsible for any such repair and replacement of the landscaped areas in such event. In the event landscaped areas are not repaired and replaced by the Owner of the Townhome Lot, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, repair and replace such landscaped areas on behalf of the Owner, and the Association may replace such landscaped areas with plant varieties determined by the Association in its sole discretion. The costs and expenses of such repairs and replacements plus Twenty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$25.00) (or such other amount determined by the Association in its sole and absolute discretion) shall be assessed against the respective Lot as an Individual Assessment.

10.7.2 Additional Landscape Maintenance. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to their Townhome Lot, authorizes the Association to conduct additional landscape maintenance beyond the scope described in this Section if, in the discretion of the Board, such additional maintenance is required for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, naturally occurring deterioration of the landscaped areas or damage caused by an Owner's neglect. The costs associated with any such additional landscape maintenance shall be assessed against the respective Townhome Lot as an Individual Assessment.

10.7.3 Modification of Landscaping. In the event an Owner modifies the landscaping as initially installed by the Declarant or a Builder, then such Owner shall be solely responsible for the maintenance and irrigation of such modified landscaping, and there shall be no abatement or reduction in such Owner's Installment Assessments or Neighborhood Assessments. No Owner shall modify the landscaping as initially installed by the Declarant or a Builder, nor shall any landscape lighting be installed by an Owner, without the prior written approval of the ACC. In no event shall any landscaping modified by an Owner impede access or otherwise interfere with the routine landscape maintenance provided by the Association in accordance with this Declaration.

10.7.4 Irrigation Facilities. The Association is responsible for irrigation to the landscaped areas, including repair and replacement of damaged sprinkler heads, piping or valves that comprise the irrigation system of the Townhome Lots, except in the case of damage due to an Owner's negligence or willful acts of an Owner or its Lessees, family members, guests or invitees. The cost associated with any such maintenance, repair and replacement of the irrigation facilities shall constitute a part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood and each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs, except in the case of costs for repair and replacement of damage due to an Owner's negligence or willful acts of an Owner or its Lessees, family members, guests or invitees, which costs shall be assessed against the respective Lot as an Individual Assessment. Grass and landscaping located on Townhome Lots shall be irrigated in a routine and ordinary manner, at intervals and frequency as the Board may decide in its sole discretion and as may be permitted by SJRWMD or the County or City regulations. The Association shall have direct access to control boxes and/or devices used in connection with any irrigation system that may be installed on any Townhome Lot and Owners are not permitted to block access to or tamper with the same. The Association reserves the right to place or remove locks on any control boxes and/or devices used in connection with irrigation regardless of their location. Further, Owners shall not place locks or otherwise impede the Association's access to any areas the Association is responsible to maintain. In the event that any Owner locks or otherwise impedes the Association's access to any areas the Association is responsible to maintain, the Association may take any and all measures necessary to eliminate same, including removing or disabling any locks, and the Association shall have no liability for such actions.

EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SOME TOWNHOME LOTS WITHIN HARDWICK FARMS MAY HAVE YARDS THAT ARE LARGER OR SMALLER THAN THE YARDS OF OTHER TOWNHOME LOTS WITHIN HARDWICK FARMS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, ALL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE EXPENSES SHALL BE DEEMED PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXPENSES FOR THE TOWNHOME NEIGHBORHOOD AND EACH OWNER OF A TOWNHOME LOT SHALL PAY AN EQUAL SHARE OF SUCH COSTS.

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10.8 Townhome Neighborhood Home Maintenance. With respect only to the Townhome Neighborhood, the Association shall be responsible for the following, to be performed at the Board's discretion and on such intervals as the Board may decide in its sole and absolute discretion.

10.8.1 Painting. The Association shall paint all exterior painted portions of Homes located within the Townhome Neighborhood, including any exterior walls of a garage, garage door, exterior doors, shutters, and fascia, to be performed at the Board's discretion and on such intervals as the Board may decide in its sole and absolute discretion. The cost associated with such exterior painting made in accordance with this Section shall constitute a part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood and each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs. The Association shall have no responsibility to repair damage to paint caused by an Owner or due to the negligence or willful acts of an Owner or such Owner's Lessees, family members, invitees, or guests. In the event any exterior painting on a Home is damaged by an Owner or due to an Owner's negligence (or the negligence or willful acts of such Owner's Lessees, family members, invitees, or guests), then the Owner shall be responsible for the repair of such painting at the Owner's sole cost and expense, and the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, repair such painting and the costs and expenses of such repairs shall be assessed against the respective Lot as an Individual Assessment. Each Owner grants the Association an easement over its Townhome Lot for the purpose of complying with the requirements of this Section.

In the event that (i) an Owner desires to paint its Home in addition to, or at intervals more frequently than, the Association's painting of such Home as provided herein, or (ii) an Owner is responsible for painting an exterior portion of its Home due to damage to paint caused by an Owner or the negligence or willful acts of such Owner or its Lessees, family members, invitees, or guests, or (iii) as required by Section 11.5 below, then any such proposed painting shall be subject to ACC approval. If the proposed painting is approved by the ACC, the ACC shall have the right to impose such conditions on such Owner as it deems reasonably appropriate. The conditions shall, at a minimum, include the following:

10.8.1.1 all work and materials shall be at the Owner's sole cost and expense;

10.8.1.2 all color selections shall be approved by the ACC and must be the same or substantially similar to the other Homes attached to the Home;

10.8.1.3 the painting project must include an entire elevation of the Home (i.e. the entire side of the Home, etc.); and

10.8.1.4 if the Association thereafter paints the Home and the other Homes attached to the Home in accordance with this Section, the Home shall be included as part of the painting project, and the cost associated with such painting project shall constitute a part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood and each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs.

10.8.2 Roofs. The Association shall repair and replace roofs of Homes located within the Townhome Neighborhood, including shingles, and roof decking; however, the Association shall have no obligation to repair or replace roof trusses or other structural components of the roof. Such roof repair and replacement shall be performed at the Board's discretion and on such intervals as the Board may decide in its sole and absolute discretion. The cost associated with any such roof repair and replacement shall be deemed part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood and each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs. The Association shall have no obligation for repair or replacement of roofs in the case of damage due to roof alterations by an Owner or any willful actions or negligence of an Owner or such Owner's Lessees, family members, guests or invitees, and the Owner shall be responsible for any such repair or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense. In the event the roof or any component

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thereof is not repaired and replaced by the Owner pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, repair and replace such roof on behalf of the Owner, and the costs and expenses of such repairs and replacements shall be assessed against the respective Lot as an Individual Assessment. If a roof is damaged or destroyed by the act of one adjoining Owner, or his/her Lessees, guests, licensees, agents or family members (whether or not such act is negligent or otherwise culpable), then that Owner shall immediately rebuild or repair the roof without cost to the adjoining Owner and shall indemnify the adjoining Owner from any consequential damages, loss or liabilities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Declarant and the Association have the right to enforce the provisions of this Section, however neither the Declarant nor the Association shall have any obligation whatsoever to enforce the provisions of this Section or become involved in any dispute between Owners in connection with this Section.

10.8.3 Gutters. The Association shall conduct maintenance of roof gutters (if any) of Homes located within the Townhome Neighborhood, including clearing, repair and ensuring the proper functioning of such gutters on such intervals as the Board may decide in its sole and absolute discretion. The cost associated with any gutter maintenance and repair shall be part of the Neighborhood Expenses, and each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary, the Association shall have no obligation for repair or replacement of gutters (if any) in the case of damage due to roof alterations by an Owner or any willful actions or negligence of an Owner or such Owner's Lessees, family members, guests or invitees, and the Owner shall be responsible for any such repair or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense. In the event the gutters (if any) or any component thereof is not repaired and replaced by the Owner pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, repair and replace such gutters on behalf of the Owner, and the costs and expenses of such repairs and replacements shall be assessed against the respective Lot as an Individual Assessment. If any gutters are damaged or destroyed by the act of one adjoining Owner, or his/her guests, Lessees, licensees, agents or family members (whether or not such act is negligent or otherwise culpable), then that Owner shall immediately repair the gutters without cost to the adjoining Owner and shall indemnify the adjoining Owner from any consequential damages, loss or liabilities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Declarant and the Association have the right to enforce the provisions of this Section, however, neither the Declarant nor the Association shall have any obligation whatsoever to enforce the provisions of this Section or become involved in any dispute between Owners in connection with this Section.

10.8.4 Termite Program. The Association may, in its sole discretion, contract with a licensed termite company to provide a termite warranty program for Homes located within the Townhome Neighborhood. The cost associated with any such programs shall be deemed part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood and each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs.

10.8.5 Pressure Washing/Soft Washing. The Association may, in its sole discretion, pressure wash/soft wash the roofs and the exterior portions of Homes located within the Townhome Neighborhood, including any exterior walls of a garage, garage door, exterior doors, shutters, and fascia. The cost associated with exterior pressure washing/soft washing and made in accordance with this Section shall constitute a part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood, and each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent insurance coverage required by Section 14 of this Declaration covers repairs or replacements otherwise performed by the Association under this Section, or would have covered such repairs or replacements if the Owner had procured such coverage, then such repairs or replacements shall be governed by Section 14.2 herein, and the Association shall not perform repairs or replacements covered by insurance or any other activities that would negate such coverage or impair the availability of such coverage.

10.9 Retention/Detention Area Slopes. The Common Areas and the rear yard of some Lots may contain slopes adjacent to the retention/detention areas ("**Retention/Detention Area Slopes**"). All Retention/Detention Area Slopes will be regulated and maintained by the Association, except as otherwise provided in the Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards (as defined herein). The Declarant hereby grants the Association an easement of ingress and egress across all Lots that include or are adjacent to retention/detention areas for the purpose of regulating and maintaining such Retention/Detention Area Slopes. The Association may establish from time to time standards for the Retention/Detention Area Slopes maintenance by Owners who own Lots adjacent to such areas ("**Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards**"). Such Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards may include requirements respecting compaction and strengthening of banks. The Association shall have the right to inspect such Retention/Detention Area Slopes to ensure that each Owner has complied with its obligations hereunder and under the Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards. Each Owner hereby grants the Association an easement of ingress and egress across his or her Lot to all retention/detention areas for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this provision and the Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards. For the purposes of this Declaration, each day that an Owner fails to comply with the requirements of this paragraph or any Retention/Detention Area Slopes Maintenance Standards shall be deemed a separate and independent violation of this Declaration.

10.10 Drainage Improvements. The Association shall be solely responsible for drainage systems and facilities, which may be comprised of swales, pipes, pumps, retention/detention area slopes, easements, or other improvements (the "**Drainage Improvements**"), and which may be located within Common Areas or Lots; however, neither the Association nor the Declarant shall have any responsibility for landscaping maintenance on any SFD Lot, and the Owner of any such SFD Lot shall be responsible for the landscaping, repair, replacement and maintenance of the irrigation facilities and all landscaped areas and other improvements within any portion of the SFD Lot, including, landscaping and maintenance within any drainage easements located upon the SFD Lot. The Association shall be responsible for routine maintenance and shall ensure functionality of the approved designed drainage patterns inclusive of all easements, swales, buffers and vegetative areas at all times. Should any area of drainage pattern demonstrate a pooling or flooding effect, the Association shall be responsible to rectify the drainage pattern to its original intended design and any and all costs associated with such repairs shall be Operating Expenses of the Association.

10.11 Right-of-Way. Except as otherwise maintained by the City, and subject to the maintenance obligations of Owners set forth in Section 11 below, the Association shall be responsible for the costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with maintenance of the community sidewalk, irrigation facilities, trees and landscaping located in any right-of-way adjacent to any Common Areas and for the trees, landscaping, and irrigation facilities located in any private right-of-way located adjacent to Townhome Lots; provided, however, the Association shall have no responsibility or obligation for replacement of any such trees or landscaping in the private right-of-way. The cost associated with any such Association maintenance of the right-of-way adjacent to any Common Areas shall be deemed part of the Operating Expenses. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section to the contrary, each Owner of an SFD Lot shall be responsible for the maintenance of all landscaping, irrigation facilities and other improvements located in any right-of-way adjacent to such Owner's SFD Lot. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the cost associated with any such maintenance of the trees, irrigation facilities, and landscaping located in the private right-of-way adjacent to Townhome Lots shall be part of the Neighborhood Assessments for the Townhome Neighborhood. Each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association any expense incurred in repairing any damage to sidewalks, trees, landscaping, irrigation facilities, or other improvements located in the right-of-way in the event that such Owner's negligent or willful acts (or the negligent or willful acts of such Owner's Lessees, family members, guests or invitees) caused such damage. Failure of an Owner to reimburse the Association any costs necessitated by such negligent or willful acts shall subject the Owner to an Individual Assessment for such costs.

10.12 Reclaimed Water. Reclaimed irrigation water may be used within HARDWICK FARMS and the Association shall have the right to enter into a Reclaimed Water Use Agreement with the County or the City from time to time to provide reclaimed irrigation water to Lots and/or Common Areas. The costs associated with irrigation water usage for all Common Areas shall be deemed part of the Operating Expenses, and each Owner of a Lot shall pay an equal share of such costs. EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES RECLAIMED WATER MAY BE USED FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES. NEITHER THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, NOR THE ASSOCIATION MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE CURRENT OR FUTURE AVAILABILITY OR QUALITY OF RECLAIMED WATER; PROVIDED, FURTHER, NEITHER THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, NOR THE ASSOCIATION BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SOD, GRASS, SHRUBS, TREES, OR OTHER LANDSCAPING WITHIN A LOT NECESSITATED BY THE LACK OF RECLAIMED WATER FOR IRRIGATION. FURTHER, NEITHER THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, NOR THE ASSOCIATION BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REPAIR, REPLACEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS DUE TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE QUALITY OF THE RECLAIMED WATER.

10.13 Additional Obligations of Association. The Association may have (or may elect to undertake on behalf of the Owners) certain responsibilities and obligations, including, without limitation, cost-sharing obligations, or obligations to construct, operate, maintain, insure and/or repair certain improvements or share certain facilities within HARDWICK FARMS or adjacent to the boundaries of HARDWICK FARMS, as set forth in the Title Documents or other agreements to which the Association is a party or is otherwise subject (collectively, if any, the "Agreements"). Each Owner, by acquiring title to a Lot, acknowledges and agrees that HARDWICK FARMS, or certain portions thereof, is subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreements, as amended and supplemented from time to time. The Declarant reserves the right without the consent of any other party, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreements, to modify any agreement affecting HARDWICK FARMS, or the obligations and responsibilities of the Association, including, without limitation, obligations for cost-sharing or maintenance of improvements. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES ANY AND ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY OBLIGATION FOR COST-SHARING OR OBLIGATION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, INSURE AND/OR REPAIR IMPROVEMENTS, OR SHARE CERTAIN FACILITIES, IF ANY, SHALL BE A PART OF THE OPERATING EXPENSES.

11. Maintenance by Owners. Except as otherwise provided in Section 10 of this Declaration with respect to Townhome Lots, in a Supplemental Declaration or amendment to this Declaration, all Lots and Homes, including, without limitation, all lawns, landscaping, irrigation facilities, driveways, walkways and any property, all structural components comprising the Lot or Home, improvements and appurtenances not maintained by the Association, shall be well maintained and kept in first class, good, safe, clean, neat and attractive condition consistent with the general appearance of HARDWICK FARMS by the record title owner of the applicable Lot. Without limitation of the foregoing, each record title owner of a SFD Lot is specifically responsible for maintaining all grass, trees, landscaping, and irrigation facilities within any portion of the applicable SFD Lot. No tree installed by the Declarant or a Builder on any Lot shall be felled, removed, or cut down unless such tree represents a hazard to the Home or other improvements on the Lot, or to persons occupying or utilizing HARDWICK FARMS. If any such tree located on an Owner's Lot dies or is otherwise removed in accordance with the foregoing sentence, such tree shall be replaced by the Owner of the Lot upon which the tree was located, at the Owner's expense, by a similar tree of similar size in diameter, unless otherwise approved by the ACC. No other objects or landscaping may be installed in place of any such trees. In the event Lots and Homes are not maintained by the record title owner of the Lot in accordance with the requirements of this Section, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, perform the maintenance obligations on behalf of the record title owner.

11.1 Right of the Association to Enforce. The Declarant hereby grants the Association an easement over each Lot for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section. In the event the record title owner of a Lot does not comply with this Section, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying record title owner as an

Individual Assessment. The Association shall have the right to enforce this Section by all necessary legal action. In the event the Association is the prevailing party with respect to any litigation respecting the enforcement of compliance with this Section, it shall be entitled to recover all of its attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees, and costs, at trial and upon appeal.

11.2 Landscape Maintenance Standards. The following maintenance standards (the "Landscape Maintenance Standards") apply to landscaping within all SFD Lots and right-of-way adjacent to such SFD Lots:

11.2.1 Trees. Trees are to be pruned as needed and maintained in a safe and appropriate manner, with the canopy no lower than eight feet (8') from the ground at maturity, unless otherwise stipulated by any applicable law, regulation, or local ordinance.

11.2.2 Shrubs. All shrubs are to be trimmed as needed and maintained in a neat and appropriate manner.

11.2.3 Grass.

11.2.3.1 Cutting Schedule. Grass shall be maintained in a neat and appropriate manner. In no event shall any lawn within any SFD Lot be in excess of five inches (5") in height.

11.2.3.2 Edging. Edging of all streets, curbs, beds and borders shall be performed as needed. Chemical edging shall not be permitted.

11.2.3.3 Grass. Each yard shall be improved with the type of grass approved by the local municipality or other applicable governmental authority at the time of installation, which may include St. Augustine grass (i.e. Floratam or a similar variety) in some areas with code required drought tolerant grass in other areas. Any modification to or replacement of sod and/or landscape by an Owner is subject to the Community Standards, Section 373.185, Florida Statutes (2022), and any other applicable law or local ordinance.

11.2.4 Mulch. Mulch within an SFD Lot shall be replenished as needed on a yearly basis.

11.2.5 Insect Control and Disease Control. Insect control and disease control shall be performed on an as needed basis by the record title owner of each SFD Lot. Failure to do so could result in additional liability if the disease and/or insects spread to neighboring Lots and Common Areas, or other property within or around HARDWICK FARMS. Dead grass and other dead landscaping shall be removed and replaced within thirty (30) days of dying. If the City or County code or SJRWMD regulations require Bahia grass for any portion of yards, it shall remain as Bahia and if it dies, may only be replaced in accordance with City or County code or SJRWMD regulations.

11.2.6 Fertilization. Fertilization of all turf, trees, shrubs, and palms shall be performed according to Best Management Practices as provided by the City or County Extension Service (if any) or The University of Florida IFAS Extension.

11.2.7 Irrigation. Every Owner shall be required to irrigate the grass and landscaping located on their Lot in a routine and ordinary manner, as may be permitted by SJRWMD and/or County or City regulations, and shall ensure that sufficient irrigation occurs during all periods when the record title owner is absent from the Lot. Watering and irrigation, including the maintenance, repair and replacement of all irrigation facilities and components, will be the sole responsibility of the record title owner of the respective Lot. Lots shall be consistently irrigated to maintain a green and healthy lawn at all times. Sprinkler heads shall be maintained by the record title owner on a

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monthly basis. Water spray from sprinklers shall not extend beyond any property line of the respective Lot. Automatic sprinkler systems shall not cause water to run onto neighboring Lots, walkways, streets or the like and shall include a timing system to limit hours of operation. All components of the irrigation system, clock, pump stations and valves shall be checked as needed by an independent contractor to assure proper automatic operation.

11.2.8 Weeding. All beds are to be weeded upon every cut. Weeds growing in joints in curbs, driveways, and expansion joints shall be removed as needed. Chemical treatment is permitted.

11.2.9 Trash Removal. Dirt, trash, plant and tree cuttings and debris resulting from all operations shall be removed and all areas left in clean condition before the end of the day.

11.3 Modification of Landscaped Areas. Without the prior written consent of the ACC, no sod, topsoil, tree, shrubbery or other landscaping shall be removed from HARDWICK FARMS and there shall be no change in the plant landscaping, elevation, condition of the soil or the level of the land of such areas which results in any change in the flow and drainage of surface water which the ACC, in its sole discretion, considers detrimental or potentially detrimental to person or property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owners who install improvements to the Lot (including, without limitation, concrete or brick pavers) that result in any change in the flow and/or drainage of surface water shall be responsible for all of the costs of drainage problems resulting from such improvement. Further, in the event that such Owner fails to pay for such required repairs, each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association for all expenses incurred in fixing such drainage problems including, without limitation, removing excess water and/or repairing the SMS. No landscape lighting shall be installed by an Owner without the prior written approval of the ACC.

11.4 Weeds and Refuse. No weeds, underbrush, or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to be grown or remain upon any Lot. No refuse or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or allowed to remain upon any Lot.

11.5 Exterior Home Maintenance. Subject to the Association's right, in its sole discretion, to pressure wash/soft wash the roofs and the exterior portions of Homes located within the Townhome Neighborhood as set forth in Section 10 above, each Owner is solely responsible for the proper maintenance and cleaning of the exterior walls of his or her Home. Exterior walls may be improved with a finish material composed of stucco or cementitious coating or fiber cement siding/cement lap siding (stucco or cementitious coating or fiber cement siding/cement lap siding is referred to herein as the "**Exterior Finish**"). While Exterior Finish is high in compressive or impact strength, it is not of sufficient tensile strength to resist building movement. It is the nature of Exterior Finish to experience some cracking and it will expand and contract in response to temperature, sometimes creating minor hairline cracks in the outer layer of the Exterior Finish. This is normal behavior and considered a routine maintenance item for the Owner of the Home. Each Owner is responsible for inspecting the Exterior Finish of the exterior walls for cracking and to engage a qualified professional to seal those cracks and repair the affected area. In addition, each Owner is responsible for inspecting the exterior paint and caulk material in the exterior wall system openings (i.e. windows, doors, hose bibs, etc.) for peeling, cracking or separating. If the inspection reveals any such items, the Owner is responsible for engaging a qualified professional to clean, repair, re-caulk and repaint those areas of the Home. Each Owner is responsible for all maintenance and repairs described in this Section, and they should be completed in a timely fashion to prevent any damage to the Home.

11.6 Paved and Concrete Surfaces. Each Owner shall be responsible to timely maintain, pressure/soft wash, repair and/or replace the driveways, walkways, sidewalks, including, without limitation, any concrete or brick pavers, and other paved and concrete surfaces comprising part of such Owner's Lot or located within any right-of-way adjacent to such Owner's Lot. In the event the County, the City, or any of their respective subdivisions, agencies, and/or divisions must remove any portion of the paved or concrete surfaces located within an Owner's Lot or the right-of-way located adjacent to such Owner's Lot, for the

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installation, repair, replacement or maintenance of utilities or water mains, then the Owner of the applicable Lot will be responsible to replace or repair the paved or concrete surfaces at such Owner's expense. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, perform the necessary maintenance and/or repair and charge the costs thereof, together with interest at the highest rate allowed by law, to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment. In the event the Association is the prevailing party with respect to any litigation respecting the enforcement of compliance with this Section, it shall be entitled to recover all of its attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees, and costs, at trial and upon appeal. Further, each Owner agrees to reimburse the Association for any expense incurred by the Association in connection with any damage to any sidewalk, driveway or walkway caused by such Owner's negligence or willful acts (or the negligent or willful acts of such Owner's Lessees, family members, guests, or invitees). Each Owner grants the Association an easement over its Lot for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section.

11.7 Water Intrusion. Florida experiences heavy rainfall and humidity on a regular basis. Each Owner is responsible for making sure his or her Home remains watertight including, without limitation, checking caulking around windows and seals on doors. Each Owner acknowledges that running air conditioning machinery with windows and/or doors open in humid conditions can result in condensation, mold and/or water intrusion. The Declarant, Builders, and the Association shall not have liability under such circumstances for any damage or loss that an Owner may incur in the event an Owner fails to maintain their Home in accordance with this provision. FURTHER, GIVEN THE CLIMATE AND HUMID CONDITIONS IN FLORIDA, MOLDS, MILDEW, TOXINS AND FUNGI MAY EXIST AND/OR DEVELOP WITHIN HOMES. EACH OWNER IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT CERTAIN MOLDS, MILDEW, TOXINS AND/OR FUNGI MAY BE, OR IF ALLOWED TO REMAIN FOR A SUFFICIENT PERIOD MAY BECOME, TOXIC AND POTENTIALLY POSE A HEALTH RISK. BY ACQUIRING TITLE TO A HOME AND/OR LOT, EACH OWNER, SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ASSUMED THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH MOLDS, MILDEW, TOXINS AND/OR FUNGI AND TO HAVE RELEASED THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, AND THE ASSOCIATION FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY RESULTING FROM SAME.

11.8 Perimeter Walls/Fences. The Declarant and/or Builders may install perimeter walls or fences within HARDWICK FARMS (the "Perimeter Walls/Fences"). The Association at all times shall have the exclusive right to maintain, repair, and/or replace any Perimeter Walls/Fences within Common Areas. The Association shall perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Perimeter Walls/Fences at the Board's sole discretion. The costs of such maintenance, repairs or replacement of any Perimeter Walls/Fences within Common Areas shall be Operating Expenses. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section to the contrary, the Declarant neither commits to, nor shall hereby be obligated to, construct any such Perimeter Walls/Fences.

11.8.1 Townhome Lots. The Association at all times shall have the exclusive right to maintain, repair, and/or replace any Perimeter Walls/Fences within the Townhome Lots; however, each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall be responsible for the routine maintenance and cleaning of the interior of any Perimeter Walls/Fences, or portion thereof, located on such Owner's Lot. The Association shall perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Perimeter Walls/Fences at the Board's sole discretion. Failure of the Association to undertake any such maintenance, replacement or repair of the Perimeter Walls/Fences shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The costs of such maintenance, repairs or replacement of any Perimeter Walls/Fences within Townhome Lots shall be part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment.

11.8.2 SFD Lots. Each Owner of a SFD Lot shall be responsible at such Owner's expense for the maintenance, routine cleaning, repair and replacement of any Perimeter Walls/Fences, or portion thereof, located on such Owner's SFD Lot. In the event an Owner does

not comply with this Section, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment.

11.9 Right-of-Way; Right-of-Way Improvements. Except as otherwise provided in Section 10 with respect to Townhome Lots, each Owner shall be responsible for the costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with maintenance of the irrigation facilities, trees, sidewalk, driveway and landscaping located in the right-of-way immediately adjacent to such Owner's Lot and located between such Owner's Lot and the roadway. The Declarant and/or Builders may install sidewalks, walkways, driveways and other improvements, including, without limitation, landscaping, yard drains and/or drainage pipes (collectively, the "**ROW Improvements**") within the right-of-way adjacent to the Lot. Except as otherwise expressly provided in Section 10 with respect to Townhome Lots, each Owner shall be responsible for maintaining all ROW Improvements located adjacent to such Owner's Lot and located within the right-of-way located adjacent to such Owner's Lot. Except as otherwise expressly provided in Section 10 with respect to limited Townhome Lot maintenance conducted by the Association, the right-of-way located adjacent to an Owner's Lot and ROW Improvements will not be maintained by the Association, the City, the County, or any other governmental entity. Every Owner of an SFD Lot shall be required to maintain the grass and landscaping located within such right-of-way in accordance with the Landscape Maintenance Standards. No tree installed by the Declarant and/or a Builder within such right-of-way shall be felled, removed, or cut down unless such tree represents an immediate hazard to the Home or other improvements on the Lot, or to persons occupying or utilizing HARDWICK FARMS. If any such tree dies, or is removed in accordance with this Section, then such tree shall be replaced at the expense of and by the Owner of the Lot immediately adjacent to the felled tree with a similar tree approved by the ACC. Except as otherwise expressly provided in Section 10 with respect to Townhome Lots, the Declarant, the Association, the City, the County, and their respective agents, employees, directors, officers, members, managers, shareholders, affiliates, representatives, receivers, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, shall not have any responsibilities for maintaining the right-of-way or ROW Improvements, or for any claims, damages, losses, demands, liabilities, obligations, actions or causes of action arising out of or relating to the ROW Improvements, including, without limitation, any claim based on the design, placement, installation, or maintenance of the ROW Improvements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in Section 10 with respect to Townhome Lots, each Owner hereby assumes all obligations for maintaining the right-of-way and ROW Improvements located adjacent to such Owner's Lot and hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold the Declarant, the Association, Builders, the City, the County or any other governmental entity, harmless from any and all loss arising from claims by an Owner, its Lessees, family members, guests and invitees, or any other persons for any personal injury or property damage in connection with the right-of-way or ROW Improvements.

11.10 Water Mains and Improvements within Lots. In the event the County, the City or any of their respective subdivisions, agencies, and/or divisions must remove or damage any portion of a driveway, landscaping, or other improvements located on an Owner's Lot or the right-of-way immediately adjacent to such Lot in connection with the County's or the City's operation, maintenance or repair of any water line or sanitary sewer line or other maintenance conducted by the County or the City, if applicable, then the Owner of the Lot upon which such driveway, landscaping, or other improvements are located or adjacent to such right-of-way upon which such improvements are located, shall be responsible to replace or repair such driveway, landscaping, or other improvement at such Owner's expense, if such expenses are not paid for by the County or the City. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, perform the necessary repair and/or replacement and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment. In the event that the Association is the prevailing party with respect to any litigation respecting the enforcement of compliance with this Section, it shall be entitled to recover all of its attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees, and costs, at trial and upon appeal. Each Owner grants the Association an easement over its Lot for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section.

11.11 Roofs and Roof Maintenance.

11.11.1 Roof Maintenance by Owner. Except as provided in Section 10 herein with respect to nonstructural repair and replacement of roofs on Townhome Lots by the Association, each Owner of a Home shall routinely maintain, repair, and replace the roof of his or her Home in a safe, neat and appropriate manner, including roof trusses or other structural components of the roof. For purposes of uniformity, Owners of Homes located on Townhome Lots sharing an attached roof, consisting of all roofs of all attached Homes for a particular building, are encouraged to repair the roofs of all such attached Homes for such building concurrently, and the Board or the ACC shall have the right to require such shared roofs be replaced within forty-five (45) days after notice by the Board or the ACC to the Owners of applicable Homes. Neither the Association nor the Declarant has any obligation whatsoever to become involved in any dispute between Owners in connection with shared roofs, including any repair thereof. Each Owner grants the Association an easement over its Lot for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section.

11.11.2 Shared Roof Restrictions and Owner Obligations. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rule of law regarding party roofs and liability for personal damage due to negligence of willful acts or omissions shall apply to all shared roofs on Homes located within Townhome Lots. In the event any portion of any structure or facility, as originally constructed, including, without limitation, any roof shared between Homes, shall protrude over an adjoining Home, it shall be deemed that such Owners have granted perpetual easements to the adjoining Owner or Owners for continuing maintenance and use of the projection for such shared roof. Subject to applicable building codes, the Owner of a Home sharing a roof with an adjoining Home shall not make any alterations, additions or structural changes in the shared roof without the joint agreement of all of the Owners sharing the roof and the written consent of the Board. Each Owner sharing a roof shall have all easement rights reasonably necessary to perform the obligations contained herein over the Homes sharing such roof. Except as expressly set forth in Section 10 above, each Owner shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the roof of such Owner's Home. To the extent a roof shared by multiple Lots needs to be maintained, repaired or replaced by the record title owners of such Lots, the cost of such maintenance, repair and/or replacement shall be shared equally by the Owners of the Homes sharing such improvements without prejudice, subject, however, to the right of any Owner to call for a larger contribution from the other under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions. In the event an Owner shall fail or refuse to pay his/her pro rata share of costs of repair, maintenance, or replacement of a shared roof (whether or not through his/her own fault or the failure of his/her insurance company to pay any claim), then and in that event, the Owner advancing monies therefor shall have a right to file a claim of lien for such monies advanced in the Public Records and shall have the right to foreclose said lien in accordance with the same procedural requirements as now provided for in Florida Statutes for foreclosure of the construction lien; provided, however, such claim of lien shall be filed within ninety (90) days from the date repairs or replacements are made to the shared roof, and suit thereon shall be commenced one (1) year from the date such lien is filed.

11.12 Paint. Except as otherwise provided in Section 10 above, the exterior of Homes shall be repainted by the Owner of such Home within forty-five (45) days of notice by the ACC and/or the Board to the Owner of the applicable Lot.

11.13 Pressure Washing/Soft Washing. Subject to the Association's discretion to pressure wash the roofs and the exterior portions of Homes located within the Townhome Neighborhood pursuant to Section 10, each Owner shall be responsible, at their sole cost and expense, for pressure washing/soft washing the driveways, sidewalks, walkways, roofs and the exterior portions of such Owner's Home, including any exterior walls of a garage, garage door, exterior doors, shutters, and fascia. Each Owner shall conduct such pressure washing/soft washing on a routine basis, and in no event later than thirty (30) days after notice by the Board or the ACC to the Owner of the applicable Lot. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance required by this Section and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment. CLEANING

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SOME SURFACES WITH HIGH PRESSURE MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE SURFACE OF CERTAIN STRUCTURES AND A SOFT WASH MAY BE REQUIRED. PRIOR TO ANY PRESSURE WASHING/SOFT WASHING, EACH OWNER SHOULD OBTAIN FROM THE MANUFACTURER OF THE AREA TO BE CLEANED, THE PROPER CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS TO ENSURE NO DAMAGE IS CAUSED TO THE SURFACE AND TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR WARRANTY PURPOSES, IF ANY.

11.14 Lot Walls/Fences. Each adjoining Owner's obligation with respect to Lot Walls/Fences shall be determined by this Declaration, except as otherwise required by Florida law.

11.14.1 Sharing Repair and Maintenance. Each Owner shall maintain the exterior surface of a Lot Wall/Fence facing his/her Lot. Except as provided in this Section, the cost of reasonable repair shall be shared equally by adjoining Lot Owners.

11.14.2 Damage by One Owner. If a Lot Wall/Fence is damaged or destroyed by the act of one adjoining Owner, or his/her guests, Lessees, licensees, agents or family members (whether or not such act is negligent or otherwise culpable), then that Owner shall immediately rebuild or repair the Lot Wall/Fence to its prior condition without cost to the adjoining Owner and shall indemnify the adjoining Owner from any consequential damages, loss or liabilities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Declarant and the Association have the right to enforce the provisions of this Section; however, neither the Declarant nor the Association shall have any obligation whatsoever to enforce the provisions of this Section or become involved in any dispute between Owners in connection with this Section. No Owner shall violate any of the following restrictions and any damage (whether cosmetic or structural) resulting from violation of any of the following restrictions shall be considered caused by the Owner causing such action or allowing such action to occur on such Owner's Lot:

11.14.2.1 No Owner shall allow any tree to grow within six feet (6') of any Lot Wall/Fence (with such distance measured from the above-ground part of the tree that is nearest to the Lot Wall/Fence within five feet (5') of the ground level of the tree, including any portion of the root system that is not completely covered by soil); and

11.14.2.2 No Owner shall allow attachment of anything, including but not limited to any climbing plant or vine, to any Lot Wall/Fence.

11.14.3 Other Damage. If a Lot Wall/Fence is damaged or destroyed by any cause other than the act of one of the adjoining Owners, his/her agents, Lessees, licensees, guests or family members (including ordinary wear and tear and deterioration from lapse of time), then the adjoining Owners shall rebuild or repair the Lot Wall/Fence to its prior condition, equally sharing the expense; provided, however, that if a Lot Wall/Fence is damaged or destroyed as a result of an accident or circumstances that originate or occur on a particular Lot (whether or not such accident or circumstance is caused by the action or inaction of the Owner of that Lot, or his/her agents, Lessees, licensees, guests or family members) then in such event, the Owner of that particular Lot shall be solely responsible for the cost of rebuilding or repairing the Lot Wall/Fence and shall immediately repair the Lot Wall/Fence to its prior condition.

11.14.4 Right of Entry. Each Owner shall permit the Owners of adjoining Lots, or their representatives, to enter his/her Lot for the purpose of installations, alteration, or repairs to a Lot Wall/Fence on the Lot of such adjoining Owners, provided that other than for emergencies, requests for entry are made in advance and that such entry is at a time reasonably convenient to the Owner of the adjoining Lot. An adjoining Owner making entry pursuant to this Section shall not be deemed guilty of trespassing by reason of such entry. Such entering Owner shall indemnify the adjoining Owner from any consequential damages sustained by reason of such entry.

11.14.5 Right of Contribution. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Section shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors in title.

11.14.6 Consent of Adjoining Owner. In addition to meeting the requirements of this Declaration and of any applicable building code and similar regulations or ordinances, any Owner proposing to modify, alter, make additions to or rebuild (other than rebuilding in a manner materially consistent with the previously existing Lot Wall/Fence) the Lot Wall/Fence, shall first obtain the written consent of the adjoining Owner, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned.

11.15 Retaining Walls. The Declarant and/or Builders may construct retaining walls within HARDWICK FARMS (the "Retaining Walls"). Any reference to Retaining Walls herein shall include, but may not be limited to, the wall, stem, base slab, tie backs, dead man anchors, counterforts and any other associated supporting structures for such retaining walls. Retaining Walls located within Common Areas shall be maintained by the Association. The Association shall perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Retaining Walls at the Board's sole discretion. The costs of such maintenance, repairs or replacement of any Retaining Walls within Common Areas shall be Operating Expenses. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section to the contrary, the Declarant neither commits to, nor shall hereby be obligated to, construct any such Retaining Walls. NO STRUCTURES OR LANDSCAPING, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION FENCES, IRRIGATION PIPES, AND TREES, SHALL BE INSTALLED WITHIN TWO FEET (2') FROM ANY RETAINING WALL.

11.15.1 Townhome Lots. Retaining Walls located within Townhome Lots shall be maintained by the Association; however, each Owner of a Townhome Lot shall be responsible for the day-to-day cleaning of any Retaining Wall, or portion thereof, located on such Owner's Townhome Lot. The Association shall perform any such maintenance, repairs or replacement of the Retaining Walls at the Board's sole discretion. Failure of the Association to undertake any such maintenance, replacement or repair of the Retaining Walls shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The costs of such maintenance, repairs or replacement of any Retaining Walls within Townhome Lots shall be part of the Neighborhood Expenses for the Townhome Neighborhood. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment.

11.15.2 SFD Lots. Each Owner of a SFD Lot shall be responsible at such Owner's expense for the structural maintenance, repairs and day-to-day maintenance and cleaning of Retaining Walls located within such Owner's SFD Lot. In the event an Owner does not comply with this Section, the Association may perform the necessary maintenance and charge the costs thereof to the non-complying Owner as an Individual Assessment.

12. Use Restrictions. The following use restrictions shall apply to all Lots within HARDWICK FARMS, except for any Lots owned by the Declarant, or as otherwise expressly provided herein; provided, however, a Supplemental Declaration designating a Neighborhood may include additional restrictions or provisions that are more restrictive than the provisions of this Declaration.

12.1 Alterations and Additions. Except as otherwise provided in Section 19 of this Declaration, no material alteration, addition or modification to a Lot or Home, or material change in the appearance thereof, shall be made without the prior written approval thereof being first obtained from the ACC as required by this Declaration.

12.2 Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock, reptiles, pets or poultry of any kind may be kept in and/or on any Lot and/or Home or brought onto the property by an Owner, or its guests, Lessees,

licensees, agents or family members other than domesticated dogs, domesticated cats, fish and/or caged birds, all of which are usually and commonly kept as household pets (collectively "Pets").

Pets only may be kept, maintained and/or allowed to reside in and/or on a Lot and/or Home provided such Pets are: (a) in full compliance with the applicable law, ordinance and the Governing Documents; (b) under the control of the applicable Owner, or its guests, Lessees, licensees, agents or family members at all times when the pet is on any Common Area and/or the Pet is outside of that Owner's Home; (c) not left unattended on any balconies, terraces, lanais, garages and/or covered patios, (d) quiet, inoffensive and generally not a nuisance and/or safely concern to any other Owners, Lessees and/or occupants of another Lot; (e) not kept or raised for commercial purposes; and (f) not being boarded in exchange for compensation of any type. The Owner, or its guests, Lessees, licensees, agents or family members, shall promptly pick up all solid waste material from their Pet and dispose of that solid waste material appropriately. No solid waste material from any Pet shall remain on any Common Area or any portion of HARDWICK FARMS. Solid waste material from Pets shall not be placed in trash containers maintained by the Association. Each Owner and/or its guests, Lessees, licensees, agents or family members agree to fully pay for, and/or reimburse the Association for, all extermination costs necessitated by any Pet. The Declarant, the Association, the Board and the Association's property management company (if any) shall not be liable for any personal injury, death and/or property damage resulting from a violation of the restrictions on Pets and animals. Any Owner, or its guests, Lessees, licensees, agents or family members, committing any violation of the restrictions on Pets and animals shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the Declarant, the Association, the Board, each other Owner and the Association's property management company in such regard. A violation of any rule or restriction on Pets and animals shall entitle the Association to all of the Association's rights and remedies, including, but not limited to, the right to fine the applicable Owner and/or to require any Pet or animal to be permanently removed from HARDWICK FARMS. No Owner, or its guests, Lessees, licensees, agents or family members may keep more than three (3) of the permitted pets in and/or on any Lot. No reptiles, insects, livestock, poultry, swine or wildlife of any type shall be kept anywhere in and/or within HARDWICK FARMS, including any Lot, Home and any garage. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all restrictions set forth in this Section are subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act.

No Pet shall be permitted to remain within HARDWICK FARMS if that Pet disturbs the tranquility of HARDWICK FARMS, other Owners, Lessees or occupants of any Lot, if a Pet is unlawful, dangerous, aggressive, annoying, and/or a nuisance to or destructive of wildlife, or if that Pet has been specifically excluded from HARDWICK FARMS by the Board after notice. The Board may, in its sole discretion, have any Pet removed and/or banned from HARDWICK FARMS.

12.3 Artificial Vegetation. Except as otherwise permitted by Florida law, no artificial grass, plants or other artificial vegetation, or rocks or other landscape devices, shall be placed or maintained upon the exterior portion of any Lot, unless approved by the ACC.

12.4 Automobiles and other Vehicles. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the following restrictions shall not apply to construction vehicles utilized in connection with construction, improvement, installation, or repair by the Declarant, Builders, or their agents, employees or invitees.

12.4.1 Parking. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein with respect to Government Vehicles (as defined below), Owners' vehicles shall be parked in the garage or driveway of the respective Owner's Lot. No vehicles of any nature shall be parked on any portion of HARDWICK FARMS or a Lot except on the surfaced parking area thereof. Vehicles shall not park on the paved or concrete surfaces comprising the Common Area, except in designated parking areas, if any. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to promulgate Rules and Regulations regarding parking on Common Areas. To the extent HARDWICK FARMS has any guest parking (if applicable), Owners are prohibited from parking in such guest parking spaces. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, acknowledges there may be no guest parking areas

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within HARDWICK FARMS. No vehicles used in business for the purpose of transporting goods, equipment and the like, shall be parked in HARDWICK FARMS except during the period of a delivery of goods or during the provision of services. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to law enforcement vehicles or vehicles issued by a governmental entity, so long as such vehicles are used for normal transportation and there are no ladders, racks, and hooks or such other commercial equipment attached to such vehicles ("Government Vehicles"). EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, ROADWAYS WITHIN HARDWICK FARMS SHALL BE PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND SHALL NOT BE MAINTAINED OR REGULATED BY THE ASSOCIATION. EACH OWNER BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO THEIR LOT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THE ASSOCIATION, BUILDERS, AND THE DECLARANT HAVE NO CONTROL WITH REGARD TO ACCESS, PARKING AND USAGE OF SUCH ROADWAYS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND/OR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THAT THE COUNTY AND/OR THE CITY MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES WHICH MAY ALSO GOVERN THE PARKING OF VEHICLES WITHIN THE ROADWAYS AND LOTS WITHIN HARDWICK FARMS. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY LAWS REGARDING ACCESS, PARKING AND USAGE OF PUBLIC ROADWAYS RESTS SOLELY WITH THE APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL OR QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY AND THE ASSOCIATION AND THE DECLARANT DISCLAIM ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH ENFORCEMENT.

12.4.2 Repairs and Maintenance of Vehicles. No vehicle which cannot operate on its own power shall remain on HARDWICK FARMS for more than twelve (12) hours, except in the garage of a Home. No repair or maintenance, except emergency repair, of vehicles shall be made within HARDWICK FARMS, except in the garage of a Home. No vehicles shall be stored on blocks. No tarpaulin covers on vehicles shall be permitted anywhere within the public view. Vehicles may be washed only in the driveway of the Home.

12.4.3 Prohibited Vehicles. No commercial vehicle, limousine, recreational vehicle, all-terrain vehicles, boat (or other watercraft), trailer, including, without limitation, boat trailers, house trailers, mobile homes, and trailers of every other type, kind or description, or camper, may be kept within HARDWICK FARMS except in the garage of a Home. The term "commercial vehicle" shall not be deemed to include law enforcement vehicles, utility vehicles (e.g., Broncos, Blazers, Explorers, Navigators, etc.) or clean "non-working" vehicles such as pick-up trucks, vans, or cars if they are used by the Owner on a daily basis for normal transportation; provided, however, vehicles with ladders, racks, and hooks or such other equipment attached to such vehicles shall be "commercial vehicles" prohibited by this Section. No vehicles displaying commercial advertising shall be parked within the public view. No vehicles bearing a "for sale" sign shall be parked within the public view anywhere within HARDWICK FARMS. For any Owner who drives an automobile issued by the County, the City or other governmental entity (e.g., police cars), such automobile shall not be deemed to be a commercial vehicle and may be parked in the garage or driveway of the Lot. No vehicle shall be used as a domicile or residence either temporarily or permanently. No all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, scooters or mini motorcycles are permitted at any time on any paved surfaces forming a part of the Common Areas (if any). Additionally, no all-terrain vehicles or mini motorcycle may be parked or stored within HARDWICK FARMS, including on any Lot, except in the garage of a Home. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Declaration to the contrary, the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to construction vehicles utilized in connection with construction, improvement, installation, or repair by the Declarant, Builders, or their subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, or agents.

12.4.4 Towing. Subject to applicable laws and ordinances, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Section, any vehicle parked in violation of these or other restrictions contained herein or in the Rules and Regulations may be towed by the Association at the sole expense of the owner of such vehicle if such vehicle remains in violation for a period of twenty-four (24) hours from the time a notice of violation is placed on the vehicle or if such vehicle or owner of such vehicle

was ever previously cited for such violation. Each Owner by acceptance of title to a Home irrevocably grants the Association and its designated towing service the right to enter a Lot and tow vehicles in violation of this Declaration. Neither the Association nor the towing company shall be liable to the owner of such vehicle for trespass, conversion or otherwise, nor guilty of any criminal act, by reason of such towing or removal and once the notice is posted, neither its removal, nor failure of the owner to receive it for any other reason, shall be grounds for relief of any kind. An affidavit of the person posting the foresaid notice stating it was properly posted shall be conclusive evidence of proper posting. For purposes of this paragraph, "vehicle" shall also mean motorcycles, campers, mobile homes, trailers, etc. By accepting title to a Home, the Owner provides to the Association the irrevocable right to tow or remove vehicles parked on the Owner's Lot or Common Areas that are in violation of this Declaration. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, THE ROADWAYS WITHIN HARDWICK FARMS ARE PART OF THE PUBLIC SYSTEM OF ROADWAYS. AS SUCH, IN NO EVENT SHALL THE ASSOCIATION BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TOWING VEHICLES PARKED ON THE ROADWAYS WITHIN HARDWICK FARMS.

12.4.5 Additional Townhome Neighborhood Parking Restrictions. All Townhome Lots located within the Townhome Neighborhood shall have no more than two (2) vehicles located within such Townhome Lot, one (1) of which must be parked in the garage of such Townhome Lot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in addition to two (2) vehicles permitted for each Townhome Lot, each Owner or Lessee, as applicable, of a Townhome Lot may keep a motorcycle within the garage of the Home, so long as such motorcycle is registered with the Association in accordance with Section 12.4.6.1 below.

12.4.6 Townhome Neighborhood Vehicle Registration and Decals. Vehicles and motorcycles owned by, leased, or otherwise belonging to Owners of Townhome Lots or their Lessees, and parked within any portion of HARDWICK FARMS, must display either a Resident Decal (as defined below) or Guest Decal (as defined below), as applicable. ANY SUCH VEHICLE WHICH IS UNREGISTERED AND/OR NOT DISPLAYING A VALID RESIDENT DECAL OR GUEST DECAL WILL BE SUBJECT TO TOWING.

12.4.6.1 Resident Decals. Each Townhome Lot Owner's or Lessee's vehicle must display a resident decal (a "**Resident Decal**") evidencing such Owner or Lessee, as applicable, is a resident of HARDWICK FARMS and has properly registered their vehicle with the Association. To receive a Resident Decal, each Owner of a Townhome Lot must register the applicable vehicle with the Association and provide evidence of proper insurance, vehicle registration and valid driver's license. Lessees of Townhome Lots must obtain Resident Decals from the Owner of the Home and each Owner of a Townhome Lot is responsible for ensuring the vehicle(s) of such Lessees are registered with the Association. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, only one (1) Resident Decal shall be issued for each Townhome Lot Owner's or Lessee's vehicle and no more than two (2) Resident Decals shall be issued to each Townhome Lot; provided, however, additional Resident Decals may be issued for motorcycles properly registered with the Association so long as such motorcycle can be stored within the garage of the Home in addition to any other vehicle stored within such garage. Resident Decals shall be placed on the lower interior driver's side windshield of the vehicle; provided however, Resident Decals must be displayed in an alternative conspicuous location on all motorcycles.

12.4.6.2 Guest Decals and Guest Parking. Except for Owners and Lessees of SFD Lots and their applicable guests and invitees, any person who is not an Owner or Lessee of a Townhome Lot must use a Guest Decal to park within HARDWICK FARMS; provided, however, vehicles used in business for the purpose of transporting goods, equipment and the like, may be parked in HARDWICK FARMS without a Guest Decal only during the period of a delivery of goods or during the provision of services during the hours

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of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Townhome Lot Owners will be issued one (1) mirror-hanging tag to be used by all guests and visitors of such Owner or such Owner's Lessees (each, a "**Guest Decal**"). Guests may park in designated guest parking areas so long as such guest's vehicle has a Guest Decal displayed. Guests using a Guest Decal may not park within designated guest parking areas for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, guests may be parked in a driveway of a Home without a Guest Decal. Guests may not park on any Exclusive Common Area, streets, roadways or grass or landscaped areas. Owners and Lessees may not use Guest Decals to park within designated guest parking areas. Owners and Lessees may not park in designated guest parking spaces. Owners or Lessees using Guest Decals rather than Resident Decals will be subject to towing.

12.4.6.3 Limitations and Conditions on Decals. Any new vehicles owned by an Owner or Lessee of a Townhome Lot must be registered with the Association to obtain a new Resident Decal. If a Resident Decal or Guest Decal is lost or damaged, the Owner of the Townhome Lot must obtain a new replacement decal from the Association, which may be subject to additional fees in the amount of such costs for the replacement decal/tag plus Twenty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$25.00) (or such other amount determined by the Association in its sole and absolute discretion), which amount shall be assessed against the respective Lot as an Individual Assessment.

12.5 Casualty Destruction to Improvements. In the event that a Home or other improvement is damaged or destroyed by casualty loss or other loss, then the Owner thereof shall commence to rebuild or repair the damaged Home or improvement in accordance with Section 14 of this Declaration. As to any such reconstruction of a destroyed Home or improvements, the same shall only be replaced as approved by the ACC. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent that insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association covers such casualty destruction, the Owner of such damaged or destroyed Home shall not perform any activities that would negate such coverage or impair the availability of such coverage.

12.6 Commercial Activity. Except for normal construction activity, sale, and re-sale of a Home or Lot, sale or re-sale of other property owned by the Declarant, and administrative offices of the Declarant and/or Builders, no commercial or business activity shall be conducted within HARDWICK FARMS, including, without limitation, within any Home. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to applicable statutes and ordinances, an Owner may maintain a home business office within a Home for such Owner's personal use; provided, however, business invitees, customers, and clients shall not be permitted to meet with Owners in Homes unless the Board provides otherwise in the Rules and Regulations. No Owner may actively engage in any solicitations for commercial purposes within HARDWICK FARMS. No solicitors of a commercial nature shall be allowed within HARDWICK FARMS without the prior written consent of the Association. No day care center, "half-way house," or assisted living facility may be operated out of a Home. No garage sales are permitted, except as permitted by the Association. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Association shall not permit any garage sales without the prior written consent of the Declarant. Leasing of Homes shall not be considered "commercial activity" or "business activity" for purposes of this Declaration.

12.7 Completion and Sale of Homes. No person or entity shall interfere with the completion, marketing, and sale of Homes and/or Lots within HARDWICK FARMS by the Declarant and/or Builders. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER, BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, AGREES THAT ACTIONS OF OWNERS MAY IMPACT THE VALUE OF HOMES AND/OR LOTS; THEREFORE EACH OWNER IS BENEFITED BY THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS: PICKETING AND POSTING OF NEGATIVE SIGNS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE VALUE OF THE HOMES AND/OR LOTS IN HARDWICK FARMS AND THE RESIDENTIAL ATMOSPHERE THEREOF.

12.8 Control of Contractors. Except for direct services which may be offered to Owners (and then only according to the Rules and Regulations relating thereto, as adopted or amended from time to time), no person other than an Association officer shall direct, supervise, or in any manner attempt to assert any control over any Contractor of the Association.

12.9 Cooking. No cooking shall be permitted nor shall any foods or beverages be consumed on the Common Areas, except in areas designated for those purposes by the Association, if any. The Board shall have the right to prohibit or restrict the use of grills or barbecue facilities throughout HARDWICK FARMS.

12.10 Decorations. No decorative objects including, but not limited to, birdbaths, light fixtures, sculptures, statues, weather vanes, or flagpoles shall be installed or placed within or upon any portion of HARDWICK FARMS without the prior written approval of the ACC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, holiday lighting and decorations shall be permitted to be placed upon the exterior portions of the Home and upon the Lot in the manner permitted hereunder commencing the week before Thanksgiving and shall be removed not later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The ACC may establish standards for holiday lights and decorations in its sole discretion. The ACC may require the removal of any lighting or decoration that creates a nuisance (e.g., unacceptable spillover to adjacent Home or excessive travel through HARDWICK FARMS). Except as otherwise provided in Section 720.304(2)(b), Florida Statutes (2022), and subject to the requirements of such provision, no flag poles are permitted without the prior written approval of the ACC.

12.11 Disputes as to Use. If there is any dispute as to whether the use of any portion of HARDWICK FARMS complies with this Declaration, such dispute shall, prior to the Community Completion Date, be decided by the Declarant in the Declarant's sole and absolute discretion, and thereafter by the Board. A determination rendered by such party with respect to such dispute shall be final and binding on all persons concerned.

12.12 Drainage System. Drainage Improvements may be part of the Common Areas and/or Lots. After Drainage Improvements are installed by the Declarant and/or Builders (as applicable), the maintenance of Drainage Improvements within the boundary of a Lot shall be the responsibility of the Association; however, the Association shall have no responsibility for grass and landscape maintenance on SFD Lots, which shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of this Declaration. In the event Drainage Improvements are adversely affected by landscaping, fences, structures, or any other improvements (including, without limitation, pavers), the cost to correct, repair, or maintain such Drainage Improvements shall be the responsibility of the record title owner of the Lot that includes such improvements. By way of example, and not of limitation, if the Owner of one Lot plants a tree (pursuant to ACC approval) and the roots of such tree subsequently affect Drainage Improvements within another Lot, the Owner that planted the tree shall be solely responsible for the removal of the roots which adversely affects the adjacent Lot. No Home, structure, building, landscaping, fence, wall or other improvement shall be constructed, installed, placed or maintained in any manner that would obstruct, interfere with the SMS or change the direction or flow of water in accordance with the SMS for HARDWICK FARMS, for any part thereof, or for any Lot as shown on the approved drainage plans on file with the City, the County, SJRWMD or other governing body having jurisdiction over HARDWICK FARMS. In addition, no Owner shall change the grade or elevation of a Lot in any manner that would obstruct, interfere with, or change the direction or flow of water in accordance with the approved drainage plans. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE ASSOCIATION AND THE DECLARANT SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR DRAINAGE PROBLEMS OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER.

12.13 Extended Vacation and Absences. In the event a Home will be unoccupied for an extended period, the Home must be prepared prior to departure by: (i) removing all removable furniture, plants and other objects from outside the Home; and (ii) designating a responsible firm or individual to care for the Home, should the Home suffer damage or require attention, and providing a key to that firm or individual.

Neither the Association, Builders, nor the Declarant shall have any responsibility of any nature relating to any unoccupied Home.

12.14 Fences and Walls. No walls or fences shall be erected or installed within a Townhome Lot, except walls or fences installed by the Declarant or Builders. With respect to SFD Lots, except for walls or fences erected or installed by the Declarant or Builders, no walls or fences shall be erected or installed without prior written consent of the ACC. No chain link fencing of any kind shall be allowed. Fences shall not be installed flush to the ground so that drainage will be blocked in any way. All fences must be in compliance with the Community Standards. Due to the Association's maintenance requirements and responsibilities, the installation of fences within a drainage easement area is not expected to be approved by the ACC. However, in the event a fence is installed within a drainage easement area, with prior written ACC approval, the Owner is solely responsible for fence repair or replacement if the drainage easement area needs to be accessed for repairs or as otherwise provided herein.

12.15 Fuel Storage. No fuel storage shall be permitted within HARDWICK FARMS, except as may be necessary or reasonably used for swimming pools, spas, barbecues, fireplaces, lawn maintenance equipment, or similar devices.

12.16 Garages. No garage shall be converted into a general living area. Garage doors shall remain closed at all times except when vehicular or pedestrian access is required.

12.17 Garbage Cans. Trash collection and disposal procedures established by the Association shall be observed. No outside burning of trash or garbage is permitted. No garbage cans, supplies or other similar articles shall be maintained on any Lot so as to be visible from the street. Each Owner shall be responsible for properly depositing his or her garbage and trash in garbage cans and trash containers sufficient for pick-up by the appropriate collection agencies in accordance with the requirements of any such agency. All such trash receptacles shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and shall be shielded from the view of adjacent properties and streets. Garbage cans and trash containers shall not be placed outside the Home for pick-up earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day preceding the pick-up and shall be removed the day of pick-up. Except for normal construction debris on a Lot during the course of construction of a Home, no garbage, refuse or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon any portion of HARDWICK FARMS.

12.18 Hurricane Shutters. Any hurricane shutters or other protective devices visible from outside a Home shall be of a type as approved in writing by the ACC. Panel, accordion and roll-up style hurricane shutters may not be left closed during hurricane season (or at any other time). Any such approved hurricane shutters may be installed or closed up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the expected arrival of a hurricane and must be removed or opened within seventy-two (72) hours after the end of a hurricane watch or warning or as the Board may determine otherwise. Except as the Board may otherwise decide, shutters may not be closed at any time other than a storm event. Any approval by the ACC shall not be deemed an endorsement of the effectiveness of hurricane shutters. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of an emergency and issued storm warning, Owners may install temporary emergency storm protective window coverings up to seventy-two (72) hours prior to the expected arrival of a storm, which must be removed within seventy-two (72) hours after the end of such storm.

12.19 Irrigation; Water Staining; Reclaimed Water. Due to water quality, irrigation systems may cause staining on Homes, other structures, or paved areas. It is each Owner's responsibility to treat and remove any such staining within an Owner's Lot. The Declarant may, at its sole discretion, utilize a computerized loop system to irrigate the Common Areas. Any computerized loop irrigation system that is not the maintenance obligation of an Owner pursuant to the terms of this Declaration shall be the maintenance obligation of the Association. Owners shall be obligated to obtain the prior written approval of the Association and the ACC before taking any action that may affect the loop irrigation system, as further provided in Section 19.20 herein. The Association may use reclaimed or reuse water for irrigation purposes. Reclaimed or reuse water has received a degree of treatment and basic disinfectant at a wastewater

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treatment facilities but does not qualify as potable water under applicable governmental regulations, so irrigation water should not be consumed by any persons or animals.

12.20 Laundry; Renewable Energy Devices. Subject to the provisions of Section 163.04, Florida Statutes (2022), to the extent applicable, no rugs, mops, or laundry of any kind, or any other similar type article, shall be shaken, hung or exposed so as to be visible outside the Home or Lot. Clotheslines may be installed in the rear of a Lot so long as not visible from the front of the Lot; provided, that, any such clothesline shall be removed when it is not in use as a clothesline. Nothing in this Declaration shall be deemed to prohibit the installation of energy devices based on renewable resources (e.g., solar collector panels); provided, however, such devices shall be installed only as approved by the ACC and in accordance with the Community Standards.

12.21 Lawful Use. No immoral, improper, offensive, unlawful or obnoxious use shall be made in any portion of HARDWICK FARMS as determined by the Board in its sole discretion. All laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental entities having jurisdiction thereof shall be observed. The responsibility of meeting the requirements of governmental entities for maintenance, modification or repair of a portion of HARDWICK FARMS shall be the same as the responsibility for maintenance and repair of the property concerned.

12.22 Leases. Homes may be leased, licensed, or occupied only in their entirety and no fraction or portion may be rented. No bed and breakfast facility may be operated out of a Home. Individual rooms of a Home may not be leased on any basis. No transient tenants may be accommodated in a Home. All leases or occupancy agreements of Homes (collectively, "Lease Agreements") are subject to the provisions of this Section. All Lease Agreements shall be in writing. A copy of all Lease Agreements shall be provided by the Owner to the Association. No Lease Agreement may be for a term of less than six (6) months. The Lessee, as part of the Lease Agreement, shall agree to abide by and adhere to the terms and conditions of this Declaration together with all Rules and Regulations and all policies adopted by the Association. By acceptance of a deed to a Home, the Owner hereby agrees to remove, at the Owner's sole expense, by legal means including eviction, his or her Lessee should the Lessee refuse or fail to abide by and adhere to this Declaration, the Rules and Regulations and any other policies adopted by the Association. All Lease Agreements shall require the Home to be used solely as a private single family residence. Each leased Home shall be occupied by the Lessee, members of the Lessee's family, overnight guests and professional caregivers as a residence and for no other purpose. During such time as a Home is leased, the Owner of such Home shall not enjoy the use privileges of the Common Areas appurtenant to such Home. Notwithstanding any inconsistent or contrary provision or portion thereof, in this Declaration, if there are any FHA, VA or USDA insured loans affecting a Lot, and only for so long as any such loans affect the Lot, any provisions, or portions thereof, in this Declaration on renting, subleasing, or reconveyance that violate any FHA, VA or USDA requirements shall not apply to such Lot or its Owner.

12.23 Mailboxes and Lampposts. No mailboxes or lampposts shall be installed on any Lot.

12.24 Minor's and Guest's Use of Commonly Shared Facilities. Adults shall be responsible for all actions of their minor children and guests at all times in and about HARDWICK FARMS. Neither the Declarant, Builders, nor the Association shall be responsible for any use of the Common Areas by anyone, including minors and guests.

12.25 Nuisances. No nuisance or any use or practice that is the source of unreasonable annoyance to others or which interferes with the peaceful possession and proper use of, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, HARDWICK FARMS, is permitted. No firearms shall be discharged within HARDWICK FARMS. Nothing shall be done or kept within the Common Areas, or any other portion of HARDWICK FARMS, including a Home or Lot which will increase the rate of insurance to be paid by the Association. This Section shall not apply to the sales, marketing, construction and development activities by the Declarant and/or Builders.

12.26 Oil and Mining Operations. No oil, drilling development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or on any Lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or on any Lot. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted on any Lot.

12.27 Paint. The exterior of Homes shall be re-painted by the record title owner of the applicable Lot within forty-five (45) days of notice by the Board or the ACC to the record title owner of the applicable Lot.

12.28 Personal Property; Patio and Lawn Furniture. All personal property of Owners or other occupants of Homes shall be stored within the Homes. No personal property, except usual patio furniture, may be stored on, nor any use made of, the Common Areas, any Lot or Home, or any other portion of HARDWICK FARMS, which is unsightly or which interferes with the comfort and convenience of others. No patio furniture or swings shall be installed or placed within or upon any portion of the front of a Home or Lot so as to be visible outside the Home or Lot, without the prior written approval of the ACC. The ACC may establish standards for patio furniture and patio swings at its sole discretion. Swings and patio furniture will not be approved by the ACC for placement in front of the Home unless a front porch is part of the architectural design of the Home. Except as otherwise approved by the ACC in accordance with the foregoing, all other outdoor furniture and lawn furniture must be used and stored only in the rear of the Home and shall not be visible from the street in front of the Home. The Board may require the removal of any patio furniture or lawn furniture that is unsightly or creates a nuisance in the Board's sole discretion. In the event a Home will be unoccupied for a period of seven (7) or more days, prior to departure by the Owner, such Owner must remove all patio furniture and lawn furniture from outside the Home and Lot. In addition, all patio furniture, lawn furniture and lawn ornaments shall be removed from outside and stored within the Home upon issuance of any storm warnings of a Tropical Storm Warning or higher storm warning.

12.29 Removal of Soil and Additional Landscaping. Without the prior consent of the ACC or the Declarant, as applicable, no Owner or Builder shall remove soil from any portion of HARDWICK FARMS, change the level of the land within HARDWICK FARMS, or plant landscaping which results in any permanent change in the flow and drainage of surface water within HARDWICK FARMS. Owners may place additional plants, shrubs, or trees within any portion of their respective Lots with the prior written approval of the ACC.

12.30 Roofs, Driveways and Pressure Washing/Soft Washing. Subject to Section 10 with respect to Townhome Lots, roofs, exterior surfaces and/or pavement, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, walkways and driveways, shall be pressure washed/soft washed within the time period stated in a written notice from the Board to the Owner of the applicable Lot, but in no event, later than within thirty (30) days from the date of such notice to the Owner of the applicable Lot. No surface applications to driveways shall be permitted without the prior written approval of the ACC as to material, color and pattern. Such applications shall not extend beyond the front Lot line or include the sidewalk. PRIOR TO ANY PRESSURE WASHING/SOFT WASHING, EACH OWNER SHOULD OBTAIN FROM THE MANUFACTURER OF THE AREA TO BE CLEANED, THE PROPER CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS TO ENSURE NO DAMAGE IS CAUSED TO THE SURFACE AND TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR WARRANTY PURPOSES, IF ANY.

12.31 Satellite Dishes and Antennas. No exterior visible antennas, radio masts, towers, poles, aerials, satellite dishes, or other similar equipment shall be placed on any Home or Lot without the prior written approval thereof being first obtained from the ACC as required by this Declaration. Each Owner agrees that the location of such items must be first approved by the ACC in order to address the safety and welfare of the residents of HARDWICK FARMS. No Owner shall operate any equipment or device which will interfere with the radio or television reception of others. All antennas not covered by the Federal Communications Commission ("**FCC**") rules are prohibited. Installation, maintenance, and use of all antennas shall comply with the Community Standards adopted by the Board and shall be governed by the then current rules of the FCC.

**12.32 Screened Enclosures and Decks/Patios/Lanais.** Except as otherwise installed by the Declarant or Builders, all screening and screened enclosures shall have the prior written approval of the ACC and shall be in accordance with the Community Standards. Except as otherwise installed by the Declarant or Builders, all enclosures of balconies or patios, including addition of vinyl windows, shall be approved by the ACC, and shall comply with the Community Standards. Except as otherwise installed by the Declarant or Builders, all decks, patios, and lanais shall have the prior written approval of the ACC and shall be in compliance with the Community Standards.

**12.33 Signs and Flags.** No sign, flag, banner, advertisement, notice or other lettering shall be exhibited, displayed, inscribed, painted or affixed in, or upon any part of HARDWICK FARMS, including, without limitation, any Home, Lot or vehicle, that is visible from the outside, except an Owner may install one (1) ornamental flag approved by the ACC and in compliance with the Community Standards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Owner may display in a respectful manner one (1) portable, removable United States flag or official flag of the State of Florida and one (1) portable, removable official flag of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag. Flags permitted by this Section may not exceed four and one-half feet (4 ½') by six feet (6'). Each Owner may erect one (1) freestanding flag pole that is no more than twenty feet (20') high on any portion of such Owner's Lot if the flag pole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or upon any easement. The flag pole may not be installed any closer than ten feet (10') from the back of curb, or within ten feet (10') of any Lot boundary line. Any Owner may further display from the flagpole, one (1) official United States flag, not larger than four and one-half feet (4 ½') by six feet (6'), and may additionally display one (1) official flag of the State of Florida or the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag. Such additional flag must be equal in size to or smaller than the United States flag. Further, Owners who are actively marketing the sale or rental of their Home are permitted to display one (1) "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign advertising that the property is for sale or rent, in accordance with the Community Standards. Any flag pole installed in accordance with this Section is subject to all building codes, zoning setbacks, and other applicable governmental regulations, including, without limitation, noise and lighting ordinances in the County or the City and all setback and location criteria contained in this Declaration and in the Community Standards.

The Declarant, Builders, and the Association are exempt from this Section; provided, further, the Declarant specifically reserves the right, for itself and for Builders, and their respective agents, employees, nominees and assigns the right, privilege and easement to construct, place and maintain upon any property within HARDWICK FARMS such signs and flags as the Declarant deems appropriate in connection with the development, improvement, construction, marketing and sale of any of the Lots and Homes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the exercise by a Builder (other than Lennar, if Lennar is no longer the Declarant) of the rights and exemptions in this Section shall be subject to the Declarant's prior written approval as to the location, size, content and design of such Builder's signs and flags within HARDWICK FARMS. The Declarant reserves the right (but not the obligation) to institute a signage plan for HARDWICK FARMS, which such signage plan (if any) must be complied with by all Builders. The prohibitions and restrictions on signs displayed on or within vehicles contained above in this Section shall not apply to commercial vehicles such as for construction use or providing pick-up and delivery services and other commercial services.

**12.34 Social Media.** The Association may create an official social media page, forum or website for HARDWICK FARMS. If created by the Association, such social media pages shall be for Owners only, not for public participation by non-Owners, and such page(s) may be used as a communication instrument by and for the Association. The Association shall have the right to impose conditions or standards in connection with the use of any social media page(s) for HARDWICK FARMS and by acceptance of a deed to a Lot and by participating on such social media page(s), each Owner acknowledges and agrees that it has voluntarily subjected itself to such conditions and standards and shall comply with such conditions and standards. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner who actively participates on such social media page(s) for HARDWICK FARMS agrees to the following conditions and standards: (i) Owners shall not engage in any immoral, improper, offensive, unlawful or obnoxious use or posts; (ii) all posts and comments

by Owners must generally be positive and respectful and shall in no way be malicious or disparaging to any person or business, including, without limitation, the Association, the Declarant, Builders, or any other Owner(s); and (iii) Owners shall not use such social media page(s) to report or discuss any violations of the Governing Documents, any property or Home issues, or any other issues or problems with HARDWICK FARMS, the Declarant, the ACC or the Association, and such Owner shall report all such issues directly to the Association and/or Declarant (as applicable) rather than reporting or discussing such issues on any social media page(s). Each Owner acknowledges and agrees that neither the Declarant nor any Manager is responsible for monitoring any social media page(s) for HARDWICK FARMS. IF AN OWNER WITNESSES A FIRE, ACCIDENT, THEFT OR OTHER SERIOUS EVENT, SUCH OWNER SHALL CALL 911 AND NOTIFY THE ASSOCIATION BEFORE POSTING ON ANY SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE.

**12.35 Sports Equipment.** No recreational, playground or sports equipment shall be installed or placed within or about any portion of HARDWICK FARMS without prior written consent of the ACC. No basketball backboards, skateboard ramps, or play structures will be permitted without the prior written approval by the ACC. Such approved equipment shall be located at the rear of the Lots or on the inside portion of corner Lots within the setback lines. Tree houses or platforms of a similar nature shall not be constructed on any part of a Lot. Rules and Regulations governing basketball hoops may be adopted by the Association from time to time.

**12.36 Storage.** No temporary or permanent utility or storage shed, storage building, tent, or other structure or improvement shall be permitted and no other structure or improvement shall be constructed, erected, altered, modified or maintained, except for temporary storage facilities which shall be permitted for no more than one (1) week from the time of an Owner's or Lessee's initial occupancy of a Home. Any such temporary storage facilities may not be kept in the roadway and shall be kept wholly within the applicable Owner's Lot. Water softeners, trash containers, propane tanks, and other similar devices shall be properly screened from roadways in a manner approved by the ACC.

**12.37 Subdivision and Regulation of Land.** No portion of any Lot shall be divided or subdivided or its boundaries changed without the prior written approval of the Declarant prior to the Community Completion Date, and thereafter, by the Association. No Owner shall inaugurate or implement any variation from, modification to, or amendment of governmental regulations, land use plans, land development regulations, zoning, or any other development orders or development permits applicable to HARDWICK FARMS, without the prior written approval of the Declarant, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.

**12.38 Substances.** No flammable, combustible or explosive fuel, fluid, chemical, hazardous waste, or substance shall be kept on any portion of HARDWICK FARMS or within any Home or Lot, except those which are required for normal household use. All propane tanks and bottled gas for household and/or pool purposes (excluding barbecue grill tanks) must be installed underground or in a manner to be screened from view by landscaping or other materials approved by the ACC.

**12.39 Surveillance Equipment and Security Systems.** Except for video monitoring doorbells, no Owner shall install any security and/or surveillance systems or related equipment on the exterior portion of a Home or Lot without first obtaining prior written approval of the ACC. Except for video monitoring doorbells, all exterior components of any security system or surveillance equipment require prior written approval from the ACC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owners may install compact video-equipped doorbells on the exterior of the Home in accordance with the Community Standards. No security and/or surveillance systems shall be installed in a manner that is unsightly or which interferes with the comfort and convenience of other Owners. All conduits and wiring on the exterior portion of a Home shall be encased and painted to match the adjacent exterior surface of the Home. Security cameras and other surveillance equipment shall not be directed onto a neighboring Home or installed directly across from the window of an adjacent Home. Security alarms audible outside of the Home must be connected to a monitoring service that is able to remotely turn off the alarm, or the security alarm must automatically turn off after no more than fifteen (15) minutes of noise production audible outside of the Home.

12.40 Swimming, Fishing, Boating and Docks. Swimming, wading, and fishing are prohibited within any of the retention/detention areas or water bodies within the boundaries of HARDWICK FARMS. Boating and personal watercraft (e.g., water skis) are prohibited. No private docks may be erected within any water body or retention/detention areas.

12.41 Swimming Pools and Spas. No in-ground pools, hot tubs, spas and/or related appurtenances shall be permitted within any Townhome Lot. With respect to SFD Lots, all in-ground pools, hot tubs, spas and appurtenances installed shall require the prior written approval of the ACC as set forth in this Declaration. The design must incorporate, at a minimum, the following: (i) the composition of the material must be thoroughly tested and accepted by the industry for such construction; (ii) any swimming pool constructed on any Lot shall have an elevation at the top of the pool of not over two feet (2') above the natural grade unless approved by the ACC; (iii) pool enclosures must be of a design, color and material approved by the ACC and shall be no higher than twelve feet (12') unless otherwise approved by the ACC; and (iv) pool enclosures shall in no event be higher than the roof line of the Home. Pool enclosures shall not extend beyond the sides of the Home without express approval by the ACC. All pools shall be adequately maintained and chlorinated (or cleaned with similar treatment) by the respective Owner. Unless installed by the Declarant or a Builder, no diving boards, slides, or platforms shall be permitted without the ACC's approval. Under no circumstances may chlorinated water be discharged onto other Owners' lawns, the roadways, or into any retention/detention areas within HARDWICK FARMS or adjoining properties. No above-ground pools shall be permitted on any Lot.

12.42 Use of Homes. Each Home is restricted to residential use as a residence by the Owner or permitted occupant thereof, its guests, Lessees and invitees. This Section shall not apply to Declarant or Builders.

12.43 Visibility on Corners. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration, no obstruction to visibility at street intersections shall be permitted and such visibility clearances shall be maintained as required by the Board and governmental agencies. No vehicles, objects, fences, walls, hedges, shrubs or other planting shall be placed or permitted on a corner Lot where such obstruction would create a traffic problem.

12.44 Wells and Septic Tanks. No individual wells or septic tanks will be permitted on any Lot.

12.45 Wetlands and Mitigation Areas. If the Common Areas include one or more preserves, wetlands, and/or mitigation areas, no Owner or other person shall take any action or enter onto such areas so as to adversely affect the same without ACC approval and approval from any governmental agencies having jurisdiction. Such areas, if any, are to be maintained by the Association in their natural state.

12.46 Window Treatments. Within thirty (30) days of the conveyance of title of a Home to an Owner, such Owner shall install drapes, curtains, blinds or other window coverings. Window treatments shall consist of drapery, blinds, decorative panels, or other window coverings, and no newspaper, aluminum foil, sheets or other temporary window treatments are permitted. No security bars shall be placed on the windows of any Home without prior written approval of the ACC. No awnings, canopies or shutters shall be affixed to the exterior of a Home without the prior written approval of the ACC. No reflective tinting or mirror finishes on windows shall be permitted unless approved by the ACC. Owners are responsible for caulking or re-caulking all windows to insure water tightness. As used herein, the term "Window Treatment" is limited to traditional window coverings, and excludes, without limitation, sheets, toweling, newspaper, aluminum foil, cardboard or other similar temporary covering.

12.47 Windows or Wall Units. No window or wall air conditioning unit may be installed in any window or wall of a Home.

13. Easement for Unintentional and Non-Negligent Encroachments. If any building or improvement upon a Lot shall encroach upon another Lot or upon the Common Areas by reason of original construction

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by the Declarant or any Builder, then an easement for such encroachment shall exist so long as the encroachment exists, with no further action required by the Declarant or any Builder or Owner to establish such easement. Lots may contain improvements such as balconies, HVAC systems, or other improvements that may pass over or underneath an adjacent Lot or over or underneath the Common Areas. A perpetual nonexclusive easement is herein granted to allow such improvement and to permit any natural water runoff from roof overhangs, eaves and other protrusions onto an adjacent Lot.

#### 14. Requirement to Maintain Insurance.

##### 14.1 Association Insurance.

14.1.1 Flood Insurance. If the Common Areas are located within an area which has special flood hazards and for which flood insurance has been made available under the National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP"), the Association shall maintain insurance coverage in appropriate amounts, available under NFIP for all buildings and other insurable property within any portion of the Common Areas located within a designated flood hazard area.

14.1.2 Liability Insurance. The Association shall procure for the Common Areas only commercial general liability insurance coverage providing coverage and limits deemed appropriate by the Board. Such policies must provide that they may not be cancelled or substantially modified by any party without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Declarant (until the Community Completion Date) and the Association.

14.1.3 Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Each member of the Board shall be covered by directors and officers liability insurance in such amounts and with such provisions as approved by the Board.

14.1.4 Other Insurance. The Association shall maintain such other insurance coverage as appropriate from time to time. All coverage obtained by the Association shall cover all activities of the Association and all properties maintained by the Association, whether or not the Association owns title thereto.

14.1.5 Declarant. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, at the Association's expense, to provide insurance coverage under its master insurance policy in lieu of any of the foregoing.

14.1.6 Neighborhood Insurance. The Board may authorize the Association to obtain and maintain property insurance on insurable improvements within a Neighborhood and liability insurance in such amounts as the Board determines appropriate. Premiums for insurance on Exclusive Common Areas and/or Homes within a Neighborhood, and any other fees or expenses incurred that may be necessary or incidental to carry out the provisions hereof, including payment of any deductibles, shall be included in the Neighborhood Expenses of the Neighborhood in which such Homes are located, unless the Board determines that other treatment of the premiums is more appropriate.

##### 14.2 Homes.

14.2.1 Requirement to Maintain Insurance. Each Owner shall be required to obtain and maintain adequate insurance on his or her Home. Such insurance shall be sufficient for necessary repair or reconstruction work, and/or shall cover the costs to demolish a damaged Home as applicable, remove the debris, and to re-sod and landscape land comprising the Lot. Upon the request of the Association, each Owner shall be required to supply the Board with evidence of insurance coverage on its Home which complies with the provisions of this Section. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of the Association, the Association shall

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specifically have the right to bring an action to require an Owner to comply with his or her obligations hereunder.

14.2.2 Requirement to Reconstruct or Demolish. In the event that any Home on a Lot is destroyed by fire or other casualty, the Owner of such Home shall do one of the following: (i) the Owner shall commence reconstruction and/or repair of the Home ("Required Repair"), or (ii) the Owner shall tear the Home down, remove all the debris, and resod and landscape the property comprising the Home as required by the ACC ("Required Demolition") to the extent permitted under law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Repair, such work must be commenced within thirty (30) days of the Owner's receipt of the insurance proceeds respecting such Home and the Required Repair must be completed within six (6) months from the date of the casualty or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion subject to extension if required by law. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Repair, such reconstruction and/or repair must be completed in a continuous, diligent, and timely manner. If an Owner elects to perform the Required Demolition, the Required Demolition must be completed within six (6) months from the date of the casualty or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion subject to extension if required by law. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in the event an Owner elects to perform the Required Demolition, the Association shall have the right to require such Owner to thereafter commence to rebuild the Home, and such reconstruction/rebuilding of the Home must be completed within one (1) year from the date such Required Demolition is completed, or such longer period of time established by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion subject to extension if required by law. As to any such reconstruction of a destroyed Home or improvements, the same shall only be replaced as approved by the ACC. The Association shall have the right to inspect the progress of all reconstruction and/or repair work. Without limiting any other provision of this Declaration or the powers of the Association, the Association shall have a right to bring an action against an Owner who fails to comply with the foregoing requirements. By way of example, the Association may bring an action against an Owner who fails to either perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition on his or her Home within the time periods and in the manner provided herein. Each Owner acknowledges that the issuance of a building permit or a demolition permit in no way shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements set forth herein, which are independent of, and in addition to, any requirements for completion of work or progress requirements set forth in applicable statutes, zoning codes and/or building codes.

14.2.3 Standard of Work. The standard for all demolition, reconstruction, and other work performed as required by this Section shall be in accordance with the Community Standards and any other standards established by the Association with respect to any casualty that affects all or a portion of HARDWICK FARMS.

14.2.4 Additional Rights of the Association. If an Owner of a Lot refuses or fails, for any reason, to perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition or such other reconstruction or repair as herein provided, then the Association, in its sole and absolute discretion, by and through its Board is hereby irrevocably authorized by such Owner to perform the Required Repair or Required Demolition or such other reconstruction or repair. All Required Repair performed by the Association pursuant to this Section shall be in conformance with the original plans and specifications for the Home. The Association shall have the absolute right to perform the Required Demolition to a Home pursuant to this Section if any contractor certifies in writing to the Association that such Home cannot be rebuilt or repaired. The Board may levy an Individual Assessment against the Owner in whatever amount sufficient to adequately pay for Required Repair or Required Demolition performed by the Association, including any costs incurred with the management and oversight of any such Required Repair or Required Demolition performed by the Association.

14.2.5 Association Has No Liability. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Association, its directors, and officers, shall not be liable to any Owner should an Owner fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage on a Home. Moreover, the

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Association, its directors, and officers, shall not be liable to any person if the Association does not enforce the rights given to the Association in this Section.

14.3 Compliance Monitoring. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any other Governing Document, neither the Association nor the Declarant shall be responsible for ensuring or confirming compliance with the insurance provisions contained herein, it being acknowledged by all Owners that such monitoring would be unnecessarily expensive and difficult. Moreover, neither the Association nor the Declarant shall be liable in any manner whatsoever for failure of an Owner to comply with this Section.

14.4 Fidelity Bonds. If available, the Association shall procure a blanket fidelity bond for all officers, directors, trustees, and employees of the Association, and all other persons handling or responsible for funds of, or administered by, the Association. In the event the Association delegates some or all of the responsibility for the handling of the funds to a professional management company or licensed manager, such bonds shall be required for its officers, employees and agents, handling or responsible for funds of, or administered on behalf of the Association. The amount of the fidelity bond shall be based upon the Board's reasonable business judgment.

14.5 Association as Agent. The Association is irrevocably appointed agent for each Owner of any interest relating to the Common Areas and Homes located on Townhome Lots to adjust all claims arising under insurance policies purchased by the Association and to execute and deliver releases upon the payment of claims.

14.6 Casualty to Common Areas. In the event of damage to the Common Areas, or any portion thereof, the Association shall be responsible for reconstruction after casualty.

14.7 Nature of Reconstruction. Any reconstruction of improvements hereunder shall be substantially in accordance with the plans and specifications of the original improvement, or as the improvement was last constructed, subject to modification to conform to the then current governmental regulation(s).

14.8 Cost of Payment of Premiums. The costs of all insurance maintained by the Association hereunder, and any other fees or expenses incurred that may be necessary or incidental to carry out the provisions hereof are Operating Expenses.

14.9 Declarant and Builders Have No Liability. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the Declarant, Builders, and their officers, directors, shareholders, and any related persons or corporations and their employees, attorneys, agents, officers and directors shall not be liable to any Owner or any other person should the Association fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage required by this Section or should the Owner fail for any reason whatsoever to obtain insurance coverage for their Home.

14.10 Additional Insured. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall be named as additional insured on all policies obtained by the Association, as their interests may appear.

## 15. Property Rights.

15.1 Owners' Easement of Enjoyment. Every Builder, Owner, permitted occupant, and such Owner's Lessees, guests and invitees, and every owner of an interest in HARDWICK FARMS shall have a non-exclusive right and easement of enjoyment in and to those portions of the Common Areas that it is entitled to use for their intended purpose, subject to the following provisions:

15.1.1 Easements, restrictions, reservations, conditions, limitations and declarations of record, now or hereafter existing, and the provisions of this Declaration, as amended or supplemented from time to time;

15.1.2 Rules and Regulations governing use and enjoyment of the Common Areas;

15.1.3 The right of the Association to suspend rights hereunder, including, without limitation, voting rights, or to impose fines in accordance with Section 720.305, Florida Statutes (2022);

15.1.4 The right of the Association to suspend an Owner's or Lessee's or guest's right to use (except vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and necessary utilities) all or a portion of the Common Areas for any period during which any Assessment levied against that Owner remains unpaid;

15.1.5 The right of the Declarant and/or the Association to dedicate or transfer all or any part of the Common Areas. No such dedication or transfer by the Association shall be effective prior to the Community Completion Date without prior written consent of the Declarant;

15.1.6 The right of the Declarant and/or the Association to modify the Common Areas as set forth in this Declaration;

15.1.7 The perpetual right of the Declarant or Builders, as applicable, to access and enter the Common Areas constructed by Declarant or such Builder, as applicable, at any time, even after the Community Completion Date, for the purposes of inspection and testing of such Common Areas. The Association and each Owner shall give the Declarant and such Builder unfettered access, ingress and egress to the Common Areas so the Declarant, Builder, and/or their respective agents can perform all tests and inspections deemed necessary by the Declarant and/or Builder, as applicable. The Declarant and such Builder shall have the right to make all repairs and replacements deemed necessary by the Declarant or such Builder. At no time shall the Association and/or any Owner prevent, prohibit and/or interfere with any testing, repair or replacement deemed necessary by the Declarant relative to any portion of the Common Areas;

15.1.8 The rights of the Declarant, Builders, and/or the Association regarding HARDWICK FARMS as reserved in this Declaration, including the right to utilize the same and to grant use rights to others; and

15.1.9 An Owner relinquishes his or her right to use of the Common Areas during the time that a Home is leased to a Lessee.

15.2 Ingress and Egress. An ingress and egress easement is hereby created and reserved by the Declarant and Landbanker for the Builders, Owners, their Lessees, guests and invitees, for pedestrian traffic over, through and across sidewalks, paths, walks, driveways, passageways, and lanes as the same may exist, from time to time, upon, or be designed as part of, the Common Areas, and for vehicular traffic over, through and across such portions of the Common Areas, as may be paved and intended for such purposes.

15.3 Development Easement. In addition to the rights reserved elsewhere herein, the Declarant and Landbanker reserve an easement for themselves and for Builders and their respective nominees and assigns, over, upon, across, and under HARDWICK FARMS as may be required in connection with the development of HARDWICK FARMS, and/or other lands designated by the Declarant, and to promote or otherwise facilitate the development, construction and sale and/or leasing of Lots, Homes, any portion of HARDWICK FARMS, and/or other lands designated by the Declarant and/or Builders. Without limiting the foregoing, the Declarant specifically reserves for itself, Builders, and their respective subcontractors,

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suppliers, and consultants, the right to use all paved roads and rights of way within HARDWICK FARMS for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress to and from construction sites. Specifically, each Owner acknowledges that construction vehicles and trucks may use portions of the Common Areas. The Declarant and Builders shall have no liability or obligation to repave, restore, or repair any portion of the Common Areas as a result of the use of the same by construction traffic, and all maintenance and repair of such Common Areas shall be deemed ordinary maintenance of the Association payable by all Owners as part of the Operating Expenses. Without limiting the foregoing, at no time shall the Declarant and/or Builders be obligated to pay any amount to the Association on account of the Declarant's and/or Builder's use of the Common Areas. The Declarant and Builders intend to use the Common Areas for sales of Lots and Homes. Further, the Declarant and Builders may market other residences and properties located outside of HARDWICK FARMS from the Declarant's and/or Builders' sales facilities located within HARDWICK FARMS. The Declarant and Builders have the right to use all portions of the Common Areas in connection with their marketing activities, including, without limitation, allowing members of the general public to inspect model homes, installing signs and displays, holding promotional parties and outings, and using the Common Areas for every other type of promotional or sales activity that may be employed in the marketing of residential homes. The easements created by this Section, and the rights reserved herein in favor of the Declarant, Builders, and Landbanker, shall be construed as broadly as possible and supplement the other rights of the Declarant, Builders, and Landbanker set forth in this Declaration. At no time shall the Declarant and/or Builders incur any expense whatsoever in connection with its use and enjoyment of such rights and easements.

15.4 Public Easements. Fire, police, school transportation, health, sanitation and other public service and utility company personnel and vehicles shall have a permanent and perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Common Areas. In addition, Telecommunications Providers shall also have the right to use all paved roadways for ingress and egress to and from telecommunications systems within HARDWICK FARMS. Furthermore, Private Street Light Providers shall also have the right to use all paved roadways for ingress and egress to and from any street lights and any related equipment or facilities located within HARDWICK FARMS.

15.5 Delegation of Use. Every Owner shall be deemed to have delegated its right of enjoyment to the Common Areas to the occupants or Lessees of such Owner's Home, subject to the provisions of this Declaration and the Rules and Regulations, as may be promulgated from time to time. Any such delegation shall not relieve any Owner from its responsibilities and obligations provided herein.

15.6 Easement for Encroachments. In the event that any improvement upon Common Areas as originally constructed, shall encroach upon any other property or improvements thereon, or for any reason, then an easement appurtenant to the encroachment shall exist for so long as the encroachment shall naturally exist.

15.7 Permits, Licenses, and Easements. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant, and thereafter the Association, shall, in addition to the specific rights reserved to the Declarant herein, have the right to grant, modify, amend, and terminate permits, licenses and easements over, upon, across, under and through HARDWICK FARMS (including Lots, Parcels and/or Homes) for telecommunications systems, utilities, roads, and other purposes reasonably necessary or useful as it determines, in its sole discretion. To the extent legally required, each Owner shall be deemed to have granted to the Declarant, and thereafter, the Association, an irrevocable power of attorney, coupled with an interest, for the purposes herein expressed.

15.8 Support Easement and Maintenance Easement. An easement is hereby created for the existence and maintenance of supporting structures (and the replacement thereof) in favor of the entity required to maintain the same. An easement is hereby created for maintenance purposes (including access to perform such maintenance) over and across HARDWICK FARMS (including Lots, Parcels, and Homes) for the reasonable and necessary maintenance of Common Areas, Retaining Walls, utilities, cables, wires, lateral supports or other supporting structures, tie backs, dead man anchors, and other similar facilities.

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15.9 Drainage. A non-exclusive easement shall exist in favor of the Declarant, Landbanker, the Association and their designees, SJRWMD, the County, the City and/or any governmental agency having jurisdiction over HARDWICK FARMS over, across and upon HARDWICK FARMS for drainage, irrigation and water management purposes. Any such drainage easement shall not contain permanent improvements, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, driveways, impervious surfaces, patios, decks, pools, air conditioners, structures, utility sheds, poles, fences, irrigation systems, trees, shrubs, hedges or landscaping plants other than grass, except for (i) any improvements installed by the Declarant or Builders, (ii) landscaping of the SMS, (iii) any improvements as required by the County, the City or the Permit, and/or (iv) any improvements approved by the ACC. A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress and access exists over, across and upon HARDWICK FARMS for such parties in order to construct, maintain, inspect, record data on, monitor, test, or repair, as necessary, any water management areas, conservation areas, mitigation areas, irrigation systems and facilities thereon and appurtenances thereto. No structure, landscaping, or other material shall be placed or be permitted to remain which may damage or interfere with the drainage or irrigation of HARDWICK FARMS and/or installation or maintenance of utilities or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through HARDWICK FARMS and/or water management areas and facilities or otherwise interfere with any drainage, irrigation and/or easement provided for in this Section or the use rights set forth elsewhere in this Declaration.

15.10 Under-Slab Utility Easement. The Townhome Lots within HARDWICK FARMS contain certain underground or under-slab utilities, including, without limitation, electric, water, sewer, cable or other utilities ("Utilities") that serve other Townhome Lots within HARDWICK FARMS. An easement (the "Under-Slab Utility Easement") is hereby granted under, through and over the areas of each Townhome Lot upon which Utilities are actually located (the "Under-Slab Utility Easement Area"), as may be required from time to time in order to install, maintain, inspect, alter, repair, replace or remove (collectively, "Maintain") the pipes, wires, ducts, vents, cables, conduits, apparatus and other facilities for such Utilities. The Under-Slab Utility Easement shall be in favor of (i) the other Owners whose Townhome Lots are served by such Utilities (each, a "Benefitted Owner"), (ii) the entities providing such Utilities (each, a "Provider"), (iii) the Declarant, Builders, and Landbanker (for so long as Landbanker owns any portion of HARDWICK FARMS), and (iv) the Association. The easement rights granted hereunder shall exist so long as the easement does not materially and adversely affect the Owner's use and enjoyment of its Home as a residence. The Owners of the Townhome Lots encumbered by the Under-Slab Utility Easement shall be reimbursed for any material physical damage to such Owner's Home or Lot as a result of use of this easement by the Benefitted Owner(s), the Provider(s), the Declarant, Builders, the Landbanker, or the Association. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof to the contrary, the Under-Slab Utility Easement Area shall be limited to the area upon which Utilities are actually located. An Owner of any such Townhome Lot shall do nothing within or outside his/her Home or Lot that interferes with or impairs, or may interfere with or impair, the provision of such Utilities or the use of the Under-Slab Utility Easement for the foregoing purposes. The Benefitted Owner(s), Provider(s), the Declarant, the Association, and/or their respective agents shall have a right of access to each Townhome Lot to Maintain the Utilities and to remove any improvements interfering with or impairing such Utilities. Such right of access, except in the event of an emergency, shall only be exercised in a manner which causes the least disturbance to the improvements located upon the Townhome Lot encumbered by the Under-Slab Utility Easement and shall not unreasonably interfere with the Owner's use of the Home as a residence. Except in the event of an emergency (which shall not require prior notice), entry shall be made on not less than one (1) days' notice to the respective Owner.

15.11 Utility Easements. Except as provided herein, no Owner may install any improvements within the utility easement(s) depicted on any Plat, Title Documents or other Agreements of HARDWICK FARMS (collectively, the "Utility Easements"). Further, and except as provided herein, no Owner may make any changes to the improvements installed by the Declarant or a Builder within the Utility Easement(s). Unless otherwise approved by the Declarant in accordance with Section 19.18 of this Declaration, no fences shall be erected or installed within the Utility Easements without the prior written consent of the ACC, except for fences installed by the Declarant. All fences must be in compliance with the Community Standards. In the event a fence is installed within any Utility Easement, with prior written ACC

approval, the Owner is solely responsible for fence repair and/or replacement if the utility easement area needs to be accessed for installation, service, and/or repairs. Prior to digging, each Owner is responsible for calling 811, so all utility companies may locate and mark their underground facilities within the area, as required by Chapter 556, Florida Statutes (2022).

15.12 Blanket Easement in favor of the Association. The Association is hereby granted an easement over all of HARDWICK FARMS, including all Lots, for the purposes of: (i) constructing, maintaining, replacing and operating all Common Areas; (ii) performing any obligation the Association is obligated to perform under this Declaration; and (iii) performing any obligation of an Owner for which the Association intends to impose an Individual Assessment.

15.13 Right of Entry. The Declarant, Builders, Landbanker, and the Association, as applicable, are granted a perpetual and irrevocable easement over, under and across all of HARDWICK FARMS for the purposes herein expressed, including, without limitation, for inspections to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this Declaration, and for the performance of any maintenance, alteration or repair which they are entitled to perform. Without limiting the foregoing, the Declarant specifically reserves easements for all purposes necessary to comply with any governmental requirement or to satisfy any condition that is a prerequisite for a governmental approval. By way of example, and not of limitation, the Declarant or a Builder may construct, maintain, repair, alter, replace and/or remove improvements, install landscaping, install utilities, and/or remove structures on any portion of HARDWICK FARMS if the Declarant or such Builder is required to do so in order to obtain the release of any bond posted with any governmental agency.

15.14 Duration. All easements created herein or pursuant to the provisions hereof shall be perpetual unless stated to the contrary.

## 16. Party Walls.

16.1 General Rules of Law to Apply. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rule of law regarding party walls and liability for personal damage due to negligence of willful acts or omissions shall apply to all Party Walls within HARDWICK FARMS that are built as part of the original construction of the Homes and any replacement thereof. In the event any portion of any structure or facility, as originally constructed, including, without limitation, any Party Wall, shall protrude over an adjoining Home, it shall be deemed that such Owners have granted perpetual easements to the adjoining Owner or Owners for continuing maintenance and use of the protrusion or Party Wall. The foregoing shall be perpetual in duration and shall also apply to any replacements of any Party Walls.

16.2 Painting of Party Walls. Each Owner shall be responsible for painting the portion of any Party Wall that faces such Owner's Home.

### 16.3 Sharing of Repair, Replacement and Maintenance for Party Walls.

16.3.1 Generally. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of Party Walls (other than painting) shall be shared equally by the Owners of the Homes sharing such improvements without prejudice, however, to the right of any Owner to call for a larger contribution from the other under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

16.3.2 Failure to Contribute. In the event that an Owner shall fail or refuse to pay its pro rata share of costs of repair, maintenance, or replacement of a Party Wall (whether or not through such Owner's own fault or the failure of such Owner's insurance company to pay any claim), then and in that event, the Owner advancing monies therefor shall have a right to file a claim of lien for such monies advanced in the Public Records and shall have the right to foreclose said lien in accordance with the same procedural requirements as now provided for in Florida Statutes for foreclosure of the construction lien; provided, however, such claim of lien shall be filed within ninety

(90) days from the date repairs or replacements are made to the Party Wall, and suit thereon shall be commenced one (1) year from date such lien is filed.

16.3.3 Alterations. The Owner of a Townhome Lot sharing a Party Wall with an adjoining Townhome Lot shall not cut windows or other openings in the Party Wall, nor make any alterations, additions or structural changes in the Party Wall without the joint agreement of all of the Owners sharing the Party Wall.

16.3.4 Weatherproofing. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Declaration, an Owner who by its negligent or willful act causes a Party Wall to be exposed to the elements shall bear the whole cost of furnishing the necessary protection against such elements.

16.3.5 Easements. Each Owner sharing a Party Wall shall have all easement rights reasonably necessary to perform the obligations contained herein over the Homes sharing the Party Wall. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event an electrical meter, electrical apparatus, CATV cable or other utilities apparatus is installed within a Townhome Lot and serves more than such Townhome Lot, the Owners of the other Townhome Lot(s) served thereby shall have an easement for access to inspect and repair of such apparatus, provided that such easement rights shall be exercised in a reasonable manner and the Owner of the Townhome Lot encumbered by the easement shall be reimbursed for any significant physical damage to his/her Lot as a result of such exercise by the Owner(s) making use of such easement(s).

## 17. Assessments.

17.1 General. Each Owner, to the extent required herein, by acceptance of a deed or instrument of conveyance for the acquisition of title in any manner (whether or not so expressed in the deed), including any purchaser at a judicial sale, shall be deemed to have covenanted and agreed to pay to the Association at the time and in the manner required by the Board, assessments or charges as are fixed, established and collected from time to time by the Association (collectively, the "**Assessments**"). As Vacant Lots and Spec Lots (as such terms are defined herein) may not receive certain services, all Lots shall not be assessed uniformly. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, as long as the Option Agreement is in effect, all Assessments levied against any real property owned by Landbanker within HARDWICK FARMS shall be the responsibility of and payable by the Declarant.

17.2 Purpose of Assessments. The Assessments levied by the Association shall be used for, among other things, the purpose of operating and maintaining the Association and HARDWICK FARMS. Assessments shall include the following categories of charges as and when levied and deemed payable by the Board:

17.2.1 Installment Assessments. Any periodic assessment (on such frequency as determined by the Board) or charge for the purpose of operating the Association and accomplishing any and all of its purposes, as determined in accordance herewith, including, without limitation, payment of Operating Expenses and collection of amounts necessary to pay any deficits from prior years' operation ("**Installment Assessments**");

17.2.2 Special Assessments. Any special assessments for capital improvements, major repairs, emergencies, or nonrecurring expenses ("**Special Assessments**");

17.2.3 Use Fees. Any specific fees, dues or charges to be paid for any special services, for any special or personal use of the Common Areas, or to reimburse the Association for the expenses incurred in connection with such service or use ("**Use Fees**");

17.2.4 Reserves. Assessments of any kind for the creation of reasonable reserves for any of the aforesaid purposes. Reserves may be created by the approval of a majority of the total

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Voting Interest of the Association either at a duly called meeting or by written consent of the members. Once approved by a majority of the total Voting Interest of the Association, the Board shall create a "Reserve for Replacement" in order to establish and maintain an adequate reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair, and replacement of improvements comprising a portion of the Common Areas (the "**Reserves**"), including, without limitation, Reserves for maintenance, repair and replacement of Exclusive Common Area, as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Reserves may be adopted by the Declarant, as the sole member of the Association, by written consent; provided, however, in no event shall the Declarant be obligated to create such Reserves. Reserves for Exclusive Common Area or other services applicable to a Neighborhood, shall be assessed to and levied against only those Owners of Lots within the applicable Neighborhood(s) benefitted by such Exclusive Common Area or services. In the event the member(s) of the Association approve the establishment of Reserves, such Reserves shall be included in the budget for the following fiscal year and each year thereafter, unless otherwise waived for such particular year pursuant to Section 720.303, Florida Statutes (2022), and be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Association;

17.2.5 **Individual Assessments.** Any specific assessment for costs incurred by the Association, or charges, fees or fines levied against a specific Lot or Lots, or the record title owner(s) thereof, which amounts are by their nature applicable only to one or more Lots, but less than all Lots ("**Individual Assessments**"). By way of example and not limitation, in the event an Owner fails to maintain their Lot or the exterior of their Home in a manner required by the Governing Documents, the Association shall have the right (but not the obligation), through its agents and employees, to enter upon the Lot and to repair, restore, and maintain the Lot and/or Home as required by the Governing Documents. The costs of any such repair, restoration and/or maintenance, plus the reasonable administrative expenses of the Association and any costs incurred in bringing a Lot and/or Home into compliance with the Governing Documents shall be an Individual Assessment. The lien for an Individual Assessment may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other Assessment; and

17.2.6 **Neighborhood Assessments.** Assessments for which Owners in a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods are subject in order to fund Neighborhood Expenses and any applicable Reserves for such Neighborhood, if any ("**Neighborhood Assessments**"). The Association is hereby authorized to levy Neighborhood Assessments against all Lots subject to Assessment in the Neighborhood to fund Neighborhood Expenses. The lien for Neighborhood Assessments may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other Assessment.

17.3 **Designation.** The designation of Assessment type and amount shall be made by the Association. Prior to Turnover, any such designation must be approved by the Declarant. Such designation may be made on the budget prepared by the Association. The designation shall be binding upon all Owners.

17.4 **Allocation of Operating Expenses.**

17.4.1 Commencing on the first day of the period covered by the annual budget, and until the adoption of the next annual budget, the Assessments for Operating Expenses and Reserves (if any) shall be allocated so that each Owner (other than Landbanker) shall pay Operating Expenses, Special Assessments and Reserves based upon a fraction, the numerator of which is one (1) and the denominator of which is the total number of all Lots in HARDWICK FARMS conveyed to Owners other than Landbanker, or any greater number determined by the Declarant from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything contained herein to the contrary, Neighborhood Assessments for Neighborhood Expenses and Reserves for Exclusive Common Area, if any, shall be allocated to and levied against only those Owners within the applicable Neighborhood. The Declarant, in its sole and absolute discretion may change such denominator from time to time; provided, however, under no circumstances will the denominator be less than the number of Lots owned by Owners (other than Landbanker). In addition, any Lot that does not

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have a Home constructed thereon as evidenced by a Certificate of Occupancy (a "**Vacant Lot**") and any Lot that has a Home constructed thereon but is owned by the Declarant, a Builder, and/or Landbanker (a "**Spec Lot**") shall be assessed at ten percent (10%) of the Installment Assessment and Neighborhood Assessments (if any and as applicable) assessed to Lots with Homes constructed thereon and owned by Owners other than Landbanker and Builders. This lesser Assessment amount reflects that Vacant Lots and Spec Lots will not benefit from maintenance and other services provided by the Association. At such time as a Home is conveyed by the Declarant, Landbanker, or a Builder to an Owner, then the Spec Lot shall be deemed a fully assessed Lot and shall be responsible for one-hundred percent (100%) of Installment Assessments, Special Assessments, and Neighborhood Assessments (if any and as applicable) except as otherwise provided herein. The Assessments for Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall be additional income to the Association and shall be used at the discretion of the Board for any purpose, including, without limitation, future and existing capital improvements, Operating Expenses, support costs and start-up costs. Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall not be included in the denominator used to determine each Owner's pro rata share of the Operating Expenses and Reserves (if any), unless otherwise determined by the Declarant in its sole and absolute discretion. In no event, however, shall the Declarant, Builders or Landbanker pay Special Assessments.

17.4.2 In the event the Operating Expenses as estimated in the budget for a particular fiscal year are, after the actual Operating Expenses for that period is known, less than the actual costs, then the difference shall, at the election of the Association: (i) be added to the calculation of Installment Assessments, as applicable, for the next ensuing fiscal year; or (ii) be immediately collected from the Owners as a Special Assessment. In the event the Neighborhood Expenses as estimated in the Neighborhood Expenses budget for a particular fiscal year are, after the actual Neighborhood Expenses for that period is known, less than the actual costs, then the difference shall, at the election of the Association: (i) be added to the calculation of Neighborhood Assessments, as applicable, for the next ensuing fiscal year; or (ii) be immediately collected from the Owners within the applicable Neighborhood as an Individual Assessment. The Association shall have the unequivocal right to specially assess Owners retroactively on January 1<sup>st</sup> of any year for any shortfall in Installment Assessments, which Special Assessment shall relate back to the date that the Installment Assessments could have been made. After the Turnover Date, no vote of the Owners shall be required for such Special Assessment (or for any other Assessment) except to the extent specifically provided herein. Prior to the Turnover, a Special Assessment may be levied by the Association with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Owners' Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members.

17.4.3 Each Owner and Builder agrees that so long as it does not pay more than the required amount it shall have no grounds upon which to object to either the method of payment or non-payment by other Owners, Builders, or the Declarant of any sums due.

17.5 General Assessments Allocation. Installment Assessments and Reserves (if any) shall be uniform for all Lots improved with a Home, except as provided herein. Special Assessments and Reserves shall be allocated equally to each Owner, except as provided herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Neighborhood Assessments for Neighborhood Expenses, Reserves applicable only to a particular Neighborhood (if any and as applicable), and Reserves for Exclusive Common Area, if any, shall be allocated to and levied against only those Owners within the applicable Neighborhood. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Governing Documents, but subject to the rights of the Declarant pursuant to Section 17.8 of this Declaration, Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall be assessed at ten percent (10%) of the Installment Assessments and Neighborhood Assessments (if any and as applicable) assessed to Lots with Homes constructed thereon and owned by Owners. This lesser Assessment amount reflects that Vacant Lots and Spec Lots will not benefit from maintenance and other services provided by the Association. At such time a Home is conveyed by the Declarant, Landbanker, or Builder to an Owner, then the Spec Lot shall be deemed a fully assessed Lot and shall be responsible for one-hundred percent (100%)

of Installment Assessments, Neighborhood Assessments (if any and as applicable), and Special Assessments, except as otherwise provided herein. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, Vacant Lots and Spec Lots shall not be responsible for Reserves.

17.6 Use Fees and Individual Assessment. Except as hereinafter specified to the contrary, Use Fees and Individual Assessments shall be made against the record title owner of a Lot benefiting from, or subject to, the special service or cost as specified by the Association. The Declarant and Builders shall not be required to pay Use Fees or Individual Assessments.

17.7 Commencement of First Assessment. Assessments shall commence as to each Owner on the day of the conveyance of title of a Lot to such Owner. Assessments shall commence as to a Builder on the day of the conveyance of title of such Lot to the Builder. The record title owner of a Lot is jointly and severally liable with the previous record title owner of the Lot for all unpaid Assessments that came due up to the time of transfer of title. A record title owner of a Lot, regardless of how title to the Lot has been acquired, including by purchase at a foreclosure sale or by deed in lieu of foreclosure, is liable for all Assessments that come due while such person or entity was the record title owner of the Lot. Liability for Assessments may not be avoided by waiver or suspension of the use or enjoyment of any Common Areas or by abandonment of the Lot upon which the Assessments are made.

17.8 Shortfalls and Surpluses. Each Owner acknowledges that because Installment Assessments, Special Assessments, Neighborhood Assessments, and Reserves are allocated based on the formula provided herein, or upon the number of Lots conveyed to Owners in the prior fiscal year, it is possible the Association may collect more or less than the amount budgeted for Operating Expenses and/or Neighborhood Expenses. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the option to (i) pay any Operating Expenses and/or Neighborhood Expenses incurred by the Association that exceed the Assessments receivable from Owners and Builders and other income of the Association, including, without limitation, the Initial Contributions and Resale Contributions, late fees and interest (the "**Deficit**"), or (ii) pay Installment Assessments and Neighborhood Assessments (if any and as applicable) on Homes or Lots owned by the Declarant at the applicable rate of Installment Assessments and Neighborhood Assessments established for such Lots and Homes, including Vacant Lots and Spec Lots. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the Declarant shall never be required to (i) pay Assessments if the Declarant has elected to fund the Deficit instead of paying Assessments on Homes or Lots owned by the Declarant, (ii) pay Special Assessments, Individual Assessments or Reserves, or (iii) fund deficits due to delinquent Owners and Builders. Any surplus Assessments collected by the Association may be allocated towards the next year's Operating Expenses or, in the Board's sole and absolute discretion, to the funding of budgeted Reserves, if applicable. Any surplus Neighborhood Assessments collected by the Association may be allocated towards the next year's Neighborhood Expenses or, in the Board's sole and absolute discretion, to the funding of budgeted Reserves applicable to such Neighborhood, if any and as applicable. Under no circumstances shall the Association be required to pay surplus Assessments to Owners or Builders. The Declarant may, at any time, give thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association terminating its responsibility for funding the Deficit, and waiving its right to exclusion from Assessments. Upon giving such notice, or upon Turnover, whichever is sooner, each Lot owned by the Declarant shall thereafter be assessed at the applicable rate of Installment Assessments and Neighborhood Assessments (as applicable) established for such Lots and Homes owned by the Declarant, including Vacant Lots and Spec Lots. The Declarant shall not be responsible for any Reserves, Individual Assessments or Special Assessments, even after the Turnover. The Declarant shall be assessed only for Lots which are subject to the operation of this Declaration, and the Declarant shall only be assessed for Neighborhood Assessments to the extent any such Lot owned by Declarant is located within the applicable Neighborhood. Upon transfer of title of a Lot owned by the Declarant, Builders, or Landbanker, the Lot shall be assessed in the amount established for Lots owned by Owners other than the Declarant, Landbanker, or Builders, prorated as of and commencing with, the month following the date of transfer of title.

THE DECLARANT DOES NOT PROVIDE A GUARANTEE OF THE LEVEL OF ASSESSMENTS. AS SUCH, THERE IS NO MAXIMUM GUARANTEED LEVEL OF ASSESSMENTS DUE FROM OWNERS.

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IN THE EVENT THE DECLARANT ELECTS TO DEFICIT FUND IN LIEU OF PAYING ASSESSMENTS ON THE SAME BASIS AS OTHER OWNERS, THE DECLARANT SHALL SPECIFICALLY ELECT TO FUND THE DEFICIT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 720.308(1)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES (2022). AS SUCH, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 720.308(2) THROUGH 720.308(6), FLORIDA STATUTES (2022), ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO THE DECLARANT OR THE CALCULATION OF THE DEFICIT OR OTHER AMOUNTS DUE FROM THE DECLARANT.

17.9 Budgets. The initial budget prepared by the Declarant is adopted as the budget for the period of operation until adoption of the first annual Association budget. Thereafter, annual budgets shall be prepared and adopted by the Board. Assessments shall be payable by each Owner and Builder as provided in this Declaration. THE INITIAL BUDGET OF THE ASSOCIATION IS PROJECTED (NOT BASED ON HISTORICAL OPERATING FIGURES). THEREFORE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ACTUAL ASSESSMENTS MAY BE LESS OR GREATER THAN PROJECTED.

17.10 Establishment of Assessments. Assessments shall be established in accordance with the following procedures:

17.10.1 Installment Assessments shall be established by the adoption of a twelve (12) month operating budget by the Board. The budget shall be in the form required by Section 720.303(6), Florida Statutes (2022). The Board may from time to time determine when the Installment Assessments will be collected by the Association (i.e. monthly, quarterly, or annually). Unless otherwise established by the Board, Installment Assessments for SFD Lots shall be collected in advance on an annual basis. Unless otherwise established by the Board, Installment Assessments for all Townhome Lots shall be collected in advance on a monthly basis.

17.10.2 Neighborhood Assessments shall be established by the adoption of a twelve (12) month operating budget with respect to such Neighborhood. The Board may from time to time determine when Neighborhood Assessments will be collected by the Association (i.e. monthly, quarterly, or annually), which may differ depending on the particular Neighborhood. Unless otherwise established by the Board, Neighborhood Assessments shall be collected in advance on a monthly basis.

17.10.3 Special Assessments and Individual Assessments may be established by the Association, from time to time, and shall be payable at such time or time(s) as determined by the Board. Until the Community Completion Date, no Special Assessment shall be imposed without the consent of the Declarant.

17.10.4 The Association may establish, from time to time, by resolution, rule or regulation, or by delegation to an officer or agent, including, a professional management company, Use Fees. The sums established shall be payable by the Owner utilizing the service or facility as determined by the Association.

17.11 Initial Contribution. The first purchaser of each Lot or Home from the Declarant or a Builder, at the time of closing of the conveyance from the Declarant or a Builder to the purchaser, shall pay to the Association an initial contribution in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) (the "**Initial Contribution**"). The funds derived from the Initial Contributions are income to the Association and shall be used by the Board exclusively for purposes which provide a direct benefit (as defined in 77 Fed. Reg. 15574 (Mar. 16, 2012)) to HARDWICK FARMS, including, without limitation, future and existing capital improvements, Operating Expenses, Neighborhood Expenses, support costs and start-up costs. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, a Builder purchasing a Lot from the Declarant and/or Landbanker (as applicable) shall not be obligated to pay the Initial Contribution to the Association, but shall be obligated to collect the Initial Contribution and remit the same to the Association upon conveyance of a Lot to an Owner. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no Initial

Contribution shall be due upon the conveyance of a Lot or Parcel from Declarant to Landbanker, or from Landbanker to Declarant, or from Landbanker to another Builder.

17.12 Resale Contribution. After the Lot has been conveyed to the first purchaser by the Declarant or a Builder, there shall be collected from each purchaser upon every subsequent conveyance of an ownership interest in a Lot by an Owner a resale contribution in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) (the "Resale Contribution") payable to the Association. The Resale Contribution shall not be applicable to conveyances from and/or between the Declarant, any Builder, or Landbanker. The funds derived from the Resale Contributions are income to the Association and shall be used by the Board exclusively for purposes which provide a direct benefit (as defined in 77 Fed. Reg. 15574 (Mar. 16, 2012)) to HARDWICK FARMS, including, without limitation, future and existing capital improvements, Operating Expenses, Neighborhood Expenses, support costs and start-up costs. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no Resale Contribution shall be due upon the conveyance of a Lot or Parcel from Declarant to Landbanker, or from Landbanker to Declarant, or from Landbanker to another Builder.

17.13 Assessment Estoppel Certificates. No Owner or Builder (other than Landbanker or Lennar, in the event Lennar is no longer the Declarant) shall sell or convey its interest in a Lot or Home unless all sums due to the Association have been paid in full and an estoppel certificate shall have been received from the Association by such Owner or Builder (other than Landbanker or Lennar, in the event Lennar is no longer the Declarant). The Association shall prepare and maintain a ledger noting Assessments due from each Owner or Builder, as applicable. The ledger shall be kept in the office of the Association, or its designees, and shall be open to inspection by any Owner or Builder. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request therefor from an Owner or Builder, there shall be furnished to such Owner or Builder an estoppel certificate in writing setting forth whether the Assessments have been paid and/or the amount that is due as of any date. As to parties other than Owners or Builders who, without knowledge of error, rely on the certificate, the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the amount of any Assessment therein stated. The Owner or Builder (other than Landbanker or Lennar, in the event Lennar is no longer the Declarant) requesting the estoppel certificate shall be required to pay the Association, or its Manager (as defined below), as applicable, a reasonable sum to cover the costs of examining records and preparing such estoppel certificate.

17.14 Payment of Home Real Estate Taxes. Each Owner and Builder shall pay all taxes and obligations relating to its Lot which, if not paid, could become a lien against the Lot that is superior to the lien for Assessments created by this Declaration.

17.15 Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation. Each Owner and Builder, by acceptance of a deed or instrument of conveyance for the acquisition of title to a Lot, shall be deemed to have covenanted and agreed that the Assessments, and/or other charges and fees set forth herein, together with interest, late fees, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceedings including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, shall be a charge and continuing lien in favor of the Association encumbering the Lot and all personal property located thereon owned by the Owner or Builder, as applicable, against whom each such Assessment is made. The lien is effective from and after recording a Claim of Lien in the Public Records stating the legal description of the Lot, name of the Owner or Builder, as applicable, and the amounts due as of that date, but shall relate back to the date that this Declaration is recorded. The Claim of Lien shall also cover any additional amounts which accrue thereafter until satisfied. Each Assessment, together with interest, late fees, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, and other costs and expenses provided for herein, shall be the personal obligation of the person or entity that was the record title owner of the Lot at the time when the Assessment became due, as well as such record title owner's heirs, devisees, personal representatives, successors or assigns.

17.16 Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages. The lien for Assessments shall be subordinate to (i) the liens of all taxes, bonds, assessments, and other governmental levies which by law would be

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superior, and (ii) the lien or charge of a bona fide first mortgage held by a Lender on any Lot, if the mortgage is recorded in the Public Records prior to the Claim of Lien. The lien for Assessments shall not be affected by any sale or transfer of a Lot, except in the event of a sale or transfer of a Lot pursuant to a foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise) of a bona fide first mortgage held by a Lender, in which event, the acquirer of title, its successors and assigns, shall be liable for Assessments which became due prior to such sale or transfer to the extent provided in Section 720.3085, Florida Statutes (2022). Any such unpaid Assessments for which such acquirer of title is not liable may be reallocated and assessed to all Owners and applicable Builders (including such acquirer of title) as a part of the Operating Expenses and/or part of the Neighborhood Expenses, as applicable. Any sale or transfer pursuant to a foreclosure (or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise pursuant to a foreclosure) shall not relieve the record title owner from liability for, nor the Lot from, the lien of any Assessments made thereafter. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as releasing the party liable for any delinquent Assessments from the payment thereof, or the enforcement of collection by means other than foreclosure. A Lender shall give written notice to the Association if the mortgage held by such Lender is in default. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cure such default within the time periods provided in the mortgage held by such Lender. In the event the Association makes such payment on behalf of a record title owner, the Association shall, in addition to all other rights reserved herein, be subrogated to all of the rights of the Lender. All amounts advanced on behalf of a record title owner pursuant to this Section shall be added to Assessments payable by such record title owner with appropriate interest.

17.17 Acceleration. In the event of a default in the payment of any Assessment, the Association may accelerate the Assessments then due for up to the next ensuing twelve (12) month period.

17.18 Non-Payment of Assessments. If any Assessment is not paid within ten (10) days (or such other period of time established by the Board) after the due date, a late fee of Twenty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$25.00) per month (or such greater amount established by the Board), together with interest in an amount equal to the maximum rate allowable by law (or such lesser rate established by the Board), per annum, beginning from the due date until paid in full, may be levied. The late fee shall compensate the Association for administrative costs, loss of use of money, and accounting expenses. The Association may, at any time thereafter, bring an action at law against the record title owner personally obligated to pay the same, and/or foreclose the lien against the Lot, or both. The Association shall not be required to bring such an action if it believes that the best interests of the Association would not be served by doing so. There shall be added to the Assessment all costs expended in preserving the priority of the lien and all costs and expenses of collection, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, at all levels of proceedings, including appeals, collection and bankruptcy. No Owner or Builder may waive or otherwise escape liability for Assessments provided for herein by non-use of, or the waiver of the right to use the Common Areas or by abandonment of a Lot or Home. All payments on accounts shall be first applied to fines levied in accordance with the terms of this Declaration, then to interest accrued by the Association, then to any administrative late fee, then to costs and attorneys' fees, and then to the delinquent Assessment payment first due. The allocation of payment described in the previous sentence shall apply notwithstanding any restrictive endorsement, designation, or instruction placed on or accompanying a payment.

17.19 Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Declarant, the Landbanker and the Association shall not be responsible for any Assessments of any nature or any portion of the Operating Expenses or Neighborhood Expenses, except as the record title owner of a Lot, if applicable. Further, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Declarant and the Landbanker shall not be responsible for Special Assessments or Reserves. The Declarant, at the Declarant's sole option, may pay Assessments on Lots owned by it, or fund the Deficit, if any, as set forth in Section 17.8 herein. In addition, the Board shall have the right to exempt any portion of HARDWICK FARMS subject to this Declaration from the Assessments, provided that such part of HARDWICK FARMS exempted is used (and as long as it is used) for any of the following purposes:

17.19.1 Any easement or other interest therein dedicated and accepted by the local public authority and devoted to public use; or

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17.19.2 Any of HARDWICK FARMS exempted from ad valorem taxation by the laws of the State of Florida or exempted from Assessments by other provisions of this Declaration.

17.20 Collection by Declarant. If for any reason the Association shall fail or be unable to levy or collect Assessments, then in that event, the Declarant shall at all times have the right, but not the obligation: (i) to advance such sums as a loan to the Association to bear interest and to be repaid as hereinafter set forth; and/or (ii) to levy and collect such Assessments by using the remedies available as set forth above, including, but not limited to, recovery of attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees, and costs at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy. Such remedies shall be deemed assigned to the Declarant for such purposes. If the Declarant advances sums, it shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement, on demand, from the Association for such amounts so paid, plus interest thereon at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two percent (2%), plus any costs of collection including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy.

17.21 Rights to Pay Assessments and Receive Reimbursement. The Association, the Declarant and any Lender shall have the right, but not the obligation, jointly and severally, and at their sole option, to pay any Assessments or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a lien or charge against any Lot or Home. If so paid, the party paying the same shall be subrogated to the enforcement rights of the Association with regard to the amounts due.

17.22 Mortgagee Right. Each Lender may request to the Association in writing that the Association notify such Lender of any default of the Owner of the Home subject to the Lender's mortgage which default is not cured within thirty (30) days after the Association learns of such default. A failure by the Association to furnish notice to any Lender shall not result in liability of the Association because such notice is given as a courtesy to a Lender and the furnishing of such notice is not an obligation of the Association to Lender.

17.23 Collection from Lessees. If a Home is occupied by a Lessee and the Owner is delinquent in the payment of Assessments, the Association may demand from the Lessee payment to the Association of all monetary obligations, including, without limitation, Assessments due from the Owner to the Association. So long as the Owner remains delinquent, future rent payments due to the Owner must be paid to the Association and shall be credited to the monetary obligations of the Owner to the Association; provided, however, if within fourteen (14) days from the receipt of written demand of the Association, the Lessee provides the Association with written evidence of making prepaid rent payments, the Lessee shall receive a credit for the prepaid rent for the applicable period of such prepaid rent.

## 18. Information to Lenders, Builders, and Owners.

18.1 Availability. There shall be available for inspections upon request, during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances, to Owners, Builders, and Lenders current copies of the Governing Documents.

18.2 Copying. Any Owner, Builder, and/or Lender shall be entitled, upon written request, and at its cost, to a copy of the documents referred to above.

18.3 Notice. Upon written request by a Lender (identifying the name and address of the Lender and the name and address of the applicable Owner), the Lender will be entitled to timely written notice of:

18.3.1 Any condemnation loss or casualty loss which affects a material portion of a Home to the extent the Association is notified of the same;

18.3.2 Any delinquency in the payment of Assessments owed by an Owner of a Home subject to a first mortgage held by the Lender, which remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days;

18.3.3 Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained hereunder; and

18.3.4 Any proposed action that specifically requires the consent of a Lender.

18.4 Failure of Lender to Respond. Any Lender who receives a written request to respond to proposed amendment(s) to the Governing Documents shall be deemed to have approved such amendment(s) if the Lender does not submit a response to any such request within sixty (60) days after it receives proper notice of the proposed amendment(s); provided such request is delivered to the Lender by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

19. Architectural Control.

19.1 Architectural Control Committee. Once established, the ACC shall be a permanent committee of the Association and shall administer and perform the architectural and landscape review and control functions relating to HARDWICK FARMS. The ACC shall consist of a minimum of two (2) members who shall initially be named by the Declarant and who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Declarant. Until the Community Completion Date, the Declarant shall have the right to change the number of members on the ACC, and to appoint, remove, and replace all members of the ACC. The Declarant shall determine which members of the ACC shall serve as its chairman and co-chairman. In the event of the failure, refusal, or inability to act of any of the members appointed by the Declarant, the Declarant shall have the right to replace any such members within thirty (30) days of such occurrence. If the Declarant fails to replace that member, the remaining members of the ACC shall fill the vacancy by appointment. From and after the Community Completion Date, the Board shall have the same rights as the Declarant with respect to the ACC.

19.2 Membership. There is no requirement that any member of the ACC be a member of the Association.

19.3 General Plan. It is the intent of this Declaration to create a general plan and scheme of development of HARDWICK FARMS. Accordingly, the ACC shall have the right to approve or disapprove all architectural, landscaping, and improvements within HARDWICK FARMS by Owners. The ACC shall have the right to evaluate all plans and specifications as to harmony of exterior design, landscaping, location of any proposed improvements, relationship to surrounding structures, topography and conformity with such other reasonable requirements as shall be adopted by the ACC. The ACC may impose standards for design, construction and development which may be greater or more stringent than standards prescribed in applicable building, zoning, or other local governmental codes. Prior to the Community Completion Date, any additional standards or modification of existing standards shall require the consent of the Declarant, which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.

19.4 Master Plan. The Declarant has established an overall Master Plan. However, notwithstanding the above, or any other document, brochures or plans, the Declarant reserves the right to modify the Master Plan or any site plan at any time as it deems desirable in its sole discretion and in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances, provided that the Declarant obtains prior written approval from Landbanker, so long as Landbanker owns any portion of the property within HARDWICK FARMS. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, THE DECLARANT AND/OR BUILDERS MAY PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC OR TO OWNERS RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS RESPECTING HARDWICK FARMS. SUCH RENDERINGS, PLANS, MODELS, GRAPHICS, TOPOGRAPHICAL TABLES, SALES BROCHURES, OR OTHER PAPERS ARE NOT A GUARANTEE OF HOW HARDWICK FARMS WILL APPEAR UPON COMPLETION AND THE DECLARANT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ANY AND ALL OF THE FOREGOING AT ANY TIME AS THE DECLARANT DEEMS NECESSARY IN ITS SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION.

19.5 Community Standards. Each Owner and its Contractors and employees shall observe, and comply with, the Community Standards that now or may hereafter be adopted by the Declarant or the Board. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant or the Board shall have the right to adopt Community Standards. After the Turnover Date, the Board shall have the right to adopt Community Standards; provided, however, until the Community Completion Date the Declarant shall have the right to approve the Community Standards and any amendments thereto, which approval may be granted or denied in its sole discretion. The Community Standards, as amended from time to time, (i) shall be effective from the date of adoption by either the Declarant or the Board, as applicable; (ii) shall be specifically enforceable by injunction or otherwise; and (iii) shall have the effect of covenants as if set forth herein verbatim. To the extent the Community Standards are more restrictive as to any matter set forth in this Declaration, then the provisions of the Community Standards shall control. The Community Standards shall not require any Owner to alter the improvements approved by the ACC and previously constructed.

19.6 Quorum. A majority of the ACC shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting. The action of a majority present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the ACC. In lieu of a meeting, the ACC may act in writing.

19.7 Power and Duties of the ACC. No improvements shall be constructed on a Lot, no exterior of a Home shall be repainted, no landscaping, sign, or improvements erected, removed, planted, or installed upon a Lot, nor shall any material addition to or any change, replacement, or alteration of the improvements as originally constructed by the Declarant (visible from the exterior of the Home) be made until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, floor plans, color scheme, and the location of same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the ACC.

19.8 Procedure. In order to obtain the approval of the ACC, each Owner shall observe the following:

19.8.1 Each applicant shall submit an application to the ACC with respect to any proposed improvement or material change in an improvement, together with the required application(s) and other fee(s) as established by the ACC. The applications shall include such information as may be required by the application form adopted by the ACC. The ACC may also require submission of samples of building materials and colors proposed to be used. At the time of such submissions, the applicant shall, if requested, submit to the ACC, such site plans, plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, prepared and stamped by a registered Florida architect or residential designer, and landscaping and irrigation plans, prepared by a registered landscape architect or designer showing all existing trees and major vegetation stands and surface water drainage plan showing existing and proposed design grades, contours relating to the predetermined ground floor finish elevation, pool plans and specifications and the times scheduled for completion, all as reasonably specified by the ACC.

19.8.2 In the event the information submitted to the ACC is, in the ACC's opinion, incomplete or insufficient in any manner, the ACC may request and require the submission of additional or supplemental information. The applicant shall, within fifteen (15) days thereafter, comply with the request.

19.8.3 No later than thirty (30) days after receipt of all information required by the ACC for final review, the ACC shall approve or deny the application in writing. The ACC shall have the right to refuse to approve any plans and specifications which are not suitable or desirable, in the ACC's sole discretion, for aesthetic or any other reasons or to impose qualifications and conditions thereon. In approving or disapproving such plans and specifications, the ACC shall consider the suitability of the proposed improvements, the materials of which the improvements are to be built, the site upon which the improvements are proposed to be erected, the harmony thereof with the surrounding area and the effect thereof on adjacent or neighboring property. In the event the ACC

fails to respond within said thirty (30) day period, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved by the ACC.

19.8.4 Construction of all improvements shall be completed within the time period set forth in the application and approved by the ACC.

19.8.5 In the event that the ACC disapproves any plans and specifications, the applicant may request a rehearing by the ACC for additional review of the disapproved plans and specifications. The meeting shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after written request for such meeting is received by the ACC, unless applicant waives this time requirement in writing. The ACC shall make a final written decision no later than thirty (30) days after such meeting. In the event the ACC fails to provide the applicant such written decision within said thirty (30) days, the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved.

19.8.6 Upon final disapproval (even if the members of the Board and the ACC are the same), the applicant may appeal the decision of the ACC to the Board within thirty (30) days of the applicant's receipt of the ACC's written review and disapproval. Review by the Board shall take place no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to the receipt by the Board of the applicant's request therefor. If the Board fails to hold such a meeting within thirty (30) days after receipt of request for such meeting, then the plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved. The Board shall make a final decision no later than sixty (60) days after such meeting. In the event the Board fails to provide such written decision within said sixty (60) days after such meeting, such plans and specifications shall be deemed disapproved. The decision of the ACC, or, if appealed, the Board, shall be final and binding upon the applicant, its heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

19.9 Alterations. Any and all alterations, deletions, additions and changes of any type or nature whatsoever to then existing improvements or the plans or specifications previously approved by the ACC shall be subject to the approval of the ACC in the same manner as required for approval of original plans and specifications.

19.10 Variances. The Association or the ACC shall have the power to grant variances from any requirements set forth in this Declaration or from the Community Standards, on a case by case basis, provided that the variance sought is reasonable and results from a hardship upon the applicant. The granting of a variance shall not nullify or otherwise affect the right to require strict compliance with the requirements set forth herein or in the Community Standards on any other occasion.

19.11 Permits. Each Owner is solely responsible to obtain all required building and other permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction.

19.12 Construction Activities. The following provisions govern construction activities by Owners after consent of the ACC has been obtained:

19.12.1 Each Owner shall deliver to the ACC, if requested, copies of all construction and building permits as and when received by the Owner. Each construction site in HARDWICK FARMS shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition throughout construction. Construction activities shall be performed on a diligent, workmanlike and continuous basis. Roadways, easements, swales, Common Areas, and other such areas in HARDWICK FARMS shall be kept clear of construction vehicles, construction materials and debris at all times. No construction office or trailer shall be kept in HARDWICK FARMS and no construction materials shall be stored in HARDWICK FARMS, subject, however, to such conditions and requirements as may be promulgated by the ACC. All refuse and debris shall be removed or deposited in a dumpster on a daily basis. No materials shall be deposited or permitted to be deposited in any Common Areas or other Lots or be placed anywhere outside of the Lot upon which the construction is taking place.

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No hazardous waste or toxic materials shall be stored, handled and used, including, without limitation, gasoline and petroleum products, except in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, and shall not be deposited in any manner on, in or within the construction or adjacent property. All construction activities shall comply with the Community Standards. If an Owner (or any of its respective Contractors and employees) shall fail to comply in any regard with the requirements of this Section, the ACC may require that such Owner post security with the Association in such form and such amount deemed appropriate by the ACC in its sole discretion.

19.12.2 There shall be provided to the ACC, if requested, a list (name, address, telephone number and identity of contact person), of all contractors, subcontractors, materialmen and suppliers (collectively, "**Contractors**") and changes to the list as they occur relating to construction. Contractors and their employees shall utilize those roadways and entrances into HARDWICK FARMS as are designated by the ACC for construction activities. The ACC shall have the right to require that Contractors' employees check in at the designated construction entrances and to refuse entrance to persons and parties whose names are not registered with the ACC.

19.12.3 Each Owner is responsible for ensuring compliance with all terms and conditions of these provisions and of the Community Standards by all of its employees and Contractors. In the event of any violation of any such terms or conditions by any employee or Contractor, or, in the opinion of the ACC, the continued refusal of any employee or Contractor to comply with such terms and conditions, after five (5) days' notice and right to cure, the ACC shall have, in addition to the other rights hereunder, the right to prohibit the violating employee or Contractor from performing any further services in HARDWICK FARMS.

19.12.4 The ACC may, from time to time, adopt standards governing the performance or conduct of Owners, Contractors and their respective employees within HARDWICK FARMS. Each Owner shall comply with such standards and cause its respective employees to also comply with same. The ACC may also promulgate requirements to be inserted in all contracts relating to construction within HARDWICK FARMS and each Owner shall include the same therein.

19.13 Inspection. There is specifically reserved to the Association and ACC and to any agent or member of either of them, the right of entry and inspection upon any portion of HARDWICK FARMS at any time within reasonable daytime hours, for the purpose of determining whether there exists any violation of the terms of any approval or the terms of this Declaration or the Community Standards.

19.14 Violation. Without limiting any other provision herein, if any improvement shall be constructed or altered without prior written approval, or in a manner which fails to conform with the approval granted, the Owner shall, upon demand of the Association or the ACC, cause such improvement to be removed, or restored until approval is obtained or in order to comply with the plans and specifications originally approved. The applicable Owner shall be liable for the payment of all costs of removal or restoration, including all costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, incurred by the Association or ACC. The costs shall be deemed an Individual Assessment and enforceable pursuant to the provisions of this Declaration. The ACC and/or the Association are specifically empowered to enforce the architectural and landscaping provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards, by any legal or equitable remedy.

19.15 Court Costs. In the event that it becomes necessary to resort to litigation to determine the propriety of any constructed improvement or to cause the removal of any unapproved improvement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover court costs, expenses and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, in connection therewith.

19.16 Certificate. In the event that any Owner fails to comply with the provisions contained herein, the Community Standards, or other guidelines or standards promulgated by the ACC, the Association

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and/or ACC may, in addition to all other remedies contained herein, record a Certificate of Non-Compliance against the Lot stating that the improvements on the Lot fail to meet the requirements of this Declaration and that the Lot is subject to further enforcement remedies.

19.17 Certificate of Compliance. If requested by an Owner, prior to the occupancy of any improvement constructed or erected on any Lot by an entity other than the Declarant, or its designees, the Owner shall obtain a Certificate of Compliance from the ACC, certifying that the Owner has complied with the requirements set forth herein. The ACC may, from time to time, delegate to a member or members of the ACC the responsibility for issuing the Certificate of Compliance. The issuance of a Certificate of Compliance does not abrogate the ACC's rights set forth in this Section 19.

19.18 Exemption. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Governing Documents, including, without limitation, the Community Standards, any improvements of any nature made or to be made by the Declarant, any Builder, or their Contractors, agents, and assigns, including, without limitation, improvements made or to be made to the Common Areas or any Lot or Home, shall not be subject to the Community Standards and/or review and approval by the ACC or the Association; provided, however, all improvements of any nature whatsoever made or to be made by a Builder (except Lennar, in the event Lennar is no longer the Declarant), or their agents, assigns or Contractors, shall be subject to the Community Standards and subject to review and approval by the Declarant. Upon approval of such Builder's plans by the Declarant, such approval may not be revoked or modified by the Board or the ACC notwithstanding Turnover.

19.19 Exculpation. The Declarant, the Landbanker, the Association, the directors or officers of the Association, the ACC, the members of the ACC, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be liable for any cost or damages incurred by any Owner or any other party whatsoever, due to any mistakes in judgment, negligence, or any action of the Declarant, the Landbanker, the Association, the ACC or their members, officers, or directors, in connection with the approval or disapproval of plans and specifications. Each Owner agrees, individually and on behalf of its heirs, successors and assigns by acquiring title to a Lot, that it shall not bring any action or suit against the Declarant, the Landbanker, the Association, or their respective directors or officers, the ACC or the members of the ACC, or their respective agents, in order to recover any damages caused by the actions of the Declarant, the Landbanker, the Association, or the ACC or their respective members, officers, or directors in connection with the provisions of this Section 19. The Association does hereby indemnify, defend and hold the Declarant, the Landbanker, and the ACC, and each of their respective members, officers, directors, shareholders and any related persons or corporations and their employees, harmless from all costs, expenses, and liabilities, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels, including appeals, of all nature resulting by virtue of the acts of the Owners, the Association, the ACC or their members, officers and directors. The Declarant, the Landbanker, the Association, its directors or officers, the ACC or its members, or any person acting on behalf of any of them, shall not be responsible for any defects in any plans or specifications or the failure of same to comply with applicable laws or code nor for any defects in any improvements constructed pursuant thereto. Each party submitting plans and specifications for approval shall be solely responsible for the sufficiency thereof and for the quality of construction performed pursuant thereto.

19.20 Additional Requirements for Installation of Improvements Affecting the Irrigation System on a Lot. Owners shall be obligated to obtain prior written approval of the Association and the ACC before taking any action that may affect the loop irrigation system. If any Owner makes (or causes to be made) any alterations or improvements to his/her Lot that in any way affects the loop irrigation system, such Owner shall be responsible for taking measures to "cap off" the main line of the loop irrigation system that leads to the Lot. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Governing Documents to the contrary, once the main line is "capped off," such Owner shall then be responsible for his/her own irrigation system for the Lot. Any damages to the Lot or damage to any other Home(s) connected to the loop irrigation system resulting from an Owner's failure to comply with the terms set forth herein shall be the sole responsibility of such non-complying Owner. Prior to the ACC approving the installation of any patio, screened enclosure, or other improvement on a Lot ("Improvement"), any portion of the irrigation system that will be affected by such

Improvement shall be re-routed, if necessary, by a professional irrigation company at such Owner's sole cost and expense. In order for the ACC to approve the installation of a proposed Improvement, a letter or other acceptable evidence by a professional irrigation company must be given to the ACC at least ten (10) days before the Improvement installation setting forth that the drainage system within HARDWICK FARMS will not be affected by the re-routing of the irrigation system required as a result of such Improvement. If an Owner installs the Improvement without providing the necessary letter or other evidence from a professional irrigation company in advance as required herein, then the Association may conduct the necessary inspection, repair any necessary drainage facilities, and charge the work as an Individual Assessment to such Owner.

## 20. Enforcement.

20.1 Right to Cure. Should any Owner do any of the following:

20.1.1 Fail to perform its responsibilities as set forth herein or otherwise breach the provisions of the Declaration including, without limitation, any provision herein benefiting SJRWMD;

20.1.2 Cause any damage to any improvement or Common Areas;

20.1.3 Impede the Declarant, the Landbanker, Builders, or the Association from exercising its rights or performing its responsibilities hereunder;

20.1.4 Undertake unauthorized improvements or modifications to any Lot, Home, or the Common Areas; or

20.1.5 Impede the Declarant or Builders from proceeding with the construction of Homes or completing the development of HARDWICK FARMS; then the Declarant and/or the Association, where applicable, after reasonable prior written notice, shall have the right, but not the obligation, through their respective agents and employees, to cure the breach, including, but not limited to, entering upon the Lot and causing the default to be remedied and/or the required repairs or maintenance to be performed, or as the case may be, remove unauthorized improvements or modifications. Any cost thereof incurred, plus reasonable overhead costs and attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals, collections and bankruptcy, shall be assessed against the Owner as an Individual Assessment if such costs are incurred by the Association, or (ii) promptly paid by the Owner to the Declarant immediately upon such Owner's receipt of an invoice of same, if such costs are incurred by the Declarant.

20.2 Non-Monetary Defaults. In the event of a violation by any Owner, other than the nonpayment of any Assessment or other monies, of any of the provisions of this Declaration, the Declarant or the Association shall notify the Owner of the violation, by delivering written notice. If such violation is not cured as soon as practicable and in any event within seven (7) days after receipt of such written notice, the party entitled to enforce same may, at its option:

20.2.1 Commence an action to enforce the performance on the part of the Owner, or to enjoin the violation or breach or for equitable relief as may be necessary under the circumstances, including injunctive relief; and/or

20.2.2 Commence an action to recover damages; and/or

20.2.3 Take any and all action reasonably necessary to correct the violation or breach.

All expenses incurred in connection with the violation or breach, or the commencement of any action against any Owner, including reasonable attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels including appeals,

collections and bankruptcy shall be assessed against the Owner as an Individual Assessment, and shall be immediately due and payable without further notice.

20.3 No Waiver. The election not to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition in this Declaration, shall not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future.

20.4 Rights Cumulative. All rights, remedies, and privileges granted to the Declarant, Builders, the Landbanker, the Association and/or the ACC pursuant to any terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of this Declaration, or the Community Standards, shall be deemed to be cumulative, and the exercise of any one or more shall neither be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude any of them from pursuing such additional remedies, rights or privileges as may be granted or as it might have by law.

20.5 Enforcement By or Against Other Persons. In addition to the foregoing, this Declaration and the Community Standards may be enforced by the Declarant, the Landbanker, and/or, where applicable, Owners, Builders, and/or the Association by any procedure at law or in equity against any person violating or attempting to violate any provision herein, to restrain such violation, to require compliance with the provisions contained herein, to recover damages, or to enforce any lien created herein. The Association has the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards. Further, neither the Association, the Landbanker, nor the Declarant has any obligation whatsoever to become involved in any dispute between Owners in connection with this Declaration. To the extent permitted under Florida law, the Association shall be prohibited from making claims on behalf of the members or intervening in an individual action by a member(s). Class A members shall not institute claims regarding Common Areas and/or other matters of common interest where the Association has already brought such a claim. The expense of any litigation to enforce this Declaration or the Community Standards shall be borne by the person against whom enforcement is sought, provided such proceeding results in a finding that such person was in violation of this Declaration or the Community Standards. SJRWMD and the Association shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in the Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation and repair of SMS.

20.6 Fines and Suspensions. The Board may suspend, for reasonable periods of time, the rights of an Owner or an Owner's Lessees, guests and invitees, or any of the aforementioned, to use the Common Areas and may levy reasonable fines, not to exceed the maximum amounts permitted by Section 720.305(2), Florida Statutes (2022), against an Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee, for failure to comply with any provision of this Declaration including, without limitation, those provisions benefiting SJRWMD.

20.6.1 A fine may be levied on the basis of each day of a continuing violation, with a single notice and opportunity for hearing. Fines in the aggregate are not capped to any amount.

20.6.2 A fine or suspension may not be imposed without delivery of a notice of at least fourteen (14) days to the person sought to be fined or suspended and an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of at least three (3) persons (the "**Violations Committee**") appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors or employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, sister of an officer, director or employee. If the Violations Committee does not by a majority vote approve a fine or suspension the same may not be imposed. The written notice of violation shall be in writing delivered to the Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee and detail the infraction or infractions. Included in the notice shall be the date and time of the hearing of the Violations Committee. If the Association imposes a fine or suspension, the Association must provide written notice of such suspension by mail or hand delivery to the Owner or Lessee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the notice and hearing requirements under this Section 20.6.2 do not apply to suspensions imposed due to an Owner's failure to pay monetary obligations due to the

Association; however, any such suspension must be approved at a properly noticed meeting of the Board.

20.6.3 The non-compliance shall be presented to the Violations Committee acting as a tribunal, after which the Violations Committee shall hear reasons why a fine should not be imposed. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Violations Committee from time to time. A written decision of the Violations Committee shall be submitted to the Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee, as applicable, by not later than twenty-one (21) days after the meeting of the Violations Committee. The Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee shall have a right to be represented by counsel and to cross-examine witnesses.

20.6.4 The Violations Committee may approve a fine imposed by the Board against the Owner in the amount of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00) (or any greater amount permitted by law from time to time) for each violation. Each day of non-compliance shall be treated as a separate violation and there is no cap on the aggregate amount the Violations Committee may fine an Owner, Lessee, guest or invitee. Fines shall be paid not later than five (5) days after receipt of notice of the imposition of the fine. All monies received from fines shall be allocated as directed by the Board. Any fine in excess of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall constitute a lien against the applicable Lot, and a fine shall further be lienable to the extent otherwise permitted under Florida law.

## 21. Additional Rights of Declarant and Builders.

21.1 Sales and Administrative Offices. The Declarant and Builders shall have the perpetual right to take such action reasonably necessary to transact any business necessary to consummate the development of HARDWICK FARMS and sales and re-sales of Lots, Homes and/or other properties owned by the Declarant or Declarant's affiliates outside of HARDWICK FARMS. This right shall include, but not be limited to, the right to maintain models, sales offices and parking associated therewith, have signs on any portion of HARDWICK FARMS, including Common Areas, as applicable, employees in the models and offices without the payment of rent or any other fee, maintain offices in models and use of the Common Areas, as applicable, to show Lots or Homes. The sales offices, models, signs and all items pertaining to development and sales remain the property of the Declarant and/or Builders, as applicable. The Declarant and Builders shall have all of the foregoing rights without charge or expense. The rights reserved hereunder shall extend beyond the Turnover Date.

21.2 Modification. The development and marketing of HARDWICK FARMS will continue as deemed appropriate in the Declarant's sole discretion, and nothing in this Declaration or the Community Standards, or otherwise, shall be construed to limit or restrict such development and marketing. It may be necessary or convenient for the development of HARDWICK FARMS to, as an example and not a limitation, amend the Master Plan, modify the boundary lines of the Common Areas, grant easements, dedications, agreements, licenses, restrictions, reservations, covenants, rights-of-way, and to take such other actions which the Declarant, or its agents, affiliates, or assignees may deem necessary or appropriate. The Declarant shall have the unrestricted right, without approval or joinder of any other person or entity: (i) to designate the use of, alienate, release, or otherwise assign the easements shown on the Plat or described herein, (ii) to plat or replat all or any part of HARDWICK FARMS owned by the Declarant or reconfigure any Lot owned by the Declarant, and (iii) to widen, extend or relocate any right of way shown on any Plat or convert a Lot to use as a right of way, provided that the Declarant owns the lands affected by or subject to such change. The Association and Owners shall, at the request of the Declarant, execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments which the Declarant deems necessary or convenient, in its sole and absolute discretion, to accomplish the same.

21.3 Promotional Events. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant, Builders, and their assigns, shall have the right, at any time or location within HARDWICK FARMS, as determined by the Declarant in its sole discretion, to hold marketing, special and/or promotional events within HARDWICK

FARMS and/or on the Common Areas without any charge for use. The Declarant, Builders, and their agents or assignees shall have the right to market HARDWICK FARMS in advertisements and other media by making reference to HARDWICK FARMS, including, but not limited to, pictures or drawings of HARDWICK FARMS, Common Areas, Parcels, Lots and Homes constructed in HARDWICK FARMS. All logos, trademarks, and designs used in connection with HARDWICK FARMS are the property of the Declarant, and the Association shall have no right to use the same after the Community Completion Date except with the express written permission of the Declarant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Declaration to the contrary, the exercise of any rights reserved in favor of Builders pursuant to this Section shall be subject to the Declarant's prior written approval.

21.4 Use by Prospective Purchasers. Prior to the Community Completion Date, the Declarant and Builders shall have the right, without charge, to use the Common Areas for the purpose of entertaining prospective purchasers of Lots, Homes, or other properties owned by the Declarant or Declarant's affiliates or designees outside of HARDWICK FARMS.

21.5 Franchises. The Declarant may grant franchises or concessions to commercial concerns on all or part of the Common Areas and shall be entitled to all income derived therefrom.

21.6 Management. The Association may contract with a third party ("Manager") for management of the Association and the Common Areas.

21.7 Easements. Until the Community Completion Date, the Declarant reserves the exclusive right to grant, in its sole discretion, easements, permits and/or licenses for ingress and egress, drainage, utilities, maintenance, Telecommunications Services, and other purposes over, under, upon and across HARDWICK FARMS so long as any said easements do not materially and adversely interfere with the intended use of Homes previously conveyed to Owners or Builders. By way of example, and not of limitation, the Declarant may be required to take certain action, or make additions or modifications to the Common Areas in connection with an environmental program. All easements necessary for such purposes are reserved in favor of the Declarant, in perpetuity, for such purposes. Without limiting the foregoing, the Declarant may relocate any easement affecting a Lot, or grant new easements over a Lot, after conveyance to an Owner, without the joinder or consent of such Owner, so long as the grant of easement or relocation of easement does not materially and adversely affect the Owner's use of the Lot. As an illustration, the Declarant may grant an easement for telecommunications systems, irrigation facilities, drainage lines or electrical lines over any portion of a Lot so long as such easement is outside the footprint of the foundation of any residential improvement constructed on such Lot. The Declarant shall have the sole right to any fees of any nature associated therewith, including, but not limited to, license or similar fees on account thereof. The Association and Owners will, without charge, if requested by the Declarant: (i) join in the creation of such easements, etc. and cooperate in the operation thereof; and (ii) collect and remit fees associated therewith, if any, to the appropriate party. The Association will not grant any easements, permits or licenses to any other entity providing the same services as those granted by the Declarant, nor will it grant any such easement, permit or license prior to the Community Completion Date without the prior written consent of the Declarant which may be granted or denied in its sole discretion.

21.8 No Failure of Easements. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Governing Documents to the contrary, should the intended creation of any easement provided for in the Governing Documents fail by reason of the fact that at the time of creation there may be no grantee in being having the capacity to take and hold such easement or no separate ownership of the dominant and servient estates, then any such grant of easement deemed not to have been so created shall nevertheless be considered as having been granted directly to the Declarant and/or the Association, as applicable, as agent for such intended grantees, or to be a "springing easement" for the purpose of allowing the original party to whom, or the original party to which, the easements were originally intended to have been granted the benefit of such easement, and the Owners hereby designate the Declarant and the Association (or either of them) as their lawful attorney-in-fact to execute any instrument on such Owners' behalf as may hereafter be required or deemed necessary for the purpose of later creating such easement as it was intended to

have been created herein. Formal language of grant or reservation with respect to such easements, as appropriate, is hereby incorporated in the easement provisions hereof to the extent not so recited in some or all of such provisions.

21.9 Right to Enforce. The Declarant has the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the provisions of this Declaration and the Community Standards and to recover all costs relating thereto, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceeding, including appeals, collections and bankruptcy. Such right shall include the right to perform the obligations of the Association and to recover all costs incurred in doing so.

21.10 Additional Development. If the Declarant withdraws portions of HARDWICK FARMS from the operation of this Declaration, the Declarant may, but is not required to, subject to governmental approvals, create other forms of residential property ownership or other improvements of any nature on the property not subjected to or withdrawn from the operation of this Declaration. The Declarant shall not be liable or responsible to any person or entity on account of its decision to do so or to provide, or fail to provide, the improvements and/or facilities which were originally planned to be included in such areas. If so designated by the Declarant, owners or tenants of such other forms of housing or improvements upon their creation may share in the use of all or some of the Common Areas and other facilities and/or roadways that remain subject to this Declaration. The expense of the operation of such facilities shall be allocated to the various users thereof, if at all, as determined by the Declarant.

21.11 Representations. The Declarant, Builders, and the Landbanker make no representations concerning development both within and outside the boundaries of HARDWICK FARMS including, but not limited to, the number, design, boundaries, configuration and arrangements, prices of all Parcels or Homes and buildings in all other proposed forms of ownership and/or other improvements on HARDWICK FARMS or adjacent to or near HARDWICK FARMS, including, but not limited to, the size, location, configuration, elevations, design, building materials, height, view, airspace, number of Homes, number of buildings, location of easements, parking and landscaped areas, services and amenities offered.

21.12 [Intentionally Deleted].

21.13 Non-Liability. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, NEITHER THE DECLARANT, THE LANDBANKER, ANY BUILDER, NOR THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR IN ANY MANNER A GUARANTOR OR INSURER OF, THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR USER OF ANY PORTION OF HARDWICK FARMS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, GUESTS, LESSEES, LICENSEES, INVITEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR SUBCONTRACTORS OR FOR ANY PROPERTY OF ANY SUCH PARTY WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING:

21.13.1 IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS THAT THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS THEREOF WHICH ARE ENFORCEABLE BY THE ASSOCIATION AND WHICH GOVERN OR REGULATE THE USES OF HARDWICK FARMS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, AND ARE TO BE INTERPRETED AND ENFORCED, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND MAINTAINING THE ENJOYMENT OF HARDWICK FARMS AND THE VALUE THEREOF;

21.13.2 THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT EMPOWERED, AND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED, TO ACT AS AN AGENCY WHICH ENFORCES OR ENSURES THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND/OR DUVAL COUNTY OR PREVENTS TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES;

21.13.3 THE PROVISIONS OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH THE USES OF ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE APPLIED ONLY AS LIMITATIONS ON THE USES OF

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ASSESSMENT FUNDS AND NOT AS CREATING A DUTY OF THE ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT OR FURTHER THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF ANY PERSON(S), EVEN IF ASSESSMENT FUNDS ARE CHOSEN TO BE USED FOR ANY SUCH REASON; AND

21.13.4 EACH OWNER (BY VIRTUE OF ITS ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO A HOME) AND EACH OTHER PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR MAKING A USE OF, ANY PORTION OF HARDWICK FARMS (BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST OR LIEN OR MAKING SUCH 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 IN THIS SECTION OR OTHERWISE. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE "ASSOCIATION" SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS MEANING ALL OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, MANAGERS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS).

21.14 Resolution of Disputes; Waiver of Jury Trial. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED, EACH OWNER AGREES THAT THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE VERY COMPLEX; THEREFORE, UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DISPUTE (AS DEFINED HEREIN) TO MEDIATION AND/OR BINDING ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 26 HEREIN, ANY CLAIM, DEMAND ACTION, OR CAUSE OF ACTION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM COUNTERCLAIM, OR CROSS CLAIM, WHETHER IN CONTRACT AND/OR IN TORT (REGARDLESS IF THE TORT ACTION IS PRESENTLY RECOGNIZED OR NOT), BASED ON, ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO, THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, VERBAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENT, VALIDATION, PROTECTION, ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR OMISSION OF ANY PARTY, SHOULD BE HEARD IN A COURT PROCEEDING BY A JUDGE AND NOT A JURY IN ORDER TO BEST SERVE JUSTICE. **THE DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION AND EACH OWNER HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, INTENTIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN SUCH INSTANCE.** THE DECLARANT HEREBY SUGGESTS THAT EACH OWNER UNDERSTAND THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME.

WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE FOREGOING, IF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION JUDICIALLY DETERMINES THAT SECTION 26 IS UNENFORCEABLE WITH RESPECT TO A DISPUTE OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO MEDIATION AND/OR BINDING ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 26 HEREIN, SUCH DISPUTE SHOULD BE HEARD IN A COURT PROCEEDING BY A JUDGE AND NOT A JURY IN ORDER TO BEST SERVE JUSTICE. **THE DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION AND EACH OWNER HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, INTENTIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN SUCH INSTANCE.** THE DECLARANT HEREBY SUGGESTS THAT EACH OWNER UNDERSTAND THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME.

21.15 Venue. EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES REGARDLESS OF WHERE SUCH OWNER (i) EXECUTED A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, (ii) RESIDES, (iii) OBTAINS FINANCING OR (iv) CLOSED ON A HOME, EACH HOME IS LOCATED IN DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA. ACCORDINGLY, AN IRREBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION EXISTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, EACH OWNER AND DECLARANT AGREES THAT THE VENUE FOR RESOLUTION OF ANY DISPUTE LIES IN DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.

21.16 Reliance. BEFORE ACCEPTING A DEED TO A HOME, EACH OWNER HAS AN OBLIGATION TO RETAIN AN ATTORNEY IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THIS DECLARATION. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A HOME, EACH OWNER ACKNOWLEDGES HE OR

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SHE HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED SUCH AN OPINION OR HAS MADE AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION NOT TO SEEK SUCH AN OPINION. THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, AND THE LANDBANKER ARE RELYING ON EACH OWNER CONFIRMING IN ADVANCE OF ACQUIRING A HOME THAT THIS DECLARATION IS VALID, FAIR AND ENFORCEABLE. SUCH RELIANCE IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE DECLARANT, LANDBANKER, AND BUILDERS; ACCORDINGLY, AN ESTOPPEL AND WAIVER EXISTS PROHIBITING EACH OWNER FROM TAKING THE POSITION THAT ANY PROVISION OF THIS DECLARATION IS INVALID IN ANY RESPECT. AS A FURTHER MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR THE DECLARANT AND THE LANDBANKER TO SUBJECT HARDWICK FARMS TO THIS DECLARATION, EACH OWNER DOES HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, ACQUIT, SATISFY AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE DECLARANT, THE LANDBANKER, BUILDERS, AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, COUNTERCLAIMS, DEFENSES, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, CONTROVERSIES, AGREEMENTS, PROMISES AND DEMANDS WHATSOEVER, IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, WHICH AN OWNER MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE, OR WHICH ANY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SUCCESSOR, HEIR OR ASSIGN OF OWNER HEREAFTER CAN, SHALL OR MAY HAVE AGAINST THE DECLARANT, THE LANDBANKER, BUILDERS, AND EACH OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES AND ASSIGNS, FOR, UPON OR BY REASON OF ANY MATTER, CAUSE OR THING WHATSOEVER RESPECTING THIS DECLARATION, OR THE EXHIBITS HERETO. THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER IS INTENDED TO BE AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

21.17 Duration of Rights. The rights of the Declarant, Builders, and Landbanker, as applicable, set forth in this Declaration shall, unless specifically provided to the contrary herein, extend for a period of time ending upon the earlier of: (i) the Community Completion Date; or (ii) a relinquishment of such rights by the Declarant, Landbanker, or such Builder, as applicable, in an amendment to the Declaration recorded in the Public Records.

21.18 Additional Covenants. The Declarant may record additional covenants, conditions, restrictions, and easements applicable to portions of HARDWICK FARMS, and may form condominium associations, sub-associations, or cooperatives governing such property. Any such instrument shall be consistent with the provisions of Section 5 of this Declaration, and no person or entity shall record any declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions, or declaration of condominium or similar instrument affecting any portion of HARDWICK FARMS without the Declarant's and Landbanker's prior review and prior written consent. Evidence of the Declarant's and Landbanker's prior written consent shall be obtained in the form of a joinder executed by the Declarant and/or Landbanker, as applicable. 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 Landbanker, as applicable, and recorded in the Public Records.

21.19 Right to Approve Sales Materials. All sales, promotional, and advertising materials for any sale of property in HARDWICK FARMS by any party shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Declarant. The Declarant shall deliver notice of the Declarant's approval or disapproval of all such materials and documents within thirty (30) days of receipt of such materials and documents, and, if disapproved, set forth the specific changes requested. If the Declarant fails to deliver notice of the Declarant's approval or disapproval within such thirty (30) day period, the Declarant shall be deemed to have waived any objections to such materials and documents and to have approved the foregoing. Upon disapproval, the foregoing procedure shall be repeated until approval is obtained or deemed to be obtained. This Section 21.19 shall not apply to Builders.

21.20 Use Name of "HARDWICK FARMS". No person or entity shall use the name "HARDWICK FARMS," its logo, or any derivative of such name or logo in any printed or promotional material without the Declarant's prior written approval. Until the Turnover Date, the Declarant shall have the sole right to approve the use of the HARDWICK FARMS name and logo, and such right shall automatically pass to the

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Association after the Turnover Date. However, Owners may use the name "HARDWICK FARMS" in printed or promotional matter where such term is used solely to specify that particular property is located within HARDWICK FARMS. This Section shall not apply to Builders, and each Builder shall have the right to use the name "HARDWICK FARMS," its logo, or any derivative of such name or logo in any printed or promotional material without the Declarant's or the Association's prior written approval.

21.21 Density Transfers. If the record title owner of a Parcel develops the Parcel so that the number of Lots contained in such Parcel is less than the allowable number of Lots allocated by governmental authorities to that particular Parcel, the excess allowable Lots not used by such party (with respect to that Parcel) shall inure to the benefit of the Declarant.

21.22 Limitation of Rights as Declarant. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Declaration, the Declarant shall not, without Landbanker's prior written consent (so long as Landbanker owns any portion of real property within HARDWICK FARMS), have the right to exercise any of the "Declarant" rights under this Declaration in any manner which will have a material and adverse impact on any real property owned by Landbanker within HARDWICK FARMS.

21.23 Declarant Rights and Powers. Notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary, Landbanker shall be entitled to the benefit of (as though made directly to Landbanker) any and all rights, easements, waivers, releases, disclaimers, indemnifications, exculpations and limitations of liability that are provided to Declarant under this Declaration.

22. Refund of Taxes and Other Charges. Unless otherwise provided herein, the Association agrees that any taxes, fees or other charges paid by the Declarant to any governmental authority, utility company or any other entity which at a later date are refunded in whole or in part, shall be returned to the Declarant in the event such refund is received by the Association.

23. Assignment of Powers. All or any part of the rights, exemptions, powers and reservations of the Declarant herein contained may be conveyed or assigned, in whole or in part, to other persons or entities by an instrument in writing duly executed, acknowledged and, at the Declarant's option, recorded in the Public Records, subject to the terms of the following sentence. As long as Landbanker owns any portion of real property in HARDWICK FARMS, any assignment of Declarant's rights and obligations under the Declaration shall require the prior written consent of Landbanker. Any assignment by Lennar in contravention of the forgoing sentence shall be void and of no force or effect.

#### 24. General Provisions.

24.1 Authority of Board. Except when a vote of the membership of the Association is specifically required, all decisions, duties, and obligations of the Association hereunder may be made by a majority of the Board. The Association and Owners shall be bound thereby.

24.2 Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions of this Declaration by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

24.3 Execution of Documents. The Declarant's plan of development for HARDWICK FARMS, including, without limitation, the creation of one (1) or more special taxing districts may necessitate from time to time the execution of certain documents as required by governmental agencies. To the extent that said documents require the joinder of Owners, the Declarant, by its duly authorized officers, may, as the agent or the attorney-in-fact for the Owners, execute, acknowledge and deliver such documents (including, without limitation, any consents or other documents required by any governmental agencies in connection with the creation of any special taxing district); and the Owners, by virtue of their acceptance of deeds, irrevocably nominate, constitute and appoint the Declarant, through its duly authorized officers, as their proper and legal attorneys-in-fact, for such purpose. Said appointment is coupled with an interest and is

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therefore irrevocable. Any such documents executed pursuant to this Section may recite that it is made pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner agrees, by its acceptance of a deed to a Lot or any other portion of HARDWICK FARMS, to execute or otherwise join in any petition and/or other documents required in connection with the creation of any special taxing district relating to HARDWICK FARMS or any portion(s) thereof. The terms of this Section 24.3 do not apply to Landbanker.

24.4 Affirmative Obligation of the Association. In the event the Association believes that the Declarant has failed in any respect to meet the Declarant's obligations under this Declaration or has failed to comply with any of the Declarant's obligations under law or the Common Areas are defective in any respect, the Association shall give written notice to the Declarant detailing the alleged failure or defect. The Association agrees that once the Association has given written notice to the Declarant pursuant to this Section, the Association shall be obligated to permit the Declarant and its agents to perform inspections of the Common Areas and to perform all tests and make all repairs/replacements deemed necessary by the Declarant to respond to such notice at all reasonable times. The Association agrees that any inspection, test and/or repair/replacement scheduled on a business day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. shall be deemed scheduled at a reasonable time. The rights reserved in this Section include the right of the Declarant to repair or address, in the Declarant's sole option and expense, any aspect of the Common Areas deemed defective by the Declarant during its inspections of the Common Areas. The Association's failure to give the notice and/or otherwise comply with the provisions of this Section will damage the Declarant.

24.5 Notices. Any notice required to be sent to any person, firm, or entity under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, postpaid, to the last known address at the time of such mailing, or when transmitted by any form of Electronic Transmission in accordance with Section 24.11 below.

24.6 Florida Statutes. Whenever this Declaration refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist and are effective on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Public Records, except to the extent provided otherwise in the Governing Documents as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.

24.7 Construction Activities. ALL OWNERS, LESSEES, OCCUPANTS AND USERS OF HARDWICK FARMS ARE HEREBY PLACED ON NOTICE THAT (1) THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, AND/OR THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES AND OTHER DESIGNEES AND/OR (2) ANY OTHER PARTIES WILL BE, FROM TIME TO TIME, CONDUCTING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, BLASTING, EXCAVATION, CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO HARDWICK FARMS WHICH MAY CAUSE NOISE, DUST OR OTHER TEMPORARY DISTURBANCE. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR DEED OR OTHER CONVEYANCE OR MORTGAGE, LEASEHOLD, LICENSE OR OTHER INTEREST, AND BY USING ANY PORTION OF HARDWICK FARMS, EACH SUCH OWNER, OCCUPANT AND USER AUTOMATICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES, STIPULATES AND AGREES (i) THAT NONE OF THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES SHALL BE DEEMED NUISANCES OR NOXIOUS OR OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES, HEREUNDER OR AT LAW GENERALLY, (ii) NOT TO ENTER UPON, OR ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN OR OTHER PERSONS UNDER THEIR CONTROL OR DIRECTION TO ENTER UPON (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH ENTRY IS A TRESPASS OR OTHERWISE) ANY PROPERTY WITHIN OR IN PROXIMITY TO HARDWICK FARMS WHERE SUCH ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED (EVEN IF NOT BEING ACTIVELY CONDUCTED AT THE TIME OF ENTRY, SUCH AS AT NIGHT OR OTHERWISE DURING NON-WORKING HOURS), (iii) THE DECLARANT, BUILDERS, AND THE OTHER AFORESAID RELATED PARTIES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES (COMPENSATORY, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR OTHERWISE), INJURIES OR DEATHS ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THE AFORESAID ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT RESULTING DIRECTLY FROM THE DECLARANT'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, AND (iv) ANY PURCHASE OR USE OF ANY PORTION OF HARDWICK FARMS HAS BEEN AND WILL BE MADE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOREGOING.

24.8 Title Documents. Each Owner by acceptance of a deed to a Lot acknowledges that such Lot is subject to certain land use and title documents recorded in the Public Records (collectively, the "Title Documents"). The Declarant's plan of development for HARDWICK FARMS may necessitate from time to time the further amendment, modification and/or termination of the Title Documents. THE DECLARANT RESERVES THE UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO SEEK AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS OF THE TITLE DOCUMENTS. It is possible that a governmental subdivision or agency may require the execution of one or more documents in connection with an amendment, modification, and/or termination of the Title Documents. To the extent that such documents require the joinder of Owners, the Declarant, by any one of its duly authorized officers, may, as the agent and/or the attorney-in-fact for the Owners, execute, acknowledge and deliver any documents required by applicable governmental subdivision or agency; and the Owners, by virtue of their acceptance of deeds, irrevocably nominate, constitute and appoint the Declarant, through any one of its duly authorized officers, as their proper and legal attorney-in-fact for such purpose. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable. Any such documents executed pursuant to this Section may recite that it is made pursuant to this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Owner agrees, by its acceptance of a deed to a Lot: (i) to execute or otherwise join in any documents required in connection with the amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents; and (ii) that such Owner has waived its right to object to or comment on the form or substance of any amendment, modification, or termination of the Title Documents. Without limiting the foregoing, upon the Community Completion Date, the Association shall assume all of the obligations of the Declarant under the Title Documents unless otherwise provided by the Declarant by amendment to this Declaration recorded by the Declarant in the Public Records, from time to time, and in the sole and absolute discretion of the Declarant.

24.9 Right to Contract for Telecommunications Services. The Declarant or the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter into one or more contracts for the provision of one or more Telecommunications Services for all or any part of HARDWICK FARMS. Prior to the Community Completion Date, all contracts between a Telecommunications Provider and the Association shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Declarant. If any such contract is established, the fees for the Telecommunications Services payable to the Telecommunications Provider shall be Operating Expenses and shall be included within the annual budget of the Association.

24.10 Electronic or Video Communication. Wherever the Governing Documents require members' attendance at a meeting either "in person or by proxy," members may attend and participate at such meetings via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication; provided, however, members may attend and participate in this manner only if a majority of the Board approved use of telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication for participation and attendance at meetings.

24.11 Electronic Transmission as Substitute for Writing. Wherever the Governing Documents require action by the Association to be taken in writing, such action may be taken by Electronic Transmission, with the exception of the following: (i) giving notice of a meeting called in whole or in part for the purpose of recalling and removing a member of the Board; and (ii) when levying fines, suspending use rights, requesting dispute resolution, or collecting payments for assessments and providing notice of lien claims.

24.12 Enforcement of Governing Documents. Enforcement of the Governing Documents, including, without limitation, this Declaration, may be by proceeding at law for damages or in equity to compel compliance with the terms hereof or to prevent violation or breach of any of the covenants or terms herein. The Declarant, the Landbanker, the Association, any Builder, or any Owner may, but shall not be required to, seek enforcement of the Governing Documents. In any such legal or equitable proceedings to enforce any restriction, condition, covenant, reservation, lien or charge now or hereafter imposed by the Governing Documents, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs including at all appellate levels.

**24.13 Right to Contract.** Prior to the Turnover Date, the Declarant, and thereafter, the Association, shall have the right, to make the Common Areas available to individuals, persons, firms or corporations other than the Owners. The granting of such rights shall not invalidate this Declaration, reduce or abate any Owner's obligations to pay Assessments pursuant to this Declaration, or give any Owner the right to avoid any of the provisions of this Declaration. Prior to the Turnover Date, the Declarant shall have the right to determine from time to time, and at any time, in the Declarant's sole absolute discretion, the manner in which the Common Areas will be made available to individuals, persons, firms or corporations other than the Owners and the fees and charges that may be charged for such use. In addition, prior to the Turnover Date, the Declarant, and thereafter, the Association, shall have the right to enter into agreements for maintenance, lease, use, license, or easements with any other homeowners association, property owners association, governmental or quasi-governmental agency or other entity. The Declarant or the Board may enter into such agreement on behalf of the Association without the prior written consent or joinder of any other party; provided, however, prior to the Turnover Date, all such agreements entered into by the Association require the prior written consent of the Declarant. Such agreements may obligate the Association to maintain certain real property or improvements not owned by the Declarant or the Association, or such agreements may obligate the Association to pay a contribution for maintenance costs or use fees for certain real property or improvements not owned by the Declarant or the Association. Any expense incurred by the Association, or payment required to be made by the Association, in connection with any such agreement shall constitute an Operating Expense of the Association.

**24.14 Declarant's Disclaimer of Representations.** NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY HEREIN, THE DECLARANT MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS WHATSOEVER EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, THAT ANY PLANS PRESENTLY ENVISIONED FOR THE COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF HARDWICK FARMS OR SURROUNDING LAND CAN OR WILL BE CARRIED OUT, OR THAT ANY REAL PROPERTY NOW OR HEREAFTER ACQUIRED BY THE DECLARANT IS OR WILL BE SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION, OR THAT ANY SUCH REAL PROPERTY (WHETHER OR NOT IT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO THIS DECLARATION) IS OR WILL BE COMMITTED TO OR DEVELOPED FOR A PARTICULAR (OR ANY) USE OR PURPOSE, OR THAT SUCH REAL PROPERTY IS ONCE USED FOR A PARTICULAR USE, WILL CONTINUE IN EFFECT OR WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR SUCH PURPOSE. While the Declarant has no reason to believe that any of the covenants, restrictions and other provisions contained in this Declaration are or may be invalid or unenforceable for any reason or to any extent, the Declarant makes no warranty or representation as to the present or future validity or enforceability of any such covenants, restrictions and other provisions. Any Owner acquiring a Lot in reliance on one or more of such restrictive covenants and other provisions herein shall assume all risks of the validity and enforceability thereof and by accepting a deed to the Lot agrees to hold the Declarant harmless therefrom.

**24.15 Additional Right of the Association to Enter into Agreements.** The Association may enter into agreements to acquire leaseholds, memberships, and other possessory or use interests in other lands or facilities outside of HARDWICK FARMS, including, but not limited to, country clubs, golf courses, marinas, submerged land, parking areas, conservation areas, recreational amenities facilities, and other facilities. Pursuant to Section 720.31(6), Florida Statutes (2022), the Association is hereby expressly authorized to enter into such agreements upon the approval of a majority of the Board, and without any vote of the members of the Association, regardless of when the Association enters into such agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the Community Completion Date, any such agreement entered into by the Association shall require the prior written approval of the Declarant. The purpose of this Section is to confirm the Board's express authority to enter into such agreements on behalf of the Association without a vote of the members, pursuant to Section 720.31(6), Florida Statutes (2022). Nothing in this Section shall limit the Declarant's right and authority to approve and enter into any such agreements for leaseholds, memberships or other possessory or use interests with respect to HARDWICK FARMS or any lands or facilities outside of HARDWICK FARMS prior to the Turnover Date.

**24.16 Right to Contract for Street Light Services.** The Declarant and/or the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enter into one or more contracts with any private provider or third party

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entity (a "**Private Street Light Provider**") for the provision of street lighting services, including, but not limited to, solar power street lights, within all or any part of HARDWICK FARMS. Prior to the Community Completion Date, all contracts between a Private Street Light Provider and the Association shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Declarant. If any such contract is established, any fees for such street light services payable to the Private Street Light Provider shall be Operating Expenses and shall be included within the annual budget of the Association, unless such private street light services are applicable to a particular Neighborhood and/or Exclusive Common Area, in which event such fees shall be Neighborhood Expenses payable by Owners within the applicable Neighborhood.

25. Stormwater Management System.

25.1 General. The Association shall be responsible for maintenance, operation, and repair of the SMS in HARDWICK FARMS. Maintenance of the SMS shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the systems to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance, or other stormwater management capabilities as permits by SJRWMD. Any repair or reconstruction of the SMS shall be as permitted, or if modified as approved by the SJRWMD. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE DECLARANT SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR DRAINAGE PROBLEMS OF ANY TYPE WHATSOEVER.

25.1.1 Except as permitted by the Permit, no construction activities may be conducted relative to any portion of the SMS without the prior written consent of SJRWMD. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to: digging or excavation; depositing fill, debris or any other material or item; constructing or altering any water control structure; or any other construction to modify the SMS. To the extent there exists within HARDWICK FARMS any wetland mitigation areas or retention/detention areas, no vegetation in these areas shall be removed, cut, trimmed or sprayed with herbicide without specific written approval from SJRWMD. Construction and maintenance activities which are consistent with the design and permit conditions approved by SJRWMD in the Permit may be conducted without specific written approval from SJRWMD.

25.1.2 No Owner or other person or entity shall unreasonably deny or prevent access to water management areas for maintenance, repair, or landscaping purposes by the Declarant, the Association or any appropriate governmental agency that may reasonably require access. Nonexclusive easements therefor are hereby specifically reserved and created.

25.1.3 No Lot, Parcel or Common Area shall be increased in size by filling in any retention/detention area that it abuts. No person shall fill, dike, rip-rap, block, divert or change the established retention/detention areas that have been or may be created without the prior written consent of the Association. No person other than the Declarant or the Association may draw water for irrigation or other purposes from any retention/detention areas, nor is any boating, wading, or swimming in such retention/detention areas allowed.

25.1.4 All SMS, excluding those areas (if any) maintained by the County, the City or another governmental agency, will be the ultimate responsibility of the Association. The Association may enter any Lot, Parcel or Common Area and make whatever alterations, improvements or repairs are deemed necessary to provide, maintain, or restore proper SMS. The cost of such alterations, improvements or repairs shall be part of the Operating Expenses. NO PERSON MAY REMOVE NATIVE VEGETATION THAT MAY BECOME ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE CONSERVATION AREAS. "REMOVAL" INCLUDES DREDGING, APPLICATION OF HERBICIDE, PULLING AND CUTTING.

25.1.5 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to allow any person to construct any new water management facility, or to alter any SMS, without first obtaining the necessary permits from all governmental agencies having jurisdiction, including SJRWMD, the Association and the Declarant, its successors and assigns.

25.1.6 SJRWMD shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in this Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation, and repair of the SMS.

25.1.7 Any amendment to the Declaration that alters the SMS, beyond maintenance in its original condition, including mitigation or preservation areas and the water management portions of the Common Areas, must have the prior approval of SJRWMD.

25.1.8 If the Association shall cease to exist, all Owners shall be jointly and severally responsible for the operation and maintenance of the SMS in accordance with the requirements of the Permit, unless and until an alternate entity assumes responsibility as explained in the Permit.

25.1.9 No Owner or Builder may construct or maintain any building, residence or structure, or undertake or perform any activity in the wetlands, wetland mitigation areas, buffer areas, upland conservation areas and drainage easements described in the Permit and/or Plat of HARDWICK FARMS, unless prior approval is received from the SJRWMD Regulation Department.

25.1.10 Each property owner within HARDWICK FARMS at the time of the construction of a building, residence, or structure shall comply with the construction plans for the SMS approved and on file with SJRWMD.

25.1.11 Owners shall not remove native vegetation (including cattails) that becomes established within retention/detention areas abutting their property. Removal includes dredging, the application of herbicide, cutting, and the introduction of grass carp. Owners shall address any questions regarding authorized activities within the retention/detention areas to SJRWMD.

25.2 Proviso. Any amendment to the Declaration that alters the SMS beyond its original condition, including the mitigation or preservation areas and the water management portions of the Common Areas must have the prior approval of SJRWMD.

25.3 Mitigation Area Monitoring. In the event HARDWICK FARMS has onsite wetland mitigation (as defined in the regulations) that requires monitoring and maintenance by the Association, the Association shall include in its budget an appropriate allocation of funds for monitoring and maintenance of the wetland mitigation area(s) each year until SJRWMD and/or any applicable governmental agencies having jurisdiction determine that the area(s) is successful in accordance with the Permit and all other applicable permits or regulatory requirements. The Association shall perform all wetland mitigation monitoring in accordance with all Permit conditions associated with such wetland mitigation, monitoring, and maintenance.

## 26. Resolution of Disputes.

26.1 By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner specifically agrees that the purchase of a Lot involves interstate commerce and that any Dispute (as hereinafter defined) shall first be submitted to mediation and, if not settled during mediation, shall thereafter be submitted to binding arbitration as provided by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§1 et seq.) and not by or in a court of law or equity. "**Disputes**" (whether contract, warranty, tort, statutory or otherwise), shall include, but are not limited to, any and all controversies, disputes or claims (1) arising under, or related to, this Declaration or any dealings between the Owner and the Declarant or any Builder; (2) arising by virtue of any representations, promises or warranties alleged to have been made by the Declarant or the Declarant's representatives, any Builder, or any Builder's representatives; (3) relating to personal injury or property damage alleged to have been sustained by the Owner, the Owner's children or other occupants of the Lot; or (4) issues of formation, validity or enforceability of this Section 26. Each Owner agrees to the foregoing on behalf of his or her children and other occupants of the Lot with the intent that all such parties be bound hereby. Any Dispute shall be submitted for binding arbitration within a reasonable time after such Dispute has arisen. Nothing

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herein shall extend the time period by which a claim or cause of action may be asserted under the applicable statute of limitations or statute of repose, and in no event shall the Dispute be submitted for arbitration after the date when institution of a legal or equitable proceeding based on the underlying claims in such Dispute would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations or statute of repose. To the extent allowed by law, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner waives all rights to seek and/or recover special, consequential, or punitive damages in connection with any Dispute.

26.2 Any and all mediations commenced by any Owner, or the Declarant, or a Builder, shall be filed with and administered by the American Arbitration Association or any successor thereto ("**AAA**") in accordance with the AAA's Home Construction Mediation Procedures in effect on the date of the request. If there are no Home Construction Mediation Procedures currently in effect, then the AAA's Construction Industry Mediation Rules in effect on the date of such request shall be utilized. Any party who will be relying upon an expert report or repair estimate at the mediation shall provide the mediator and the other parties with a copy of the reports. If one or more issues directly or indirectly relate to alleged deficiencies in design, materials or construction, all parties and their experts shall be allowed to inspect, document (by photograph, videotape or otherwise) and test the alleged deficiencies prior to mediation. Unless mutually waived in writing by the parties, submission to mediation is a condition precedent to either party taking further action with regard to any matter covered hereunder.

26.3 If the Dispute is not fully resolved by mediation, the Dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration and administered by the AAA in accordance with the AAA's Home Construction Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of the request. If there are no Home Construction Arbitration Rules currently in effect, then the AAA's Construction Industry Arbitration Rules in effect on the date of such request shall be utilized. Any judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in and enforced by any court having jurisdiction over such Dispute. If the claimed amount exceeds Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00) or includes a demand for punitive damages, the Dispute shall be heard and determined by three (3) arbitrators; however, if mutually agreed to by the Lot Owner and the Declarant, then the Dispute shall be heard and determined by one arbitrator. Arbitrators shall have expertise in the area(s) of Dispute, which may include legal expertise if legal issues are involved. All decisions respecting the arbitrability of any Dispute shall be decided by the arbitrator(s). At the request of any party, the award of the arbitrator(s) shall be accompanied by detailed written findings of fact and conclusions of law. Except as may be required by law or for confirmation of an award, neither a party nor an arbitrator may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration hereunder without the prior written consent of both parties.

26.4 The waiver or invalidity of any portion of this Section shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Section. By acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner specifically agrees (i) that any Dispute involving the Declarant's affiliates or the Declarant's directors, officers, employees and agents and any Builder's affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents shall also be subject to mediation and arbitration as set forth herein, and shall not be pursued in a court of law or equity; (ii) that the Declarant or Builder, as applicable, may, at their sole election, include the Declarant's and/or Builder's contractors, subcontractors and suppliers, as well as any warranty company and insurer as parties in the mediation and arbitration; and (iii) that the mediation and arbitration will be limited to the parties specified herein.

26.5 To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner specifically agrees that no finding or stipulation of fact, no conclusion of law, and no arbitration award in any other arbitration, judicial, or similar proceeding shall be given preclusive or collateral estoppel effect in any arbitration hereunder unless there is mutuality of parties. In addition, by acceptance of a deed to a Lot, each Owner agrees that no finding or stipulation of fact, no conclusion of law, and no arbitration award in any arbitration hereunder shall be given preclusive or collateral estoppel effect in any other arbitration, judicial, or similar proceeding unless there is mutuality of parties.

26.6 Unless otherwise recoverable by law or statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and paraprofessional fees, for any mediation and arbitration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a party unsuccessfully contests the validity or scope of arbitration in a court of law or equity, the non-contesting party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and expenses incurred in defending such contest, including such fees and costs associated with any appellate proceedings. In addition, if a party fails to abide by the terms of a mediation settlement or arbitration award, the other party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees, paraprofessional fees and expenses incurred in enforcing such settlement or award.

26.7 An Owner may obtain additional information concerning the rules of the AAA by visiting its website at [www.adr.org](http://www.adr.org) or by writing the AAA at 335 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

26.8 The Declarant supports the principles set forth in the Consumer Due Process Protocol developed by the National Consumer Dispute Advisory Committee and agrees to the following:

26.8.1 Notwithstanding the requirements of arbitration stated in this Section 26, each Owner shall have the option, after pursuing mediation as provided herein, to seek relief in a small claims court for disputes or claims within the scope of the court's jurisdiction in lieu of proceeding to arbitration. This option does not apply to any appeal from a decision by a small claims court.

26.8.2 Any mediator and associated administrative fees incurred thereafter shall be shared equally by the parties.

26.8.3 The fees for any claim pursued via arbitration shall be apportioned as provided in the Home Construction Arbitration Rules of the AAA or other applicable rules.

26.9 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if either the Declarant, a Builder, or an Owner seeks injunctive relief, and not monetary damages, from a court because irreparable damage or harm would otherwise be suffered by either party before mediation or arbitration could be conducted, such actions shall not be interpreted to indicate that either party has waived the right to mediate or arbitrate. The right to mediate and arbitrate should also not be considered waived by the filing of a counterclaim by either party once a claim for injunctive relief had been filed with a court.

26.10 THE DECLARANT, EACH BUILDER, AND EACH OWNER BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO A LOT SPECIFICALLY AGREE THAT THE PARTIES MAY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST THE OTHER ONLY ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND NOT AS A MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE ACTION OR COLLECTIVE PROCEEDING. THE ARBITRATOR(S) MAY NOT CONSOLIDATE OR JOIN CLAIMS REGARDING MORE THAN ONE PROPERTY AND MAY NOT OTHERWISE PRESIDE OVER ANY FORM OF A CONSOLIDATED, REPRESENTATIVE, OR CLASS PROCEEDING. ALSO, THE ARBITRATOR(S) MAY AWARD RELIEF (INCLUDING MONETARY, INJUNCTIVE, AND DECLARATORY RELIEF) ONLY IN FAVOR OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTY SEEKING RELIEF AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE RELIEF NECESSITATED BY THAT PARTY'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIM(S). ANY RELIEF AWARDED CANNOT BE AWARDED ON CLASS-WIDE OR MASS-PARTY BASIS OR OTHERWISE AFFECT PARTIES WHO ARE NOT A PARTY TO THE ARBITRATION. NOTHING IN THE FOREGOING PREVENTS THE DECLARANT OR A BUILDER FROM EXERCISING ITS RIGHT TO INCLUDE IN THE MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION THOSE PERSONS OR ENTITIES REFERRED TO IN SECTION 26.4 ABOVE.

26.11 Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this Section 26 shall also apply to Builders (if any and as applicable) on the same basis as the Declarant, a Builder shall not be considered an "Owner" for purposes of this Section 26, and Builders are hereby granted and benefitted by the same rights, easements, privileges, benefits, notices and acknowledgements granted to and/or otherwise benefitting the Declarant pursuant to this Section 26.

26.12 Without limitation of the foregoing, with respect to any dispute not required to be submitted to mediation and/or binding arbitration pursuant to this Section 26, or if a court of competent jurisdiction judicially determines that this Section 26 is unenforceable with respect to a dispute otherwise required to be submitted to mediation and/or binding arbitration pursuant to this Section, the Declarant, the Association and each Owner hereby acknowledge, understand, and agree to the following:

26.12.1 SUCH DISPUTE SHALL BE HEARD IN A COURT PROCEEDING BY A JUDGE AND NOT A JURY, AND THE DECLARANT, THE ASSOCIATION AND EACH OWNER HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, INTENTIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN SUCH INSTANCE; AND

26.12.2 EXCEPT FOR AND EXPRESSLY EXCLUDING ANY CLAIM WHEREBY LENNAR HOMES, LLC ("**LENNAR**") AS THE DECLARANT IS BENEFITTED FROM THE INDEMNIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 9.8, 9.12 AND 19.19 AND ALSO EXCLUDING ANY CLAIM BROUGHT BY LENNAR UNDER SECTION 17.20, 20.1, 20.2, 21.9 AND 24.12, WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER CLAIM BROUGHT BY LENNAR OR OTHERWISE WHICH LENNAR IS MADE A PARTY, IN ANY SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION INVOLVING LENNAR, EACH PARTY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AND PARAPROFESSIONAL FEES AND COSTS AT ALL STAGES.

[Signatures on the Following Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant hereunder, has hereunto set its hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

**WITNESSES:**

**"DECLARANT"**

**LENNAR HOMES, LLC**, a Florida limited liability company

Shirley Jenice  
Print Name: Bunny Fenel

By: [Signature]  
Name: Christine Blawn  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature]  
Print Name: Garth Seego

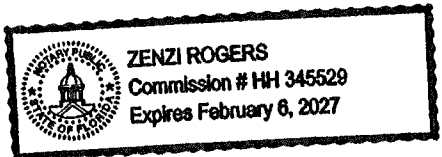
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STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
COUNTY OF DUVAL         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, by Christine Blawn, as VP of LENNAR HOMES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, on behalf of the company. He/She  is personally known to me or  has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

My commission expires: 2/6/27

Zenzi Rogers  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large  
Print Name: Zenzi Rogers



JOINDER

KL LHB3 AIV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Landbanker") does hereby join in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR HARDWICK FARMS (the "Declaration"), to which this Joinder is attached, and the terms thereof are and shall be binding upon the undersigned and its successors in title. The Landbanker agrees this Joinder is for the purpose of evidencing the Landbanker's acceptance of the Declaration and subjecting any land within HARDWICK FARMS owned by the Landbanker to the terms of the Declaration, which shall be binding upon the undersigned and its successors in title.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Joinder on this 21 day of MARCH, 2023.

WITNESSES:

KL LHB3 AIV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

Print Name: Jennifer Zinner

By: [Signature]  
Name: RYAN MOTT  
Title: AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY

Print Name: Nathan Holt

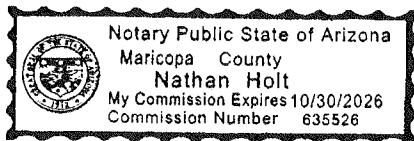
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COUNTY OF MARICOPA )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization this 21 day of March, 2023, by Ryan Mott, as Authorized Signatory of KL LHB3 AIV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, on behalf of the company. He/She  is personally known to me or  has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

My commission expires: 10/30/26

Nathan Holt  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Print Name: Nathan Holt



JOINDER

HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "Association") does hereby join in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR HARDWICK FARMS (the "Declaration"), to which this Joinder is attached, and the terms thereof are and shall be binding upon the undersigned and its successors in title. The Association agrees this Joinder is for the purpose of evidencing the Association's acceptance of the rights and obligations provided in the Declaration and does not affect the validity of this Declaration as the Association has no right to approve this Declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Joinder on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

WITNESSES:

HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation

[Signature]  
Print Name: Gunny Fein

By: [Signature]  
Name: Zenzi Rogers  
Title: President

[Signature]  
Print Name: Garth Seego

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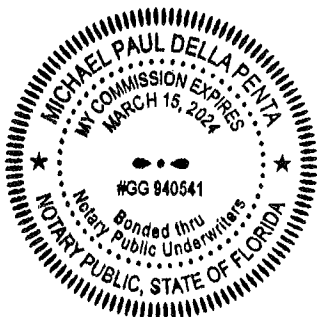
STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF DUVAL )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, by Zenzi Rogers, as President of HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, on behalf of the corporation. She  is personally known to me or  has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

My commission expires:

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida at Large

Print Name: Michael Paul Della Porta



**EXHIBIT 1****LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

A PORTION OF TRACT 1, AS DEPICTED ON THE PLAT OF ACREAGE REPLAT OF PART OF DIXIE FARMS, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 100, OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A PORTION OF SECTIONS 16 AND 17 AND SECTION 56 OF THE FRANCIS RICHARD GRANT, ALL LYING IN TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE OF SAID COUNTY, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TOLEDO ROAD, A 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED, AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF POWERS AVENUE, A VARIABLE WIDTH RIGHT OF WAY AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED; THENCE NORTH 58°31'56" EAST, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY PROLONGATION OF SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 85.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID POWERS AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 31°28'04" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 290.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 58°31'56" EAST, DEPARTING SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF POWERS AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 595.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 31°28'04" WEST, 305.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°31'56" EAST, 371.42 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILROAD, A 100 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED; THENCE SOUTH 31°11'57" EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 3280.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58°31'56" WEST, DEPARTING SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 75.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 31°11'57" WEST, 125.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58°31'56" WEST, 125.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31°11'57" EAST, 125.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58°31'56" WEST, 114.52 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31°11'57" EAST, 495.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58°48'03" WEST, 634.21 FEET TO POINT LYING ON SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF POWERS AVENUE; THENCE NORTH 31°28'04" WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF LINE, 3467.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**LESS AND EXCEPT:****EXCEPTION PARCEL 1**

A PORTION OF SECTION 56 OF THE FRANCIS RICHARD GRANT, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TOLEDO ROAD, A 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED, AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF POWERS AVENUE, A VARIABLE WIDTH RIGHT OF WAY AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED; THENCE NORTH 58°31'56" EAST, ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY PROLONGATION OF SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 85.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID POWERS AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 31°28'04" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 290.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°31'56" EAST, DEPARTING SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF POWERS AVENUE, A DISTANCE OF 595.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 31°28'04" WEST, 305.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°31'56" EAST, 371.42 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILROAD, A 100 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED; THENCE SOUTH 31°11'57" EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 612.53 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 58°31'56" WEST, DEPARTING SAID

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SAID LANDS BEING THE SAME AS THOSE LANDS CONVEYED TO JEA AS DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 9166, PAGE 469 (EXHIBIT A, PAGE 1), OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA.

EXCEPTION PARCEL 2

A PORTION OF SECTION 56 OF THE FRANCIS RICHARD GRANT, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.

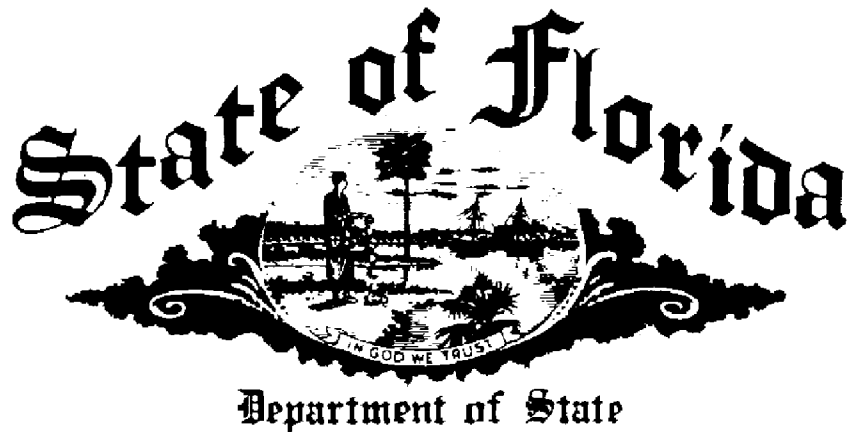
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CONTAINING 74.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

**EXHIBIT 2**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**



State of Florida  
Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on December 1, 2022.

The document number of this corporation is N22000013237.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2022, and its status is active.


I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

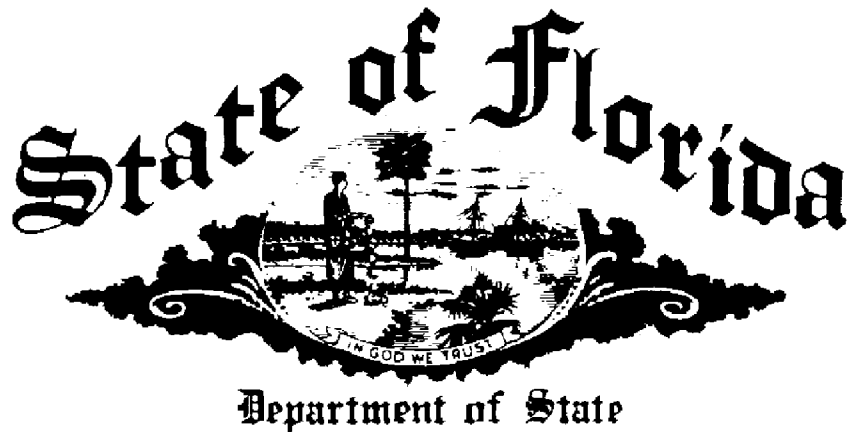
I further certify that this is an electronically transmitted certificate authorized by section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code, 422A00026644-120222-N22000013237-1/1, noted below.

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Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of Florida,  
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the  
Second day of December, 2022



  
Secretary of State



I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, filed on December 1, 2022, as shown by the records of this office.


I further certify the document was electronically received under FAX audit number H22000404965. This certificate is issued in accordance with section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code noted below.

The document number of this corporation is N22000013237.

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Given under my hand and the  
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December 2, 2022

HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
9440 PHILIPS HIGHWAY, SUITE 7  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256US

The Articles of Incorporation for HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. were filed on December 1, 2022, and assigned document number N22000013237. Please refer to this number whenever corresponding with this office.

Enclosed is the certification requested. To be official, the certification for a certified copy must be attached to the original document that was electronically submitted and filed under FAX audit number H22000404965.

To maintain "active" status with the Division of Corporations, an annual report must be filed yearly between January 1st and May 1st beginning in the year following the file date or effective date indicated above. It is your responsibility to remember to file your annual report in a timely manner.

A Federal Employer Identification Number (FEI/EIN) will be required when this report is filed. Apply today with the IRS online at:

<https://sa.www4.irs.gov/modiein/individual/index.jsp>.

Please be aware if the corporate address changes, it is the responsibility of the corporation to notify this office.

Should you have questions regarding corporations, please contact this office at (850) 245-6052.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**(A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION)**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION)**

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida, and for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation, the undersigned does hereby acknowledge:

1. Name of Corporation. The name of the corporation is HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "Association").

2. Principal Office. The principal office of the Association is 9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

3. Registered Office - Registered Agent. The street address of the Registered Office of the Association is 401 East Jackson Street, Suite 2100, Tampa, Florida 33602. The name of the Registered Agent of the Association is:

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER ALHADEFF & SITTERSON, P.A.  
C/O CHRISTIAN F. O'RYAN, ESQ.

4. Definitions. The COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR HARDWICK FARMS (the "Declaration") will be recorded in the Public Records of Duval County, Florida, and shall govern all of the operations of a community to be known as HARDWICK FARMS. All initially capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Declaration.

5. Purpose of the Association. The Association is formed to: (i) provide for ownership, operation, maintenance and preservation of the Common Areas, and improvements thereon; (ii) perform the duties delegated to it in the Declaration, the Bylaws and these Articles; and (iii) administer the rights and interests of the Declarant, the Association and the Owners.

6. Not for Profit. The Association is a not-for-profit Florida corporation and does not contemplate pecuniary gain to, or profit for, its members.

7. Powers of the Association. The Association shall, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration, have all the powers, privileges and duties reasonably necessary to discharge its obligations, including, but not limited to, the following:

7.1 To perform all the duties and obligations of the Association set forth in the Declaration and Bylaws, as herein provided;

7.2 To enforce, by legal action or otherwise, the provisions of the Declaration and Bylaws and of all rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions and agreements governing or binding the Association and HARDWICK FARMS;

7.3 To operate and maintain the SMS. The Association shall operate, maintain and manage the SMS in a manner consistent with the Permit requirements and applicable SJRWMD rules, and shall assist in the enforcement of the provisions of the Declaration that relate to the SMS. The Association shall levy and collect adequate assessments against members of the Association for the costs of maintenance and operation of the SMS. Assessments shall be used for the maintenance and repair of the SMS and mitigation or preservation areas, including, but not limited to, work within retention areas, drainage structures, and drainage easements;

7.4 To fix, levy, collect and enforce payment, by any lawful means, of all Assessments pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws;

7.5 To pay all Operating Expenses, including, but not limited to, all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Association;

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7.6 To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), annex, own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, grant rights and easements, sell, dedicate, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of real or personal property (including the Common Areas) in connection with the functions of the Association except as limited by the Declaration;

7.7 To borrow money, and (i) if prior to the Turnover Date, upon the approval of (a) a majority of the Board; and (b) the prior written consent of the Declarant, or (ii) from and after the Turnover Date, approval of (a) a majority of the Board; and (b) fifty-one percent (51%) of the total Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, or hypothecate any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred, including without limitation, the right to collateralize any such indebtedness with the Association's Assessment collection rights;

7.8 To dedicate, grant, license, lease, concession, create easements upon, sell or transfer all or any part of HARDWICK FARMS to any public agency, entity, authority, utility or other person or entity for such purposes and subject to such conditions as it determines and as provided in the Declaration;

7.9 To participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for the same purposes;

7.10 To adopt, publish, promulgate or enforce rules, regulations, covenants, restrictions or agreements governing the Association, HARDWICK FARMS, the Common Areas, Lots, Parcels and Homes as provided in the Declaration and to effectuate all of the purposes for which the Association is organized;

7.11 To have and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation organized under Chapter 617 or Chapter 720, Florida Statutes by law may now or hereafter have or exercise;

7.12 To employ personnel and retain independent contractors to contract for management of the Association, HARDWICK FARMS, and the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration and to delegate in such contract all or any part of the powers and duties of the Association;

7.13 To contract for services to be provided to, or for the benefit of, the Association, Owners, the Common Areas, and HARDWICK FARMS, as provided in the Declaration, such as, but not limited to, telecommunications services, maintenance, garbage pick-up, and utility services;

7.14 To establish committees (which may be comprised of Owners and individuals which are not Directors or Officers of the Board) and delegate certain of its functions to those committees;

7.15 To have the power to sue and be sued;

7.16 To take any other action necessary or desirable to carry out any purpose for which the Association has been organized; and

7.17 To enter into agreements with other homeowners associations, property associations or other third parties, including, without limitation, any cost-sharing agreements or agreements to acquire licenses, leaseholds, memberships, and other possessory or use interests in other lands or facilities outside of HARDWICK FARMS, including, but not limited to, facilities, country clubs, golf courses, marinas, submerged land, parking areas, conservation areas, recreational amenities facilities, and other facilities. Pursuant to Section 720.31(6), Florida Statutes (2022), the Association is hereby expressly authorized to enter into such agreements upon the approval of a majority of the Board, and without any vote of the members of the Association, regardless of when the Association enters into such agreement.

8. Voting Rights. Owners and the Declarant shall have the voting rights set forth in the Declaration.

9. Board of Directors. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of odd number with not less than three (3) or more than five (5) members. The initial number of Directors shall be three (3).

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Board members shall be appointed and/or elected as stated in the Bylaws. After the Turnover Date, the election of Directors shall be held at the annual meeting. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board who shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected, or until removed, are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Zenzi Rogers	9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7 Jacksonville, Florida 32256
Tiffany Csalovszki	9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7 Jacksonville, Florida 32256
Joseph Panchula	9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7 Jacksonville, Florida 32256

10. Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the Association other than incident to a merger or consolidation, any member may petition the Circuit Court having jurisdiction of the Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of the dissolved Association, to manage the Common Areas in the place and stead of the Association, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the continued management of the affairs of the dissolved Association. In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility of the operation and maintenance of the SMS must be transferred to, and accepted by, an entity that would comply with Rule 62-330.310, Florida Administrative Code (2022), and the Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume I, Section 12.3, and be approved in writing by SJRWMD prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

11. Duration. Existence of the Association shall commence with the filing of these Articles with the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida. The Association shall exist in perpetuity.

12. Amendments.

12.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these Articles shall affect the rights of the Declarant, unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of the Declarant, which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these Articles, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

12.2 Amendments prior to the Turnover. Prior to the Turnover, but subject to the general and specific restrictions on amendments set forth above, the Declarant shall have the right to amend these Articles as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any person or entity whatsoever, except to the extent limited by applicable law as of the date the Declaration is recorded. The Declarant's right to amend under this Section is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event the Association shall desire to amend these Articles prior to the Turnover, the Association must first obtain the Declarant's prior written consent to any proposed amendment. An amendment identical to that approved by the Declarant may be adopted by the Association pursuant to the requirements for amendments from and after the Turnover. The Declarant shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records.

12.3 Amendments From and After the Turnover. After the Turnover, but subject to the general and specific restrictions on amendments set forth above, these Articles may be amended with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the total Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly noticed meeting of the members.

12.4 Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA and SJRWMD. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend these Articles, from time to time, to make such changes,

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modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SJRWMD, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment. After the Turnover, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, the Board shall have the right to amend these Articles, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SJRWMD or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. In addition, the Board may amend these Articles as it deems necessary or appropriate to make the terms of these Articles consistent with applicable law in effect from time to time. No approval or joinder of the Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to any such amendments by the Board. Any such amendments by the Board shall require the approval of a majority of the Board.

13. Limitations.

13.1 Declaration is Paramount. No amendment may be made to these Articles which shall in any manner reduce, amend, affect or modify the terms, conditions, provisions, rights and obligations set forth in the Declaration.

13.2 Rights of Declarant. There shall be no amendment to these Articles which shall abridge, reduce, amend, effect or modify the rights of the Declarant.

13.3 Bylaws. These Articles shall not be amended in a manner that conflicts with the Bylaws.

14. Officers. The Board shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Board shall from time to time determine. The names and addresses of the Officers who shall serve until their successors are elected by the Board are as follows:

President:	Zenzi Rogers	9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7 Jacksonville, Florida 32256
Vice President:	Tiffany Csalovszki	9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7 Jacksonville, Florida 32256
Secretary/Treasurer:	Joseph Panchula	9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7 Jacksonville, Florida 32256

15. Indemnification of Officers and Directors. The Association shall and does hereby indemnify and hold harmless every Director and every Officer, their heirs, executors and administrators, against all loss, cost and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to which such Director or Officer may be made a party by reason of being or having been a Director or Officer of the Association, including reasonable counsel fees and paraprofessional fees at all levels of proceeding. This indemnification shall not apply to matters wherein the Director or Officer shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for or guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such Director or Officers may be entitled.

16. Transactions in Which Directors or Officers are Interested. No contract or transaction between the Association and one (1) or more of its Directors or Officers or the Declarant, or between the Association and any other corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which one (1) or more of its Officers or Directors are Officers, Directors or employees or otherwise interested shall be invalid, void or voidable solely for this reason, or solely because the Officer or Director is present at, or participates in, meetings of the Board thereof which authorized the contract or transaction, or solely because said Officers' or Directors' votes are counted for such purpose. No Director or Officer of the Association shall incur liability by reason of the fact that such Director or Officer may be interested in any such contract or transaction.

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Interested Directors shall disclose the general nature of their interest and may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board which authorized the contract or transaction.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, being the Incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022.



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Christian F. O'Ryan, Esq.  
Incorporator  
401 E. Jackson Street, Suite 2100  
Tampa, Florida 33602

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**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned, having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, hereby agrees to act in this capacity, and is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position and further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of its duties.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2022.

STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER  
ALHADEFF & SITTERSON, P.A.



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christian F. O'Ryan, Esq.

Registered Office:

401 East Jackson Street, Suite 2100  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Principal Corporation Office:

9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7  
Jacksonville, Florida 32256

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**EXHIBIT 3**

**BYLAWS**

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**OF**  
**HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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**BYLAWS  
OF  
HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

1. Name and Location. The name of the corporation is HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Association"). The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 9440 Philips Highway, Suite 7, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, or at such other location determined by the Board of Directors (the "Board") from time to time.

2. Definitions. The definitions contained in the COMMUNITY DECLARATION FOR HARDWICK FARMS (the "Declaration") relating to the residential community known as HARDWICK FARMS, recorded, or to be recorded, in the Public Records of Duval County, Florida, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. In addition to the terms defined in the Declaration, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Minutes" shall mean the minutes of all member and Board meetings, which shall be in the form required by the Florida Statutes. In the absence of governing Florida Statutes, the Board shall determine the form of the minutes.

"Official Records" shall mean all records required to be maintained by the Association pursuant to Section 720.303(4), Florida Statutes (2022).

3. Members.

3.1 Voting Interests. Each Owner, Builder, and the Declarant shall be a member of the Association. No person who holds an interest in a Lot only as security for the performance of an obligation shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Lot. There shall be one (1) vote appurtenant to each Lot. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant and Landbanker shall have Voting Interests equal to nine (9) votes for each Lot owned by the Declarant or the Landbanker, as applicable; provided, however, as to land which is annexed or added pursuant to the terms of the Declaration, the Declarant or Landbanker shall be entitled to fourteen (14) votes per acre or fraction thereof contained within a Parcel owned by the Declarant or Landbanker, as applicable, until such time as the Parcel is platted, whereupon the Declarant or Landbanker, as applicable, shall be entitled to nine (9) votes per Lot in lieu of the votes per acre. Notwithstanding the foregoing, from and after the Turnover Date, the Declarant and any Landbanker shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned by the Declarant or Landbanker, as applicable. For the purposes of determining who may exercise the Voting Interest associated with each Lot, the following rules shall govern:

3.1.1 Home Owned By Legally Married Couple. Either spouse (but not both) may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to a Lot. In the event the spouses cannot agree, neither may exercise the Voting Interest.

3.1.2 Trusts. In the event that any trust owns a Lot, the Association shall have no obligation to review the trust agreement with respect to such trust. By way of example, if the Lot is owned by Robert Smith, as Trustee, Robert Smith shall be deemed the Owner of the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by Robert Smith as Trustee for the Laura Jones Trust, then Robert Smith shall be deemed the member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by the Laura Jones Trust, and the deed does not reference a trustee, then Laura Jones shall be deemed the member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If the Lot is owned by the Jones Family Trust, the Jones Family Trust may not exercise its Voting Interest unless it presents to the Association, in the form of an attorney opinion letter or affidavit reasonably acceptable to the Association, the identification of the person who should be treated as the member with respect to the Lot for all Association purposes. If Robert Smith and Laura Jones, as Trustees, hold title to a Lot, either trustee may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. In the event of a conflict between trustees, the Voting Interest for the Lot in question cannot be exercised. In the event that any other form of trust ownership is presented to the Association, the decision of the Board as to who may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to any Lot shall be final. The

Association shall have no obligation to obtain an attorney opinion letter in making its decision, which may be made on any reasonable basis whatsoever.

3.1.3 Corporations. If a Lot is owned by a corporation, the corporation shall designate a person, an officer, employee, or agent who shall be treated as the member who can exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot.

3.1.4 Limited Liability Companies. If a Lot is owned by a limited liability company, the company shall designate a person, an officer, employee, or agent who shall be treated as the member who can exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot.

3.1.5 Partnerships. If a Lot is owned by a limited partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. By way of example, if the general partner of a limited partnership is a corporation, then the provisions hereof governing corporations shall govern which person can act on behalf of the corporation as general partner of such limited partnership. If a Lot is owned by a general partnership, any one of the general partners may exercise the Voting Interest associated with such Lot. In the event of a conflict among general partners entitled to exercise a Voting Interest, the Voting Interest for such Lot cannot be exercised.

3.1.6 Multiple Individuals. If a Lot is owned by more than one individual, any one of such individuals may exercise the Voting Interest with respect to such Lot. In the event that there is a conflict among such individuals, the Voting Interest for such Lot cannot be exercised.

3.1.7 Liability of the Association. The Association may act in reliance upon any writing, instrument, or signature, whether original or by Electronic Transmission, which the Association, in good faith, believes to be genuine, may assume the validity and accuracy of any statement or assertion contained in such a writing or instrument, and may assume that any person purporting to give any writing, notice, advice or instruction in connection with the provisions hereof has been duly authorized to do so. So long as the Association acts in good faith, the Association shall have no liability or obligation with respect to the exercise of Voting Interests, and no election shall be invalidated (in the absence of fraud) on the basis that the Association permitted or denied any person the right to exercise a Voting Interest. In addition, the Board may impose additional requirements respecting the exercise of Voting Interests (e.g., the execution of a voting certificate).

3.2 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the members (the "**Annual Members Meeting**") shall be held at least once each calendar year on a date, at a time, and at a place to be determined by the Board.

3.3 Special Meetings of the Members. Special meetings of the members (a "**Special Members Meeting**") may be called by the President, a majority of the Board, or upon written request of ten percent (10%) of the Voting Interests of the members. The business to be conducted at a Special Members Meeting shall be limited to the extent required by Florida Statutes.

3.4 Notice of Members Meetings. Written notice of each members meeting shall be given by, or at the direction of, any officer of the Board or any management company retained by the Association. A copy of the notice shall be given to each member entitled to vote, not less than ten (10) days before the meeting (provided, however, in the case of an emergency, two (2) days' notice will be deemed sufficient), unless otherwise required by Florida law. Written notice is effective (i) when mailed, if mailed postpaid and correctly addressed to the members' address last appearing on the books; or (ii) when transmitted by any form of Electronic Transmission. The notice shall specify the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a Special Members Meeting, the purpose of the meeting. Alternatively, and to the extent not prohibited by the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, the Board may, by majority consent, adopt from time to time, other procedures for giving notice to the members of the Annual Members Meeting or a Special Members Meeting. By way of example, and not of limitation, such notice may be included in a newsletter sent to each member.

3.5 Quorum of Members. Until the Turnover, a quorum shall be established by the Declarant's presence, in person or by proxy, at any meeting. After the Turnover, a quorum for purposes of conducting business shall be established by the presence, in person or by proxy, of the members entitled to cast ten percent (10%) of the total Voting Interests, except as otherwise provided in the Declaration, the Articles or these Bylaws. To the extent permitted by applicable law, as amended from time to time, members may attend members' meetings and vote as if physically present via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication. A member's attendance via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication shall count toward the quorum requirements as if such member was physically present. In the event members elect not to be physically present at a members' meeting, a speaker must be used so that the conversation of such members may be heard by the Board or committee members attending in person as well as by any Owners present at the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of these Bylaws to the contrary, members may attend and participate via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication only if a majority of the Board approved such manner of attendance.

3.6 Adjournment of Members Meetings. If, however, a quorum shall not be present at any members meeting, the meeting may be adjourned as provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a provision in the Florida Statutes, the members present shall have power to adjourn the meeting and reschedule it on another date.

3.7 Action of Members. Decisions that require a vote of the members must be made by a concurrence of a majority of the Voting Interests present in person or by proxy, represented at a meeting at which a quorum has been obtained unless provided otherwise in the Declaration, the Articles, or these Bylaws.

3.8 Proxies. At all meetings, members may vote their Voting Interests in person or by proxy. In addition, to the extent permitted by the Board and to extent the Association adopted technology that facilitates voting remotely, members may also cast their votes utilizing such technology and participating via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication. All proxies shall comply with the provisions of Section 720.306(8), Florida Statutes (2022), as amended from time to time, be in writing, and be filed with the Secretary at, or prior to, the meeting. Proxyholders may also attend and/or participate via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication so long as the proxies are delivered to the Secretary at or prior to the meeting and otherwise in compliance with this Section 3.8. Every proxy shall be revocable prior to the meeting for which it is given.

#### 4. Board of Directors.

4.1 Number. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board consisting of no less than three (3) persons and no more than five (5) persons. Board members appointed by the Declarant need not be members of the Association. Board members elected by Owners must be members of the Association. Pursuant to Section 720.307(2), Florida Statutes (2022), Owners are entitled to elect one (1) member of the Board (the "Pre-Turnover Director") when fifty percent (50%) of all the Lots ultimately planned for HARDWICK FARMS are conveyed to Owners, provided the Owners exercise such right. In the event the Owners do not exercise the right to elect the Pre-Turnover Director, then a vacancy on the Board shall occur and the remaining members of the Board may fill such vacancy.

4.2 Term of Office. The term of office for the Pre-Turnover Director shall end at the next Annual Members Meeting after the Pre-Turnover Director's election, or on the date the Turnover election takes place (the "Turnover Date"), whichever occurs first. In the event that the Pre-Turnover Director's term expires at the Annual Members Meeting, a new Pre-Turnover Director shall be elected by the Owners at the next Annual Members Meeting or on the Turnover Date, whichever occurs first, with the election process repeated thereafter until Turnover. Except with respect to the Pre-Turnover Director, the election of Directors shall take place after the Declarant no longer has the authority to appoint a majority Board and shall take place on the Turnover Date. On the Turnover Date the members shall elect three (3) Directors: one (1) Director for a term of one (1) year, one (1) Director for a term two (2) years, and one (1) Director for a term of three (3) years. The candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected to office. Of such

candidates receiving the most votes, the candidate with the most votes shall serve as the Director for three (3) years; the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve as Director for two (2) years; and the candidate receiving the least amount of votes shall serve as Director for one (1) year. At each Annual Members Meeting thereafter, the members shall elect the appropriate number of Directors for a term of two (2) years. Each Director's respective term shall end upon the election of new Directors at the Annual Members Meeting (except that the term of any Director appointed by the Declarant shall extend until the date designated by the Declarant, or until the Turnover Date).

4.3 Removal. Any vacancy created by the resignation or removal of a Board member appointed by the Declarant may be replaced by the Declarant. The Declarant may replace or remove any Board member appointed by the Declarant in the Declarant's sole and absolute discretion. In the event of death or resignation of a Director elected by the members, the remaining Directors may fill such vacancy. Directors may be removed with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing of members holding a majority of the Voting Interests. So long as the Class B membership remains in existence, the Declarant shall have the sole right to remove all Directors (other than Directors, if any, which Class A members have the right to elect) or members of any architectural committee or similar body, with or without cause, and to appoint the successors, so as to enable Landbanker to take control of the Board should it succeed to the Declarant's rights under the Declaration.

4.4 Compensation. No Director shall receive compensation for any service rendered as a Director to the Association; provided, however, any Director may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred as a Director.

4.5 Action Taken Without a Meeting. Except to the extent prohibited by law, the Board shall have the right to take any action without a meeting by obtaining the written approval of the required number of Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of Directors.

4.6 Appointment and Election of Directors. Until the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the unrestricted power to appoint a majority of the Directors of the Association. Subject to the Declarant's right to appoint a Director as permitted by Section 720.307(3), Florida Statutes (2022), from and after the expiration of the Turnover, or such earlier date determined by the Declarant in its sole and absolute discretion, the members shall elect Directors of the Association at or in conjunction with the Annual Members Meeting.

4.7 Nomination. Prior to each election at which Owners are entitled to elect any of the Directors, the Board shall prescribe (and communicate to the members) the opening date and the closing date of a reasonable filing period ("**Candidate Filing Period**") in which every eligible person who has an interest in serving as a Director may file as a candidate for such Director position. The Board may also appoint a Nominating Committee (as defined herein) to make nominations for election of Directors to the Board. A "**Nominating Committee**", if appointed, shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more members of the Association. Any Nominating Committee shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until its successors are appointed. In preparation for each election, the Nominating Committee, if appointed, shall meet and make as many nominations for election to the Board as it shall in its discretion determine, but in no event less than the number of Directors' positions to be filled at such election. Any member may nominate himself or herself as a candidate by notice to the Nominating Committee (or to the Secretary if there is no Nominating Committee) within the Candidate Filing Period.

4.8 Election. Each member may cast as many votes as the member has under the provisions of the Declaration, for each vacancy on which such member is entitled to vote. If the number of candidates nominated is equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, then those candidates shall be deemed elected without the necessity of a vote. If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of positions to be filled, an election shall be held, and the person receiving the largest number of votes cast by the members (for each vacancy on which such members are entitled to vote) is elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. So long as required by Section 720.306(9), Florida Statutes (2022), any election dispute between a member and the Association shall be resolved by binding arbitration with the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes in the Department of Business and

Professional Regulation or filed with a court of competent jurisdiction. Any challenge to the election process must be commenced within sixty (60) days after the election results are announced.

5. Meeting of Directors.

5.1 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a schedule adopted by the Board from time to time. Meetings shall be held at such place and hour as may be fixed, from time to time, by resolution of the Board.

5.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the President, or by any two (2) Directors. Each Director shall be given not less than two (2) days' notice except in the event of an emergency. Notice may be waived. Attendance shall be a waiver of notice. Telephone conference meetings are permitted.

5.3 Emergencies. In the event of an emergency involving immediate danger of injury or death to any person or damage to property, if a meeting of the Board cannot be immediately convened to determine a course of action, the President or, in his absence, any other officer or director, shall be authorized to take such action on behalf of the Association as shall be reasonably required to appropriately respond to the emergency situation, including the expenditure of the Association funds in the minimum amount as may be reasonably required under the circumstances. The authority of officers to act in accordance herewith shall remain in effect until the first to occur of the resolution of the emergency situation or a meeting of the Board convened to act in response thereto.

5.4 Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting, at which a quorum is present, or in writing in lieu thereof, shall be an action of the Board. Directors may attend meetings via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication. A Director's participation in a meeting via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication counts toward a quorum, and such Director may vote as if physically present. A speaker must be used so that the conversation of Directors not physically present may be heard by the Board, as well as by any members present at the meeting. Members may not attend Board meetings via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication.

5.5 Open Meetings. Meetings of the Board, and of any committee of the Board, shall be open to all members.

5.6 Voting. Board members shall cast votes in the manner provided in the Florida Statutes. In the absence of a statutory provision, the Board shall establish the manner in which votes shall be cast.

5.7 Notice of Board Meetings. Notices of meetings of the Board shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the Common Areas at least 48 hours in advance, except in an event of an emergency. Alternatively, notice may be given to members in any other manner provided by Florida Statute, as amended from time to time. By way of example, and not of limitation, notice may be given in any newsletter distributed to the members. Written notice of Board meetings also may be provided when transmitted by any form of Electronic Transmission. For the purposes of giving notice, the area for notices to be posted selected by the Board shall be deemed a conspicuous place. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, notice of any meeting of the Board at which an Assessment will be levied must be provided to all members at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting, which notice shall include a statement that Assessments will be considered at the meeting and the nature of the Assessments.

5.8 Electronic or Video Attendance. The Board may, by majority consent, permit any Directors to participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, such as telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the meeting must be held at a location that is

accessible to a physically handicapped person if requested by a physically handicapped person who has a right to attend the meeting.

6. Powers and Duties of the Board.

6.1 Powers. The Board shall have, subject to the limitations and reservations set forth in the Declaration and Articles, the powers reasonably necessary to manage, operate, maintain and discharge the duties of the Association, including, but not limited to, the power to cause the Association to do the following:

6.1.1 General. Exercise all powers, duties, and authority vested in or delegated to the Association by law and in these Bylaws, the Articles, and the Declaration, including without limitation, adopt budgets, levy Assessments, and enter into contracts with Telecommunications Providers for Telecommunications Services.

6.1.2 Rules and Regulations. Adopt, publish, promulgate and enforce Rules and Regulations governing the use of HARDWICK FARMS by the members, tenants and their guests and invitees, and to establish penalties and/or fines for the infraction thereof, subject only to the requirements of the Florida Statutes, if any.

6.1.3 Enforcement. Suspend the right of use of the Common Areas (other than for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and for utilities) of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any Assessment or charge levied, or collected, by the Association.

6.1.4 Declare Vacancies. Declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular Board meetings.

6.1.5 Hire Employees and/or Independent Contractors. Engage, on behalf of the Association, managers, independent contractors, or such other employees as it deems necessary, to prescribe their duties and delegate to such manager, contractor, etc., any or all of the duties and functions of the Association and/or its officers.

6.1.6 Common Areas. Acquire, sell, operate, lease, manage and otherwise trade and deal with property, real and personal, including the Common Areas, as provided in the Declaration, and with any other matters involving the Association or its members, on behalf of the Association or the discharge of its duties, as may be necessary or convenient for the operation and management of the Association and in accomplishing the purposes set forth in the Declaration.

6.1.7 Granting of Interest. Grant licenses, easements, permits, leases, or privileges to any individual or entity, which affect Common Areas and to alter, add to, relocate or improve the Common Areas as provided in the Declaration.

6.1.8 Financial Reports. Prepare all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes.

6.2 Vote. The Board shall exercise all powers so granted, except where the Declaration, Articles or these Bylaws specifically require a vote of the members.

6.3 Limitations. Until the Turnover, the Declarant shall have and is hereby granted a right to disapprove or veto any such action, policy, or program proposed or authorized by the Association, the Board, the ACC, any committee of the Association, or the vote of the members. This right may be exercised by the Declarant at any time within sixty (60) days following a meeting held pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof. This right to disapprove may be used to veto proposed actions but shall not extend to the requiring of any action or counteraction on behalf of the Association, the Board, the ACC or any committee of the Association.

7. Obligations of the Association. The Association, subject to the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, and these Bylaws shall discharge such duties as necessary to operate the Association pursuant to the Declaration, including, but not limited to, the following:

7.1 Official Records. Maintain and make available all Official Records;

7.2 Supervision. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Association, and to see that their duties are properly performed;

7.3 Assessments and Fines. Fix and collect the amount of the Assessments and fines; take all necessary legal action; and pay, or cause to be paid, all obligations of the Association or where the Association has agreed to do so, of the members; and

7.4 Enforcement. Enforce the provisions of the Declaration, Articles, these Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.

8. Officers and Their Duties.

8.1 Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

8.2 Election of Officers. After the Turnover, and except as set forth herein, the election of officers shall be by the Board and shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each Annual Members Meeting.

8.3 Term. The officers named in the Articles shall serve until their replacement by the Board. The officers of the Association shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected unless such officer shall sooner resign, be removed, or otherwise be disqualified to serve.

8.4 Special Appointment. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

8.5 Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

8.6 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the replaced officer.

8.7 Multiple Offices. The office of President and Vice President shall not be held by the same person. All other offices may be held by the same person.

8.8 Duties. The duties of the officers are as follows:

8.8.1 President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board, sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board. The President shall be a member of the Board.

8.8.2 Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of the absence, inability or refusal to act of the President, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

8.8.3 Secretary. The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the Minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Association and the Board; keep the corporate seal of the

Association and affix it on all papers required to be sealed; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the Association; keep appropriate current records showing the names of the members of the Association together with their addresses; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

8.8.4 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall cause to be received and deposited in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by the Board; sign, or cause to be signed, all checks, and promissory notes of the Association; cause to be kept proper books of account and accounting records required pursuant to the provisions of Section 720.303, Florida Statutes (2022); cause to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles all financial reports required by the Florida Statutes; and perform such other duties as required by the Board.

9. Committees.

9.1 General. Subject to Section 617.0825, Florida Statutes (2022), the Board may appoint such committees as deemed appropriate, which committees may be comprised of all members, all directors, or a combination of the foregoing. The Board may fill any vacancies on all committees.

9.2 ACC. The Declarant shall have the sole right to appoint the members of the ACC until the Community Completion Date. Upon expiration of the right of the Declarant to appoint members of the ACC, the Board shall appoint the members of the ACC. As provided under the Declaration, the Association shall have the authority and standing to seek enforcement in courts of competent jurisdiction any decisions of the ACC.

10. Records. The Official Records of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association. Copies may be purchased, by a member, at a reasonable cost. The Association may comply with an official records request by making the records available to a member electronically via the Internet or by allowing the records to be viewed in electronic format on a computer screen and printed upon request. The Association must allow a member to use a portable device, including a smartphone, tablet, portable scanner, or any other technology capable of scanning or taking photographs, to make an electronic copy of the Official Records in lieu of the Association providing the member with a copy of such records. The Association may not charge a fee to a member for the use of a portable device.

11. Corporate Seal. The Association may have an impression seal in circular form.

12. Amendments.

12.1 General Restrictions on Amendments. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, no amendment to these Bylaws shall affect the rights of the Declarant or Landbanker unless such amendment receives the prior written consent of the Declarant and Landbanker (so long as Landbanker still owns real property within HARDWICK FARMS), which may be withheld for any reason whatsoever. If the prior written approval of any governmental entity or agency having jurisdiction is required by applicable law or governmental regulation for any amendment to these Bylaws, then the prior written consent of such entity or agency must also be obtained. No amendment shall be effective until it is recorded in the Public Records.

12.2 Amendments Prior to the Turnover. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend these Bylaws as it deems appropriate, without the joinder or consent of any other person or entity whatsoever, except as limited by applicable law as it exists and is effective on the date the Declaration is recorded in the Public Records or except as expressly set forth herein, provided, however, Declarant must obtain Landbanker's prior written consent if Landbanker owns any real property within HARDWICK FARMS. The Declarant's right to amend under this provision is to be construed as broadly as possible. In the event the Association shall desire to amend these Bylaws prior to the Turnover, the Association must first obtain the Declarant's prior written consent to any proposed amendment (and Landbanker's prior written consent if Landbanker owns real property within HARDWICK FARMS). An amendment identical to that approved by the Declarant may be adopted by the Association pursuant to the requirements for

amendments from and after the Turnover. Thereafter, the Declarant shall join in such identical amendment so that its consent to the same will be reflected in the Public Records.

12.3 Amendments From and After the Turnover. After the Turnover, but subject to the general and specific restrictions on amendments set forth above, these Bylaws may be amended with the approval of (i) a majority of the Board; and (ii) fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Interests present (in person or by proxy) at a duly called meeting of the members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these Bylaws may be amended after the Turnover by a majority of the Board acting alone to change the number of Directors on the Board and their respective terms. Such change shall not require the approval of the members. Any change in the number of Directors shall not take effect until the next Annual Members Meeting.

12.4 Compliance with HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA and SJRWMD. Prior to the Turnover, the Declarant shall have the right to amend these Bylaws, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SJRWMD, or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Association, other Owners, or any other party shall be required or necessary to such amendment. After the Turnover Date, but subject to the general restrictions on amendments set forth above, the Board shall have the right to amend these Bylaws, from time to time, to make such changes, modifications and additions therein and thereto as may be requested or required by HUD, FHA, VA, FNMA, GNMA, SJRWMD or any other governmental agency or body as a condition to, or in connection with such agency's or body's regulatory requirements or agreement to make, purchase, accept, insure, guaranty or otherwise approve loans secured by mortgages on Lots. No approval or joinder of the Owners, or any other party, shall be required or necessary to any such amendments by the Board. Any such amendments by the Board shall require the approval of a majority of the Board.

13. Conflict. In the case of any conflict between the Articles and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control. In the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control.

14. Fiscal Year. The first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation and end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year. Thereafter, the fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of every year.

15. Miscellaneous.

15.1 Florida Statutes. Whenever these Bylaws refers to the Florida Statutes, it shall be deemed to refer to the Florida Statutes as they exist and are effective on the date these Bylaws are recorded in the Public Records except to the extent provided otherwise as to any particular provision of the Florida Statutes.

15.2 Severability. Invalidation of any of the provisions of these Bylaws by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provision, and the remainder of these Bylaws shall remain in full force and effect.

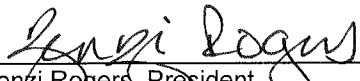
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CERTIFICATION

I, Zenzi Rogers, do hereby certify that:

I am the duly elected and acting President of HARDWICK FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation; and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Association this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
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Zenzi Rogers, President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

**EXHIBIT 4**  
**PERMIT**



# St. Johns River Water Management District

Michael A. Register, P.E., Executive Director

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March 28, 2022

Ryan Mott  
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New York, NY 10120

SUBJECT: 138929-3  
Powers Avenue Residential Development

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is your individual permit issued by the St. Johns River Water Management District on March 28, 2022. This permit is a legal document and should be kept with your other important documents. Permit issuance does not relieve you from the responsibility of obtaining any necessary permits from any federal, state, or local agencies for your project.

**Technical Staff Report:**

If you wish to review a copy of the Technical Staff Report (TSR) that provides the District’s staff analysis of your permit application, you may view the TSR by going to the Permitting section of the District’s website at [www.sjrwmd.com/permitting](http://www.sjrwmd.com/permitting). Using the “search applications and permits” feature, you can use your permit number or project name to find information about the permit. When you see the results of your search, click on the permit number and then on the TSR folder.

**Noticing Your Permit:**

For noticing instructions, please refer to the noticing materials in this package regarding closing the point of entry for someone to challenge the issuance of your permit. Please note that if a timely petition for administrative hearing is filed, your permit will become non-final and any activities that you choose to undertake pursuant to your permit will be at your own risk. Please refer to the attached Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District’s agency action.

**Compliance with Permit Conditions:**

To submit your required permit compliance information, go to the District’s website at [www.sjrwmd.com/permitting](http://www.sjrwmd.com/permitting). Under the “Apply for a permit or submit compliance data” section, click to sign-in to your existing account or to create a new account. Select the “Compliance Submittal” tab, enter your permit number, and select “No Specific Date” for the Compliance Due Date Range. You will then be able to view all the compliance submittal requirements for your project. Select the compliance item that you are ready to submit and then attach the appropriate information or form. The forms to comply with your permit conditions are available at [www.sjrwmd.com/permitting](http://www.sjrwmd.com/permitting) under the section “Handbooks, forms, fees, final orders”. Click on

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forms to view all permit compliance forms, then scroll to the ERP application forms section and select the applicable compliance forms. Alternatively, if you have difficulty finding forms or need copies of the appropriate forms, please contact the Bureau of Regulatory Support at (386) 329-4570.

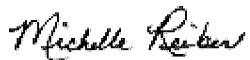
**Transferring Your Permit:**

Your permit requires you to notify the District within 30 days of any change in ownership or control of the project or activity covered by the permit, or within 30 days of any change in ownership or control of the real property on which the permitted project or activity is located or occurs. You will need to provide the District with the information specified in rule 62-330.340, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Generally, this will require you to complete and submit Form 62-330.340(1), "Request to Transfer Permit," available at <http://www.sjrwmd.com/permitting/permitforms.html>.

Please note that a permittee is liable for compliance with the permit before the permit is transferred. The District, therefore, recommends that you request a permit transfer in advance in accordance with the applicable rules. You are encouraged to contact District staff for assistance with this process.

Thank you and please let us know if you have additional questions. For general questions contact [e-permit@sjrwmd.com](mailto:e-permit@sjrwmd.com) or (386) 329-4570.

Sincerely,



Michelle Reiber, Bureau Chief  
Division of Regulatory Services  
St. Johns River Water Management District  
525 Community College Parkway, S.E.  
Palm Bay, FL 32909  
(321) 409-2129

Enclosures: Permit  
Notice of Rights  
List of Newspapers for Publication

cc: District Permit File

Andrew J Booth  
14775 Old St Augustine Rd  
Jacksonville, FL 32258-2463

Northeast District  
DEP

**ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Post Office Box 1429**  
**Palatka, Florida 32178-1429**

**PERMIT NO:** 138929-3

**DATE ISSUED:** March 28, 2022

**PROJECT NAME:** Powers Avenue Residential Development

**A PERMIT AUTHORIZING:**

Construction and operation of a Stormwater Management System for a 74.2-acre project known as Powers Avenue Residential Development as per plans received by the District on February 16, 2022.

**LOCATION:**

Section(s): 56 Township(s): 3S Range(s): 27E  
 Duval County

**Receiving Water Body:**

Name	Class
Goodbys Creek	III Fresh, IW

**ISSUED TO:**

KL LHB3 AIV, LLC  
 111 W 33rd St  
 Ste 1910  
 New York, NY 10120

The permittee agrees to hold and save the St. Johns River Water Management District and its successors harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise from permit issuance. Said application, including all plans and specifications attached thereto, is by reference made a part hereof.


This permit does not convey to the permittee any property rights nor any rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the permittee from complying with any law, regulation or requirement affecting the rights of other bodies or agencies. All structures and works installed by permittee hereunder shall remain the property of the permittee.

This permit may be revoked, modified, or transferred at any time pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes.

**PERMIT IS CONDITIONED UPON:**

See conditions on attached "Exhibit A", dated March 28, 2022

**AUTHORIZED BY:** St. Johns River Water Management District  
 Division of Regulatory Services

By: 

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Everett Frye  
 Supervising Professional Engineer

**"EXHIBIT A"**  
**CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NUMBER 138929-3**  
**Powers Avenue Residential Development**  
**DATED March 28, 2022**

1. All activities shall be implemented following the plans, specifications and performance criteria approved by this permit. Any deviations must be authorized in a permit modification in accordance with Rule 62-330.315, F.A.C. Any deviations that are not so authorized may subject the permittee to enforcement action and revocation of the permit under Chapter 373, F.S.
2. A complete copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity during the construction phase, and shall be available for review at the work site upon request by the District staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to beginning construction.
3. Activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards. Performance-based erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed immediately prior to, and be maintained during and after construction as needed, to prevent adverse impacts to the water resources and adjacent lands. Such practices shall be in accordance with the State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation June 2007), and the Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), which are both incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-330.050(9)(b)5, F.A.C., unless a project-specific erosion and sediment control plan is approved or other water quality control measures are required as part of the permit.
4. At least 48 hours prior to beginning the authorized activities, the permittee shall submit to the District a fully executed Form 62-330.350(1), "Construction Commencement Notice," (October 1, 2013) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02505>), incorporated by reference herein, indicating the expected start and completion dates. A copy of this form may be obtained from the District, as described in subsection 62-330.010(5), F.A.C., and shall be submitted electronically or by mail to the Agency. However, for activities involving more than one acre of construction that also require a NPDES stormwater construction general permit, submittal of the Notice of Intent to Use Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction Activities, DEP Form 62-621.300(4)(b), shall also serve as notice of commencement of construction under this chapter and, in such a case, submittal of Form 62-330.350(1) is not required.
5. Unless the permit is transferred under Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C., or transferred to an operating entity under Rule 62-330.310, F.A.C., the permittee is liable to comply with the plans, terms and conditions of the permit for the life of the project or activity.
6. Within 30 days after completing construction of the entire project, or any independent portion of the project, the permittee shall provide the following to the Agency, as applicable:
  - a. For an individual, private single-family residential dwelling unit, duplex, triplex, or quadruplex — "Construction Completion and Inspection Certification for Activities Associated with a Private Single-Family Dwelling Unit" [Form 62-330.310(3)]; or
  - b. For all other activities — "As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operation Phase" [Form 62-330.310(1)].

- c. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this certification requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
7. If the final operation and maintenance entity is a third party:
  - a. Prior to sales of any lot or unit served by the activity and within one year of permit issuance, or within 30 days of as-built certification, whichever comes first, the permittee shall submit, as applicable, a copy of the operation and maintenance documents (see sections 12.3 thru 12.3.4 of Volume I) as filed with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations and a copy of any easement, plat, or deed restriction needed to operate or maintain the project, as recorded with the Clerk of the Court in the County in which the activity is located.
  - b. Within 30 days of submittal of the as- built certification, the permittee shall submit "Request for Transfer of Environmental Resource Permit to the Perpetual Operation and Maintenance Entity" [Form 62-330.310(2)] to transfer the permit to the operation and maintenance entity, along with the documentation requested in the form. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this transfer requirement may be used in lieu of the form.
8. The permittee shall notify the District in writing of changes required by any other regulatory District that require changes to the permitted activity, and any required modification of this permit must be obtained prior to implementing the changes.
9. This permit does not:
  - a. Convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges, or any other rights or privileges other than those specified herein or in Chapter 62-330, F.A.C.;
  - b. Convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any interest in real property;
  - c. Relieve the permittee from the need to obtain and comply with any other required federal, state, and local authorization, law, rule, or ordinance; or
  - d. Authorize any entrance upon or work on property that is not owned, held in easement, or controlled by the permittee.
10. Prior to conducting any activities on state-owned submerged lands or other lands of the state, title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the permittee must receive all necessary approvals and authorizations under Chapters 253 and 258, F.S. Written authorization that requires formal execution by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall not be considered received until it has been fully executed.
11. The permittee shall hold and save the District harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities that may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any project authorized by the permit.
12. The permittee shall notify the District in writing:
  - a. Immediately if any previously submitted information is discovered to be inaccurate; and
  - b. Within 30 days of any conveyance or division of ownership or control of the property or the system, other than conveyance via a long-term lease, and the new owner shall

request transfer of the permit in accordance with Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C. This does not apply to the sale of lots or units in residential or commercial subdivisions or condominiums where the stormwater management system has been completed and converted to the operation phase.

13. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, District staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the project or activities to ensure conformity with the plans and specifications authorized in the permit.
14. If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, stone tools, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. The permittee or other designee shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section (DHR), at (850) 245-6333, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Project activities shall not resume without verbal or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. If unmarked human remains are encountered, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, F.S. For project activities subject to prior consultation with the DHR and as an alternative to the above requirements, the permittee may follow procedures for unanticipated discoveries as set forth within a cultural resources assessment survey determined complete and sufficient by DHR and included as a specific permit condition herein.
15. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Rule 62-330.201, F.A.C., provides otherwise.
16. The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all components of the stormwater management system to remove trapped sediments and debris. Removed materials shall be disposed of in a landfill or other uplands in a manner that does not require a permit under Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., or cause violations of state water quality standards.
17. This permit is issued based on the applicant's submitted information that reasonably demonstrates that adverse water resource-related impacts will not be caused by the completed permit activity. If any adverse impacts result, the District will require the permittee to eliminate the cause, obtain any necessary permit modification, and take any necessary corrective actions to resolve the adverse impacts.
18. A Recorded Notice of Environmental Resource Permit may be recorded in the county public records in accordance with Rule 62-330.090(7), F.A.C. Such notice is not an encumbrance upon the property.
19. This permit for construction will expire five years from the date of issuance.
20. At a minimum, all retention and detention storage areas must be excavated to rough grade prior to building construction or placement of impervious surface within the area to be served by those facilities. To prevent reduction in storage volume and percolation rates, all accumulated sediment must be removed from the storage area prior to final grading and stabilization.
21. All wetland areas or water bodies that are outside the specific limits of construction authorized by this permit must be protected from erosion, siltation, scouring or excess turbidity, and dewatering.

22. The operation and maintenance entity shall inspect the stormwater or surface water management system once within two years after the completion of construction and every two years thereafter to determine if the system is functioning as designed and permitted. The operation and maintenance entity must maintain a record of each required inspection, including the date of the inspection, the name and contact information of the inspector, and whether the system was functioning as designed and permitted, and make such record available for inspection upon request by the District during normal business hours. If at any time the system is not functioning as designed and permitted, then within 30 days the entity shall submit a report electronically or in writing to the District using Form 62-330.311(1), "Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification," describing the remedial actions taken to resolve the failure or deviation.
23. This permit does not authorize the permittee to cause any adverse impact to or "take" of state listed species and other regulated species of fish and wildlife. Compliance with state laws regulating the take of fish and wildlife is the responsibility of the owner or applicant associated with this project. Please refer to Chapter 68A-27 of the Florida Administrative Code for definitions of "take" and a list of fish and wildlife species. If listed species are observed onsite, FWC staff are available to provide decision support information or assist in obtaining the appropriate FWC permits. Most marine endangered and threatened species are statutorily protected and a "take" permit cannot be issued. Requests for further information or review can be sent to [FWCConservationPlanningServices@MyFWC.com](mailto:FWCConservationPlanningServices@MyFWC.com).
24. The surface water management system shall be constructed and operated in accordance with plans and calculations received by the District on February 16, 2022.
25. The previously authorized wetland impacts must be performed as indicated on the plans received by the District on February 16, 2022.

### Notice Of Rights

1. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code, the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka Florida 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at [Clerk@sjrwm.com](mailto:Clerk@sjrwm.com), within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing the notice of District decision in the mail (for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice), within twenty-one (21) days of the District emailing the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District emails actual notice), or within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax), as explained in paragraph no. 4 below.
2. Please be advised that if you wish to dispute this District decision, mediation may be available and that choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing. If you wish to request mediation, you must do so in a timely-filed petition. If all parties, including the District, agree to the details of the mediation procedure, in writing, within 10 days after the time period stated in the announcement for election of an administrative remedy under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, the time limitations imposed by Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, shall be tolled to allow mediation of the disputed District decision. The mediation must be concluded within 60 days of the date of the parties' written agreement, or such other timeframe agreed to by the parties in writing. Any mediation agreement must include provisions for selecting a mediator, a statement that each party shall be responsible for paying its pro-rata share of the costs and fees associated with mediation, and the mediating parties' understanding regarding the confidentiality of discussions and documents introduced during mediation. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the District will enter a final order consistent with the settlement agreement. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the District will notify all the parties in writing that the administrative hearing process under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, is resumed. Even if a party chooses not to engage in formal mediation, or if formal mediation does not result in a settlement agreement, the District will remain willing to engage in informal settlement discussions.
3. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to an informal administrative hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, where no material facts are in dispute. A petition for an informal hearing must also comply with the requirements set forth in Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code.

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4. A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at [sjrwmd.com](http://sjrwmd.com). These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.
5. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite timeframe shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, Florida Administrative Code).
6. The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the District's final action has the right to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.
7. Pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, a party to the proceeding before the District who is adversely affected by final District action may seek review of the action in the District Court of Appeal by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, within 30 days of the rendering of the final District action.
8. A District action is considered rendered, as referred to in paragraph no. 7 above, after it is signed on behalf of the District and filed by the District Clerk.
9. Failure to observe the relevant timeframes for filing a petition for judicial review as described in paragraph no. 7 above will result in waiver of that right to review.

## NOTICING INFORMATION

Please be advised that the St. Johns River Water Management District will not publish a notice in the newspaper advising the public that it has issued a permit for this project.

Newspaper publication, using the District's notice form, notifies members of the public of their right to challenge the issuance of the permit. If proper notice is given by newspaper publication, then there is a 21-day time limit for someone to file a petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the issuance of the permit.

To close the point of entry for filing a petition, you may publish (at your own expense) a one-time notice of the District's decision in a newspaper of general circulation within the affected area as defined in Section 50.011 of the Florida Statutes. If you do not publish a newspaper notice to close the point of entry, the time to challenge the issuance of your permit will not expire and someone could file a petition even after your project is constructed.

A copy of the notice form and a partial list of newspapers of general circulation are attached for your convenience. However, you are not limited to those listed newspapers. If you choose to close the point of entry and the notice is published, the newspaper will return to you an affidavit of publication. In that event, it is important that you either submit a scanned copy of the affidavit by emailing it to [compliancesupport@sjrwmd.com](mailto:compliancesupport@sjrwmd.com) (preferred method) or send a copy of the original affidavit to:

Office of Business and Administrative Services  
4049 Reid Street  
Palatka, FL 32177

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Business and Administrative Services at (386) 329-4570.

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE  
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on \_\_\_\_\_:

(Name and address of applicant)\_\_\_\_\_  
permit#\_\_\_\_\_. The project is located in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Section  
\_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ East. The permit authorizes a surface  
water management system on \_\_\_\_\_ acres for  
\_\_\_\_\_ known as  
\_\_\_\_\_. The receiving water body is \_\_\_\_\_.

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If you wish to do so, please visit [http://www.sjrwm.com/nor\\_dec/](http://www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/) to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Business and Administrative Services, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570.

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