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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

**OF**  
**COASTAL OAKS**  
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~~THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS~~  
OF Coastal Oaks (the "Declaration") is made and executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2007, by Toll Jacksonville Limited Partnership a Florida limited partnership, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called Declarant.

**WITNESSETH:**

~~WHEREAS, Toll Jacksonville Limited Partnership~~ the owner of the real property within St. Johns County, a master planned community, which property is described in Exhibit "A" attached herein and is also described in Article II of this Declaration, and desires to create thereon mutually beneficial restrictions under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of the real property and all of its future owners.

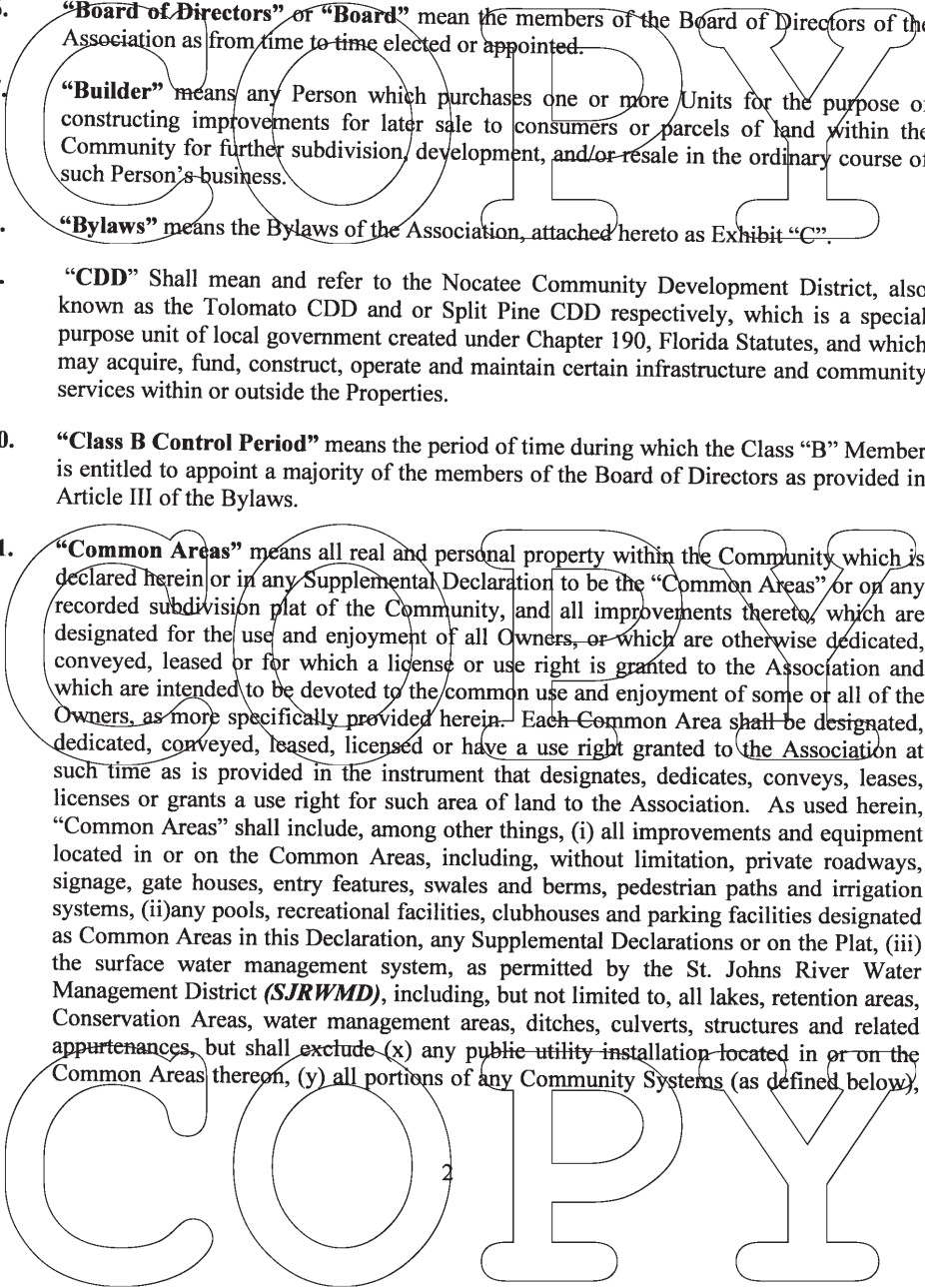
~~NOW, THEREFORE,~~ Declarant hereby declares that all of the real property described in Article II of this Declaration, together with any improvements constructed or to be constructed thereon, is and shall be owned, held, transferred, sold, conveyed, encumbered, leased, rented, used, occupied and improved subject to the following covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, assessments and liens all of which are established for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the real property described in Article II and every part thereof and all of which shall run with the land and the title to the real property subject to this Declaration and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest therein.

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

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

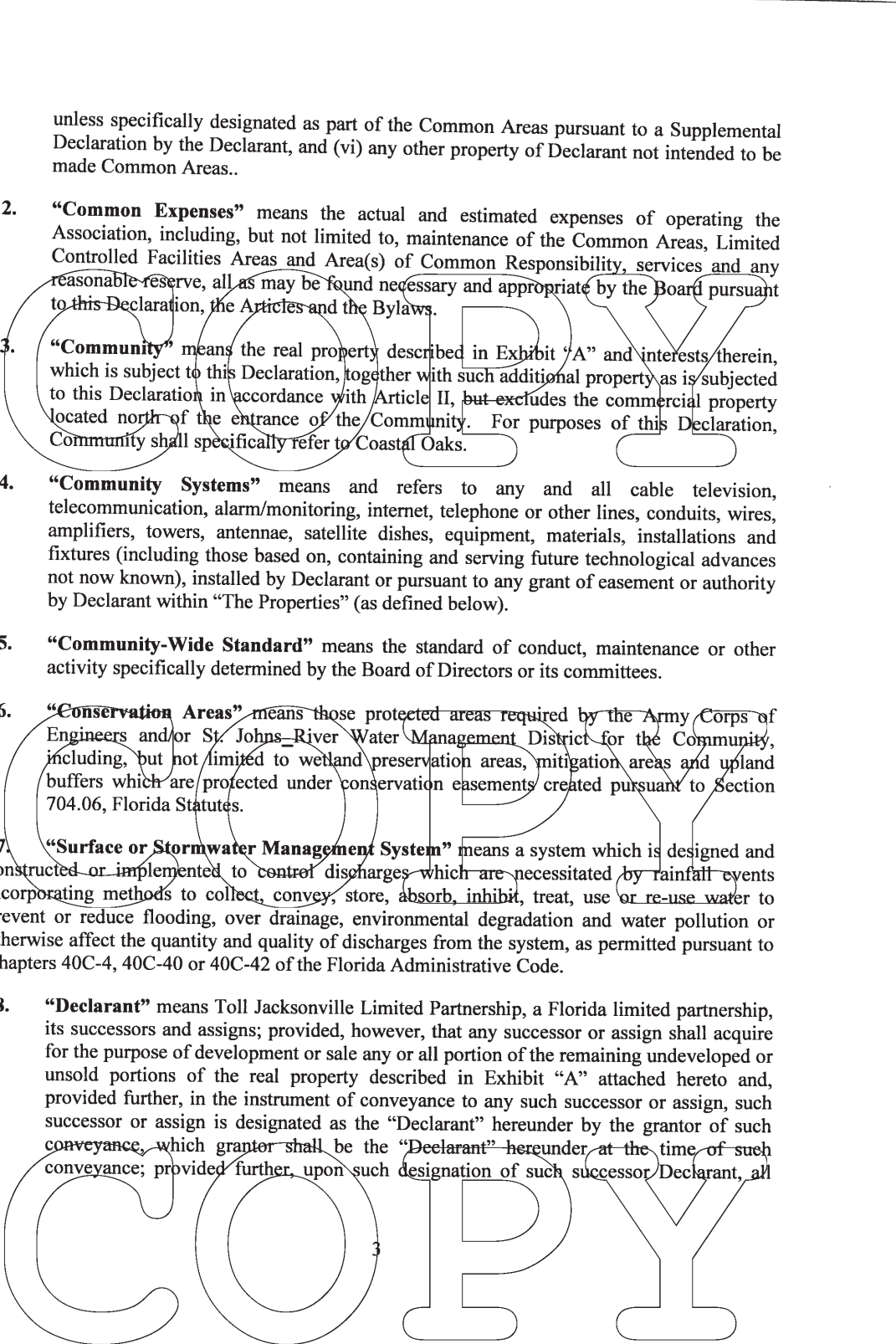
1. **"Architectural Standards"** means the design criteria and building guidelines promulgated by the Architectural Review Committee as more particularly described in Article X of this Declaration.
2. **"Area(s) of Common Responsibility"** means the Common Area, together with those areas, if any, which by the terms of this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration (as hereinafter defined), other applicable covenants, or by contract become the responsibility of the Association.
3. **"Articles"** means the Articles of Incorporation of Coastal Oaks Homeowners Association, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

4. **"Association"** means Coastal Oaks Homeowners Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.
5. **"Base Assessment"** means assessments levied on all Units subject to assessment under Article VIII to fund Common Expenses for the general benefit of all Units, as more particularly described in Article VIII, Section 8.1.
6. **"Board of Directors" or "Board"** mean the members of the Board of Directors of the Association as from time to time elected or appointed.
7. **"Builder"** means any Person which purchases one or more Units for the purpose of constructing improvements for later sale to consumers or parcels of land within the Community for further subdivision, development, and/or resale in the ordinary course of such Person's business.
8. **"Bylaws"** means the Bylaws of the Association, attached hereto as Exhibit "C".
9. **"CDD"** Shall mean and refer to the Nocatee Community Development District, also known as the Tolomato CDD and or Split Pine CDD respectively, which is a special purpose unit of local government created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and which may acquire, fund, construct, operate and maintain certain infrastructure and community services within or outside the Properties.
10. **"Class B Control Period"** means the period of time during which the Class "B" Member is entitled to appoint a majority of the members of the Board of Directors as provided in Article III of the Bylaws.
11. **"Common Areas"** means all real and personal property within the Community which is declared herein or in any Supplemental Declaration to be the "Common Areas" or on any recorded subdivision plat of the Community, and all improvements thereto, which are designated for the use and enjoyment of all Owners, or which are otherwise dedicated, conveyed, leased or for which a license or use right is granted to the Association and which are intended to be devoted to the common use and enjoyment of some or all of the Owners, as more specifically provided herein. Each Common Area shall be designated, dedicated, conveyed, leased, licensed or have a use right granted to the Association at such time as is provided in the instrument that designates, dedicates, conveys, leases, licenses or grants a use right for such area of land to the Association. As used herein, "Common Areas" shall include, among other things, (i) all improvements and equipment located in or on the Common Areas, including, without limitation, private roadways, signage, gate houses, entry features, swales and berms, pedestrian paths and irrigation systems, (ii) any pools, recreational facilities, clubhouses and parking facilities designated as Common Areas in this Declaration, any Supplemental Declarations or on the Plat, (iii) the surface water management system, as permitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District (**SJRWMD**), including, but not limited to, all lakes, retention areas, Conservation Areas, water management areas, ditches, culverts, structures and related appurtenances, but shall exclude (x) any public utility installation located in or on the Common Areas thereon, (y) all portions of any Community Systems (as defined below),



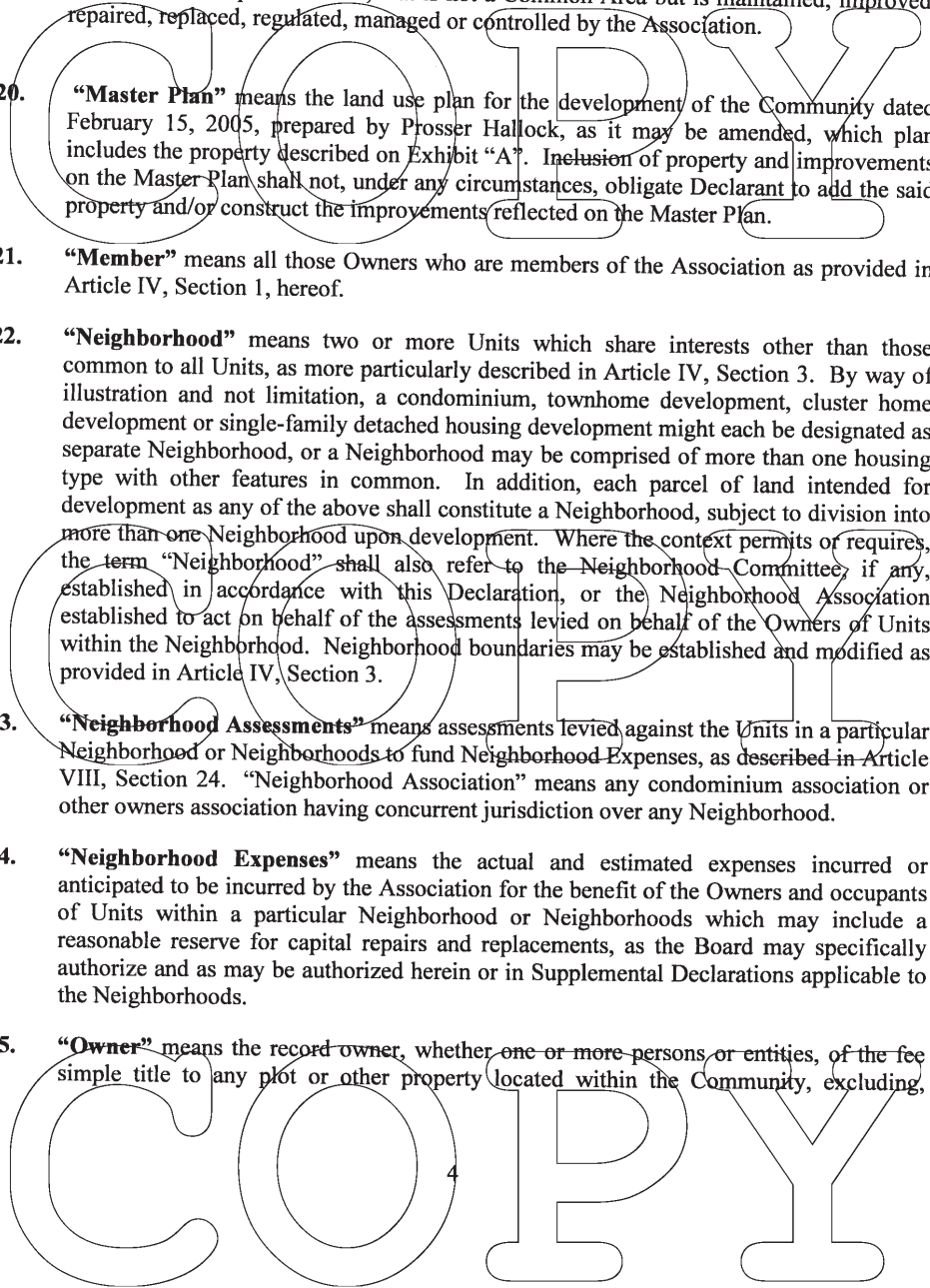
unless specifically designated as part of the Common Areas pursuant to a Supplemental Declaration by the Declarant, and (vi) any other property of Declarant not intended to be made Common Areas..

- 12. **“Common Expenses”** means the actual and estimated expenses of operating the Association, including, but not limited to, maintenance of the Common Areas, Limited Controlled Facilities Areas and Area(s) of Common Responsibility, services and any reasonable reserve, all as may be found necessary and appropriate by the Board pursuant to this Declaration, the Articles and the Bylaws.
- 13. **“Community”** means the real property described in Exhibit “A” and interests therein, which is subject to this Declaration, together with such additional property as is subjected to this Declaration in accordance with Article II, but excludes the commercial property located north of the entrance of the Community. For purposes of this Declaration, Community shall specifically refer to Coastal Oaks.
- 14. **“Community Systems”** means and refers to any and all cable television, telecommunication, alarm/monitoring, internet, telephone or other lines, conduits, wires, amplifiers, towers, antennae, satellite dishes, equipment, materials, installations and fixtures (including those based on, containing and serving future technological advances not now known), installed by Declarant or pursuant to any grant of easement or authority by Declarant within “The Properties” (as defined below).
- 15. **“Community-Wide Standard”** means the standard of conduct, maintenance or other activity specifically determined by the Board of Directors or its committees.
- 16. **“Conservation Areas”** means those protected areas required by the Army Corps of Engineers and/or St. Johns River Water Management District for the Community, including, but not limited to wetland preservation areas, mitigation areas and upland buffers which are protected under conservation easements created pursuant to Section 704.06, Florida Statutes.
- 17. **“Surface or Stormwater Management System”** means a system which is designed and constructed or implemented to control discharges which are necessitated by rainfall events incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use or re-use water to prevent or reduce flooding, over drainage, environmental degradation and water pollution or otherwise affect the quantity and quality of discharges from the system, as permitted pursuant to Chapters 40C-4, 40C-40 or 40C-42 of the Florida Administrative Code.
- 18. **“Declarant”** means Toll Jacksonville Limited Partnership, a Florida limited partnership, its successors and assigns; provided, however, that any successor or assign shall acquire for the purpose of development or sale any or all portion of the remaining undeveloped or unsold portions of the real property described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and, provided further, in the instrument of conveyance to any such successor or assign, such successor or assign is designated as the “Declarant” hereunder by the grantor of such conveyance, which grantor shall be the “Declarant” hereunder at the time of such conveyance; provided further, upon such designation of such successor Declarant, all



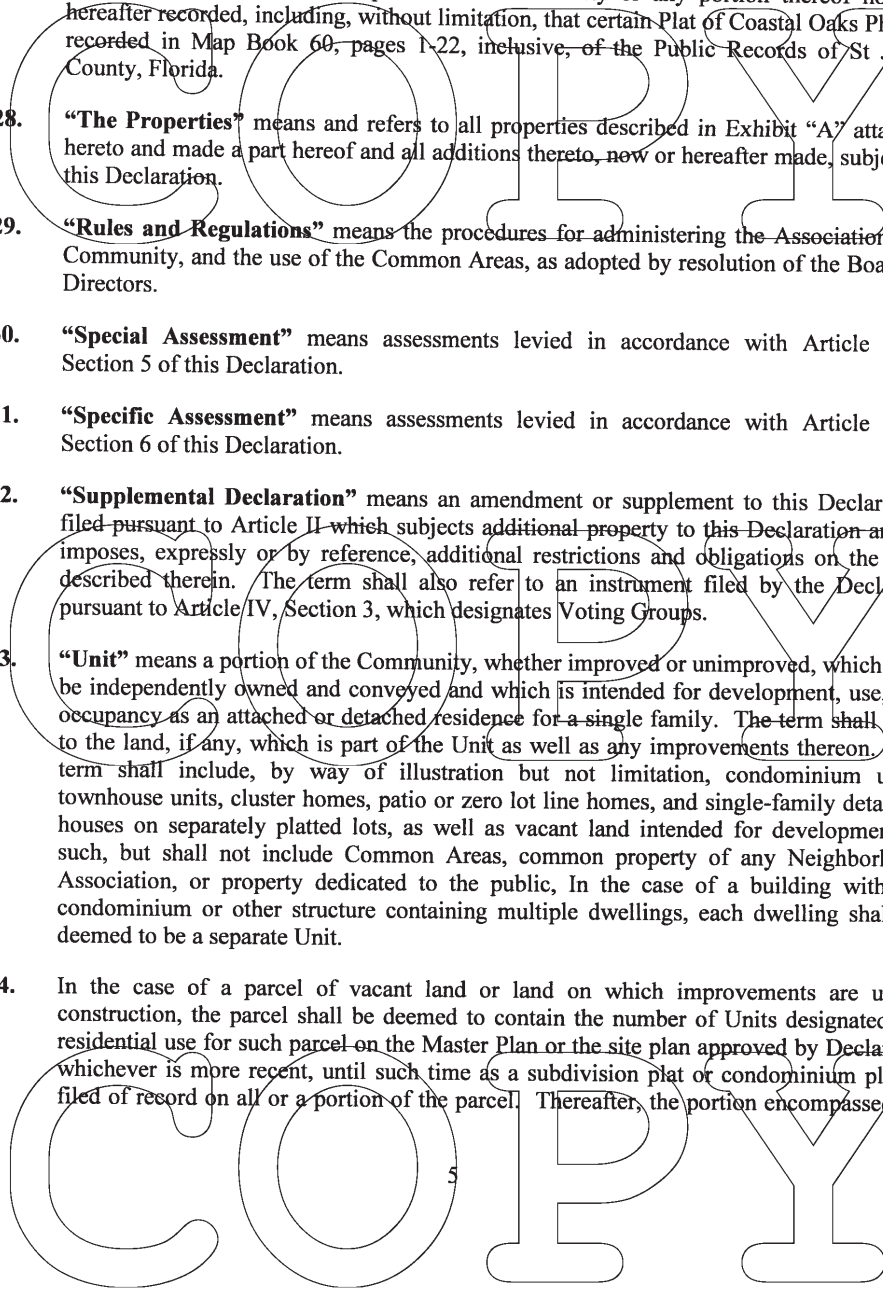
rights of the former Declarant in and to such status as "Declarant" hereunder shall cease, it being understood as to all of the property described in the Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which is now subject to this Declaration, there shall be no more than one person or legal entity entitled to exercise the rights and powers of the "Declarant" hereunder at any time.

- 19. **"Limited Controlled Facilities"** shall mean any real estate within the Community, whether or not a part of a unit, that is not a Common Area but is maintained, improved, repaired, replaced, regulated, managed or controlled by the Association.
- 20. **"Master Plan"** means the land use plan for the development of the Community dated February 15, 2005, prepared by Prosser Hallock, as it may be amended, which plan includes the property described on Exhibit "A". Inclusion of property and improvements on the Master Plan shall not, under any circumstances, obligate Declarant to add the said property and/or construct the improvements reflected on the Master Plan.
- 21. **"Member"** means all those Owners who are members of the Association as provided in Article IV, Section 1, hereof.
- 22. **"Neighborhood"** means two or more Units which share interests other than those common to all Units, as more particularly described in Article IV, Section 3. By way of illustration and not limitation, a condominium, townhome development, cluster home development or single-family detached housing development might each be designated as separate Neighborhood, or a Neighborhood may be comprised of more than one housing type with other features in common. In addition, each parcel of land intended for development as any of the above shall constitute a Neighborhood, subject to division into more than one Neighborhood upon development. Where the context permits or requires, the term "Neighborhood" shall also refer to the Neighborhood Committee, if any, established in accordance with this Declaration, or the Neighborhood Association established to act on behalf of the assessments levied on behalf of the Owners of Units within the Neighborhood. Neighborhood boundaries may be established and modified as provided in Article IV, Section 3.
- 23. **"Neighborhood Assessments"** means assessments levied against the Units in a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods to fund Neighborhood Expenses, as described in Article VIII, Section 24. "Neighborhood Association" means any condominium association or other owners association having concurrent jurisdiction over any Neighborhood.
- 24. **"Neighborhood Expenses"** means the actual and estimated expenses incurred or anticipated to be incurred by the Association for the benefit of the Owners and occupants of Units within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods which may include a reasonable reserve for capital repairs and replacements, as the Board may specifically authorize and as may be authorized herein or in Supplemental Declarations applicable to the Neighborhoods.
- 25. **"Owner"** means the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any plot or other property located within the Community, excluding,



however, the Association and any person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of an obligation.

- 26. **“Person”** means any natural person, as well as a corporation, joint venture, partnership (general or limited), association, trust or other legal entity.
- 27. **“Plat”** means any Plat or Replat of the Community or any portion thereof now or hereafter recorded, including, without limitation, that certain Plat of Coastal Oaks Phase I recorded in Map Book 60, pages 1-22, inclusive, of the Public Records of St Johns County, Florida.
- 28. **“The Properties”** means and refers to all properties described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof and all additions thereto, now or hereafter made, subject to this Declaration.
- 29. **“Rules and Regulations”** means the procedures for administering the Association, the Community, and the use of the Common Areas, as adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- 30. **“Special Assessment”** means assessments levied in accordance with Article VIII, Section 5 of this Declaration.
- 31. **“Specific Assessment”** means assessments levied in accordance with Article VIII, Section 6 of this Declaration.
- 32. **“Supplemental Declaration”** means an amendment or supplement to this Declaration filed pursuant to Article II which subjects additional property to this Declaration and/or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein. The term shall also refer to an instrument filed by the Declarant pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, which designates Voting Groups.
- 33. **“Unit”** means a portion of the Community, whether improved or unimproved, which may be independently owned and conveyed and which is intended for development, use, and occupancy as an attached or detached residence for a single family. The term shall refer to the land, if any, which is part of the Unit as well as any improvements thereon. The term shall include, by way of illustration but not limitation, condominium units, townhouse units, cluster homes, patio or zero lot line homes, and single-family detached houses on separately platted lots, as well as vacant land intended for development as such, but shall not include Common Areas, common property of any Neighborhood Association, or property dedicated to the public, In the case of a building within a condominium or other structure containing multiple dwellings, each dwelling shall be deemed to be a separate Unit.
- 34. In the case of a parcel of vacant land or land on which improvements are under construction, the parcel shall be deemed to contain the number of Units designated for residential use for such parcel on the Master Plan or the site plan approved by Declarant, whichever is more recent, until such time as a subdivision plat or condominium plat is filed of record on all or a portion of the parcel. Thereafter, the portion encompassed by



such plat shall constitute a separate Unit or Units as determined above and the number of Units on the remaining land, if any, shall continue to be determined in accordance with this paragraph.

- 35. **“Voting Group”** means one or more Neighborhood whose Voting Members vote on a common slate for election of directors to the Board of Directors, as more particularly described in Article IV, Section 3 or, if the context so indicates, the group of Owners whose Units comprise such Neighborhoods.
- 36. **“Voting Member”** means the representative(s) selected by the Members within each Neighborhood as provided in Article IV, Section 3 to be responsible for casting votes attributable to Units in the Neighborhood on matters requiring a vote of the membership (except as otherwise specifically provided in this Declaration and in the Bylaws). The term “Voting Member” shall include alternate Voting Members acting in the absence of the Voting Member and any Owners authorized to personally cast the votes for their respective Units pursuant to Article IV, Section 3.

**ARTICLE II  
PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION; WITHDRAWALS**

Section 1. Existing Property. The real property which is, and shall be, held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to this Declaration is described on Exhibit” A” attached hereto and made a part hereof (“The Properties”).

Section 2. Additions to Existing Property. Additional lands may become subject to this Declaration as follows:

(a) Declarant, together with the owner of fee simple title to the property involved if other than Declarant, shall have the right to bring additional properties within the operation of this Declaration to become part of the Community without the consent or joinder of any other Person being required, by filing a Supplemental Declaration in the Public Records of St Johns County, Florida.

(b) Additionally, Declarant shall have the right to bring additional properties within the operation of this Declaration to become part of the Community without the consent or joinder of any other Person being required to accomplish the following purposes:

(i) to include within the Community any portions of any rights-of-way which become abandoned and which abut the Community, or to otherwise move the boundary lines of the Community such that at locations where possible, the boundary lines abut public ways; and

(ii) to include within the Community the situs of lands containing easement ways for ingress and egress and the swale areas of such easement ways which connect any private road system within the Community to the public way.

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(c) Upon approval in writing of the Association pursuant to a majority vote of its members, an Owner of any land who desires to add it to the scheme of this Declaration and to subject it to the jurisdiction of the Association may file of public record a Supplemental Declaration declaring its intention and containing the legal description of the lands to be added; provided, so long as Declarant shall control the Association, either by having elected or appointed a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, then there shall be no additions to the Community (other than as permitted under paragraphs (a) and (b) above and paragraph (d) below), unless the Declarant joins the majority of Owners in approving such addition.

(d) Upon a merger or consolidation of the Association with another association, the Association's properties, rights and obligations may, by operation of law, be transferred to another surviving or consolidated association or, alternatively, the properties, rights and obligations of another association may, by operation of law, be added to the properties, rights and obligations of the Association as a surviving corporation pursuant to merger. The surviving or consolidated association may administer the covenants, restrictions and conditions established by this Declaration within the Community, together with the covenants, conditions and restrictions established upon any other property as one scheme. No such merger or consolidation, however, shall effect any revocation, change or addition to the covenants established by this Declaration within the Community.

(e) At the time any additional lands are made subject to this Declaration, Declarant may also record an instrument which:

(i) modifies any of the provisions of this Declaration insofar as they may apply to such additional lands only; or

(ii) creates new provisions applicable only to such additional lands; or

(iii) omits the applicability of any of the provisions of this Declaration as to any such additional lands; or

(iv) does any, all or none of the above.

(f) The execution and recordation of this Declaration shall not be construed to require Declarant to subject any additional lands to the covenants, conditions and restrictions or other provisions of this Declaration or any other recorded instrument.

Section 3. Withdrawal. Declarant reserves the right to amend this Declaration at any time, without prior notice and without the consent of any Person, for the purpose of removing certain portions of The Community then owned by the Declarant or its affiliates or the Association from provisions of this Declaration to the extent included originally in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for The Community desired to be affected by Declarant; provided, however, such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for The Community. Any withdrawal of land not owned by Declarant shall require the written consent or joinder of the then-owner(s) and mortgagee(s) of such land, but not of any others. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no withdrawal which affects the operation and maintenance of the surface water management system shall be made without the consent of the St. Johns River Water Management District (**SJRWMD**).

**ARTICLE III  
COMMON AREA AND LIMITED CONTROLLED FACILITIES; SPECIAL  
RECREATIONAL  
PARCELS; COMMUNITY SYSTEMS**

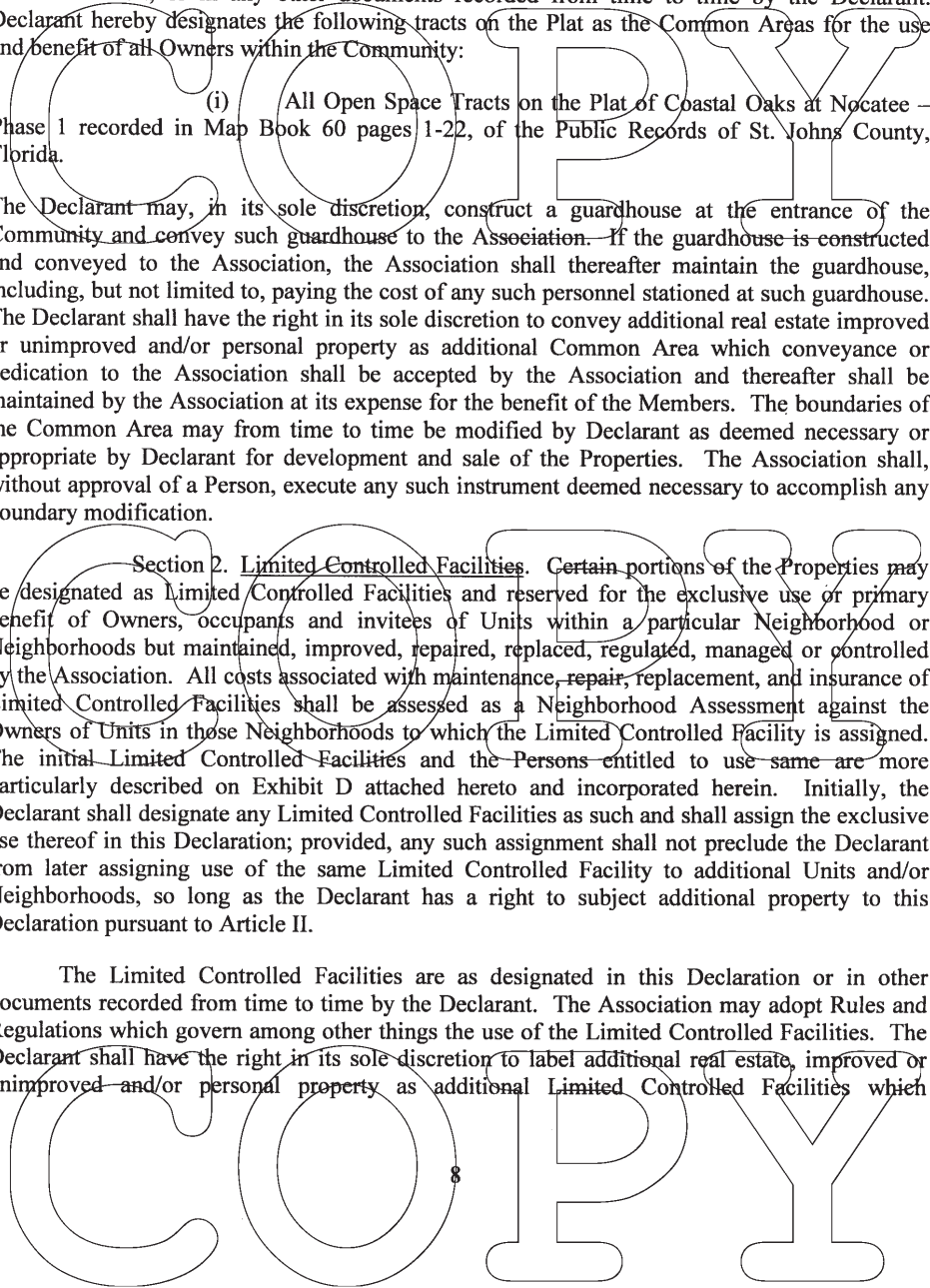
Section 1. Common Areas. The Common Areas are as designated on the Plat, in this Declaration, or in any other documents recorded from time to time by the Declarant. Declarant hereby designates the following tracts on the Plat as the Common Areas for the use and benefit of all Owners within the Community:

- (i) All Open Space Tracts on the Plat of Coastal Oaks at Nocatee – Phase 1 recorded in Map Book 60 pages 1-22, of the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida.

The Declarant may, in its sole discretion, construct a guardhouse at the entrance of the Community and convey such guardhouse to the Association. If the guardhouse is constructed and conveyed to the Association, the Association shall thereafter maintain the guardhouse, including, but not limited to, paying the cost of any such personnel stationed at such guardhouse. The Declarant shall have the right in its sole discretion to convey additional real estate improved or unimproved and/or personal property as additional Common Area which conveyance or dedication to the Association shall be accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense for the benefit of the Members. The boundaries of the Common Area may from time to time be modified by Declarant as deemed necessary or appropriate by Declarant for development and sale of the Properties. The Association shall, without approval of a Person, execute any such instrument deemed necessary to accomplish any boundary modification.

Section 2. Limited Controlled Facilities. Certain portions of the Properties may be designated as Limited Controlled Facilities and reserved for the exclusive use or primary benefit of Owners, occupants and invitees of Units within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods but maintained, improved, repaired, replaced, regulated, managed or controlled by the Association. All costs associated with maintenance, repair, replacement, and insurance of Limited Controlled Facilities shall be assessed as a Neighborhood Assessment against the Owners of Units in those Neighborhoods to which the Limited Controlled Facility is assigned. The initial Limited Controlled Facilities and the Persons entitled to use same are more particularly described on Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein. Initially, the Declarant shall designate any Limited Controlled Facilities as such and shall assign the exclusive use thereof in this Declaration; provided, any such assignment shall not preclude the Declarant from later assigning use of the same Limited Controlled Facility to additional Units and/or Neighborhoods, so long as the Declarant has a right to subject additional property to this Declaration pursuant to Article II.

The Limited Controlled Facilities are as designated in this Declaration or in other documents recorded from time to time by the Declarant. The Association may adopt Rules and Regulations which govern among other things the use of the Limited Controlled Facilities. The Declarant shall have the right in its sole discretion to label additional real estate, improved or unimproved and/or personal property as additional Limited Controlled Facilities which



conveyance or dedication to the Association shall be accepted by the Association and thereafter shall be maintained by the Association at its expense for the benefit of the Members.

Section 3. Easements for Use and Enjoyment of Common Areas. Every Owner of a Unit shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment in and to the Common Areas which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to the Unit, subject to the following provisions:

(i) the right of the Association and or CDD to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Areas and Limited Controlled Facilities, or any portion thereof or for construction, repairing or improving any facilities located or to be located thereon, and give as security for the payment of any such loan a mortgage encumbering all or any portion of the Common Areas or Limited Controlled Facilities; provided, the lien and encumbrance of any such mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements and privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant or any Owner, or a holder of any mortgage, irrespective of when executed or given by Declarant or any Owner, encumbering any Unit or other property located within the Community;

(ii) the right of the Association and or CDD to grant easements across the Common Areas and/or Limited Controlled Facilities to Persons who are not Owners;

(iii) the right of the Association and or CDD to dedicate or transfer all or any portion of the Common Areas subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by a majority of the Members of the Association and subject to the approval requirements of Declarant;

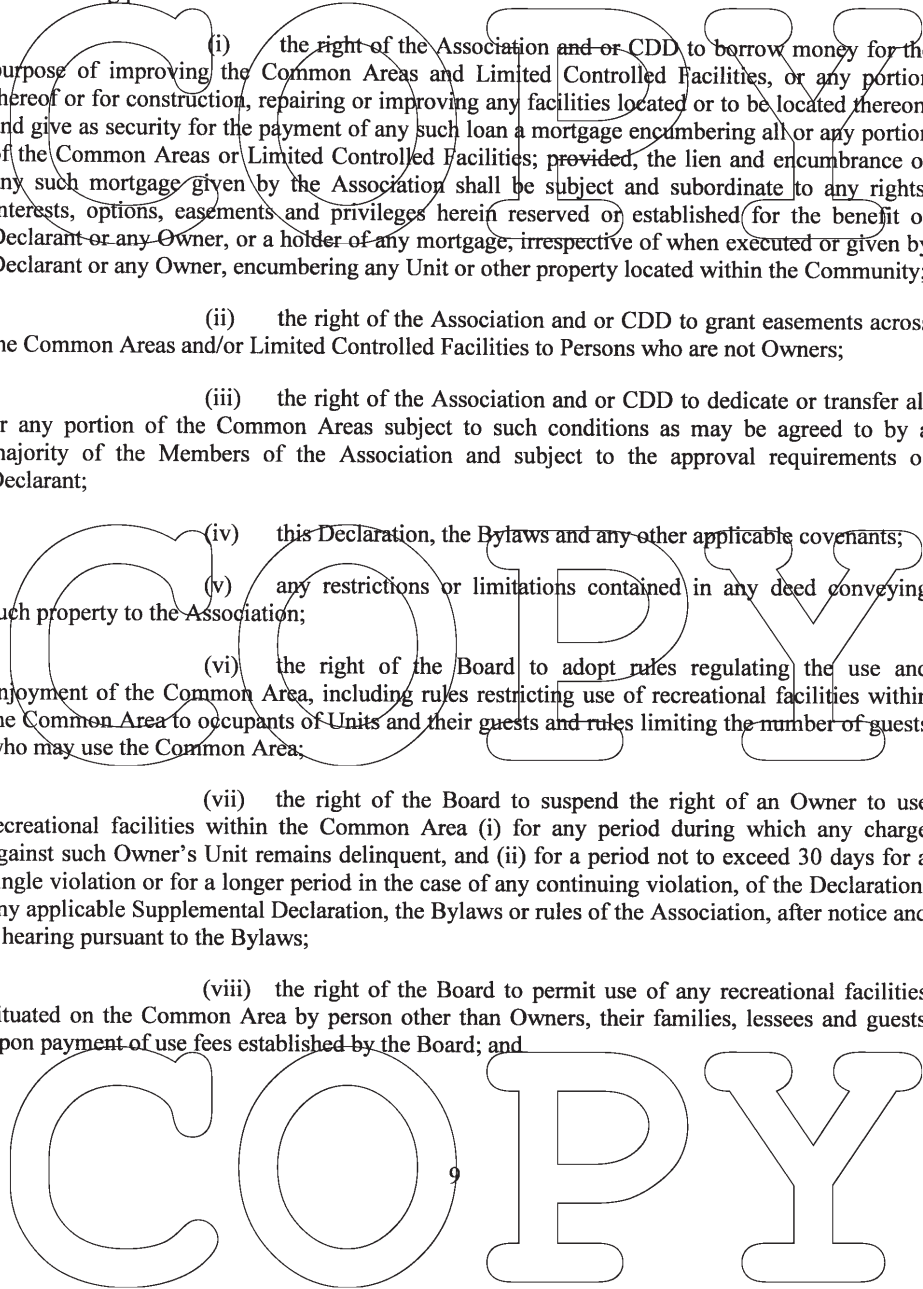
(iv) this Declaration, the Bylaws and any other applicable covenants;

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

(vi) the right of the Board to adopt rules regulating the use and enjoyment of the Common Area, including rules restricting use of recreational facilities within the Common Area to occupants of Units and their guests and rules limiting the number of guests who may use the Common Area;

(vii) the right of the Board to suspend the right of an Owner to use recreational facilities within the Common Area (i) for any period during which any charge against such Owner's Unit remains delinquent, and (ii) for a period not to exceed 30 days for a single violation or for a longer period in the case of any continuing violation, of the Declaration, any applicable Supplemental Declaration, the Bylaws or rules of the Association, after notice and a hearing pursuant to the Bylaws;

(viii) the right of the Board to permit use of any recreational facilities situated on the Common Area by person other than Owners, their families, lessees and guests upon payment of use fees established by the Board; and



(ix) The rights of certain Owners to the exclusive use of those portions of the Common Area designated "Limited Controlled Facilities," as more particularly described in Article III, Section 2 above.

(x) the right of the CDD to utilize the easement granted to it in this Declaration.

Any Owner may delegate his or her right of use and enjoyment in and to the Common Areas and Limited Controlled Facilities and facilities located thereon to the members of his family, tenants, guest and invitees.

Section 4. Community Systems. The Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to install and provide Community Systems and to provide the services available through the Community Systems to any and all Units within the Properties. Neither the Association nor any Owner shall have any interest therein. Any or all of such services may be provided either indirectly, through the Association and paid for as a Common Expense, or directly, by the Declarant, an affiliated entity or a third party and paid for by the recipient of the services. The Community Systems shall be the property of the Declarant (or an affiliated entity) unless transferred by the Declarant (or such affiliated entity), whereupon any proceeds of such transfer shall belong to the Declarant (or such affiliated entity). The Declarant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to convey, transfer, sell or assign all or any portion of the Community Systems, or all or any portion of the rights, duties or obligations with respect thereto to the Association or any other Person (including an Owner, as to any portion of the Community System located on such Owner's Unit. The Declarant's rights with respect to the Community Systems installed by the Declarant and the services provided through such Community Systems are exclusive, and no other Person may provide such services through the Community Systems installed by the Declarant without the prior written consent of the Declarant. However, the provision of the services available through the Community Systems installed by the Declarant shall be non-exclusive and the Association may permit any third party to install and provide Community Systems and the services available through such Community Systems as shall be constructed and installed by such third party in the Association's sole discretion and on such non-exclusive terms and conditions as the Association may determine; provided, however, that such other Community Systems and services shall not affect or modify the rights of the Declarant, its affiliated entities or its successors and assigns.

**ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ASSOCIATION MAY BE A PARTY TO A CONTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY SYSTEMS SERVING THE PROPERTIES FOR A TERM WHICH EXTENDS BEYOND THE CLASS "B" CONTROL PERIOD AND THAT, IF SO PROVIDED IN SUCH CONTRACT, THE ASSESSMENTS PAYABLE AS TO EACH UNIT WILL INCLUDE CHARGES PAYABLE BY THE ASSOCIATION UNDER SUCH CONTRACT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE OWNER OR MEMBERS OF SUCH UNIT ELECT TO RECEIVE THE COMMUNITY SYSTEMS.**

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**Section 5. CDD Easement.** The CDD is granted a perpetual nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress, at all reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, over and across the Common Areas and over any portion of the Properties that is a part of Common Area, or upon which a portion of the Common Areas are located, to operate, maintain, install, construct, reconstruct and repair any and all infrastructure or facilities which the CDD is authorized or permitted to operate, maintain, install, construct, reconstruct or repair, including but not limited to, stormwater management, and water, wastewater and reuse facilities. Nothing herein shall create an obligation of the CDD to undertake any such operation, maintenance, installation, construction, reconstruction or repair which has not otherwise been independently assigned or consented to, or assumed by, the CDD.

**ARTICLE IV  
MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION**

**Section 1. Membership.** Except as provided in the next sentence, every Person, including Declarant, who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Unit in the Community shall be a Member of the Association, provided that any Person who holds such interest merely as a security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member. Change of membership shall be established by recording in the Public Records of St. John's County, Florida a deed or other instrument which conveys fee title to a Unit within the Community, and by the delivery to the Association of a copy of such recorded instrument. If a copy of said instrument is not delivered to the Association, the new Owner shall become a Member, but shall not be entitled to voting privileges. Membership in the Association by all Owners is mandatory and automatic with the ownership of any Unit and is appurtenant to, runs with, and shall not be separated from, the Unit upon which membership is based.

**Section 2. Voting Rights.** The Association shall have two (2) classes of membership, Class "A" and Class "B", as follows:

(a) **Class "A".** Class "A" Members shall be all Owners, with the exception of the Declarant. Class "A" Members shall be entitled to one (1) equal vote for each Unit owned in the Community.

(b) **Class "B".** The sole Class "B" Member shall be the Declarant. The rights of the Class "B" Member, including the right to approve or withhold approval of actions proposed under this Declaration and the Bylaws, are specified elsewhere in the Declaration and the Bylaws. The Class "B" Member may appoint a majority of the members of the Board during the Class "B" Control Period, as specified in Article II of the Bylaws. After termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the Class "B" Member shall elsewhere in this Declaration.

The Class "B" membership shall terminate upon the earlier of:

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- (i) two years after termination of the Class "B" Control Period; or
- (ii) when, in its discretion, the Declarant so determines and declares in a recorded instrument.

(c) Exercise of Voting Rights. Except as otherwise specified in this Declaration or the Bylaws, the vote for each Unit owned by a Class "A" Member shall be exercised by the Voting Member representing the Neighborhood of which the Unit is a part, as provided in Article IV, Section 3 below. The Voting Member may cast all such votes as it, in its discretion, deems appropriate. In any situation in which a Member is entitled personally to exercise the vote for his or her Unit and there is more than one Owner of a particular Unit, the vote for such Unit shall be exercised as such co-Owners determine among themselves and advise the Secretary of the Association in writing prior to any meeting. Absent such advice, the Unit's vote shall be suspended if more than one Person seeks to exercise it.

Section 3. Neighborhoods, Voting Members and Voting Groups.

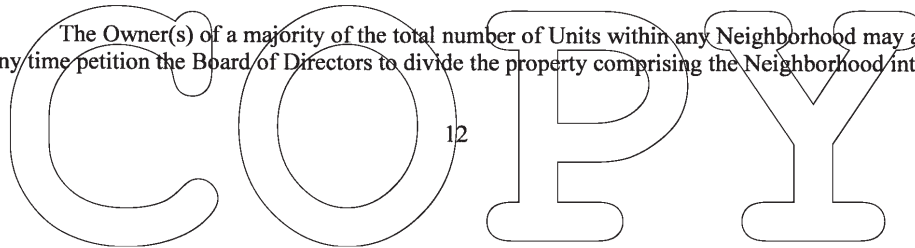
(a) Neighborhoods. Every Unit shall be located within a Neighborhood. Each Neighborhood may be subject to additional covenants and/or the Unit Owners may all be members of a Neighborhood Association in addition to being Members of the Association. However, a Neighborhood Association shall not be required except in the case of a condominium or as otherwise required by law. The Owners of Units within any Neighborhood which does not have a Neighborhood Association may elect a Neighborhood Committee to represent the interests of such Owners.

Any Neighborhood may request that the Association provide a higher level of service or special services for the benefit of Units in such Neighborhood and, upon the affirmative vote, written consent, or a combination thereof, of Owners of a majority of Units within the Neighborhood, the Association shall provide the requested services. The cost of such services shall be assessed against the Units within such Neighborhood as a Neighborhood Assessment pursuant to Article VIII.

All townhouse Units in the Community shall automatically be part of the Coastal Oaks Townhouse Neighborhood (the "Townhouse Neighborhood"). The Townhouse Neighborhood shall receive services that the detached single family Units do not receive and as such shall pay a related Neighborhood Assessment that will be attributable to such services as described in Article VIII below.

Exhibit "D" to this Declaration, and each Supplemental Declaration filed to subject additional property, to this Declaration, shall initially assign the property described therein to a specific Neighborhood by name, which Neighborhood may be then existing or newly created. The Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration to redesignate Neighborhood boundaries; provided, two or more Neighborhoods shall not be combined without the consent of Owners of a majority of the Units in the affected Neighborhoods.

The Owner(s) of a majority of the total number of Units within any Neighborhood may at any time petition the Board of Directors to divide the property comprising the Neighborhood into



two or more Neighborhoods. Such petition shall be in writing and shall include a plat of survey of the entire parcel which indicates the boundaries of the proposed Neighborhood(s) or otherwise identifies the Units to be included within the proposed Neighborhood(s). Such petition shall be granted upon the filing of all required documents with the Board unless the Board of Directors denies such application in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt. The Board may deny an application only upon determination that there is no reasonable basis for distinguishing between the areas proposed to be divided into separate Neighborhoods. All applications and copies of any denials shall be filed with the books and records of the Association and shall be maintained as long as this Declaration is in effect.

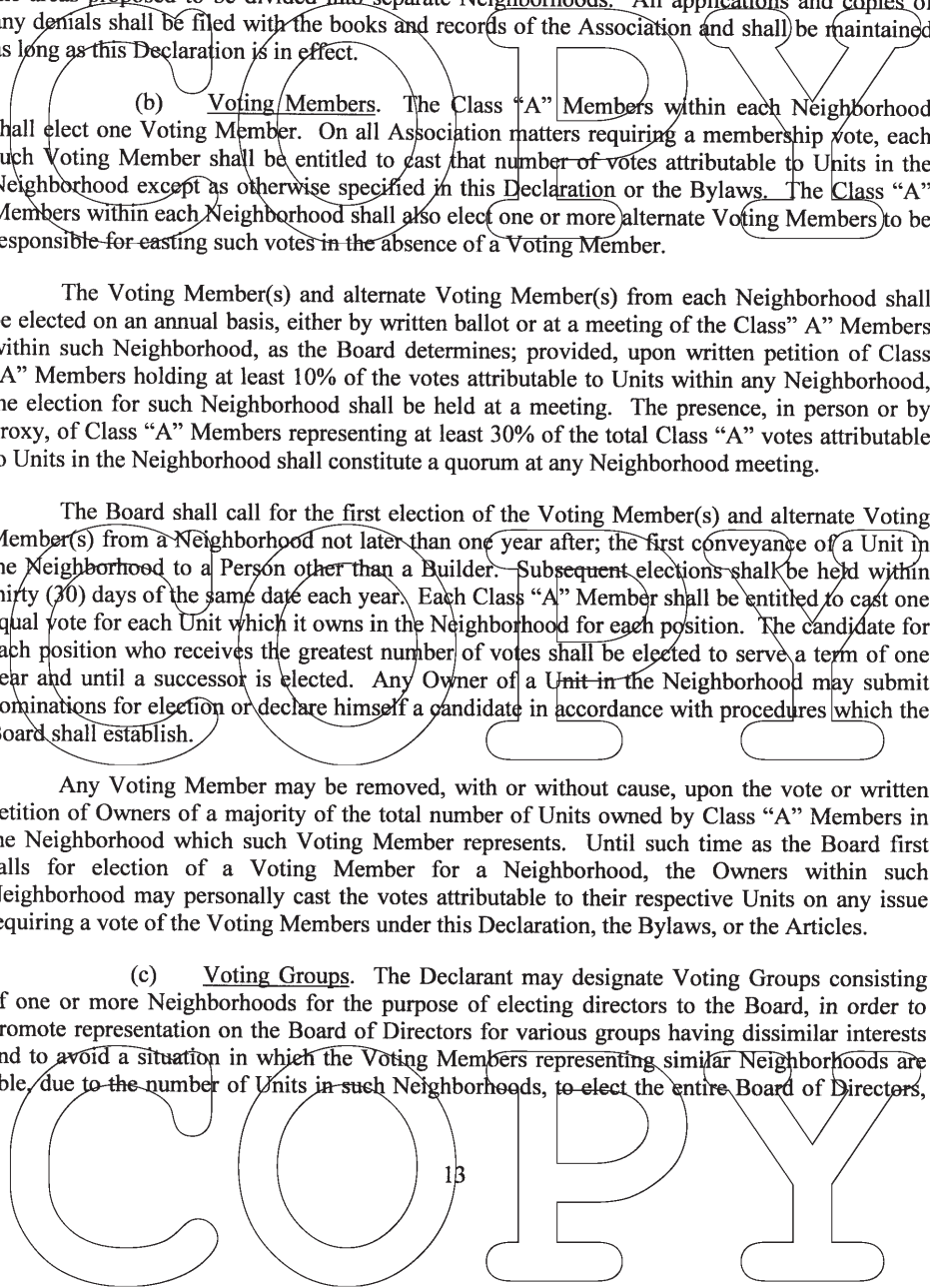
(b) Voting Members. The Class "A" Members within each Neighborhood shall elect one Voting Member. On all Association matters requiring a membership vote, each such Voting Member shall be entitled to cast that number of votes attributable to Units in the Neighborhood except as otherwise specified in this Declaration or the Bylaws. The Class "A" Members within each Neighborhood shall also elect one or more alternate Voting Members to be responsible for casting such votes in the absence of a Voting Member.

The Voting Member(s) and alternate Voting Member(s) from each Neighborhood shall be elected on an annual basis, either by written ballot or at a meeting of the Class "A" Members within such Neighborhood, as the Board determines; provided, upon written petition of Class "A" Members holding at least 10% of the votes attributable to Units within any Neighborhood, the election for such Neighborhood shall be held at a meeting. The presence, in person or by proxy, of Class "A" Members representing at least 30% of the total Class "A" votes attributable to Units in the Neighborhood shall constitute a quorum at any Neighborhood meeting.

The Board shall call for the first election of the Voting Member(s) and alternate Voting Member(s) from a Neighborhood not later than one year after the first conveyance of a Unit in the Neighborhood to a Person other than a Builder. Subsequent elections shall be held within thirty (30) days of the same date each year. Each Class "A" Member shall be entitled to cast one equal vote for each Unit which it owns in the Neighborhood for each position. The candidate for each position who receives the greatest number of votes shall be elected to serve a term of one year and until a successor is elected. Any Owner of a Unit in the Neighborhood may submit nominations for election or declare himself a candidate in accordance with procedures which the Board shall establish.

Any Voting Member may be removed, with or without cause, upon the vote or written petition of Owners of a majority of the total number of Units owned by Class "A" Members in the Neighborhood which such Voting Member represents. Until such time as the Board first calls for election of a Voting Member for a Neighborhood, the Owners within such Neighborhood may personally cast the votes attributable to their respective Units on any issue requiring a vote of the Voting Members under this Declaration, the Bylaws, or the Articles.

(c) Voting Groups. The Declarant may designate Voting Groups consisting of one or more Neighborhoods for the purpose of electing directors to the Board, in order to promote representation on the Board of Directors for various groups having dissimilar interests and to avoid a situation in which the Voting Members representing similar Neighborhoods are able, due to the number of Units in such Neighborhoods, to elect the entire Board of Directors,



excluding representation of others. Following termination of the Class "B" Control Period, the number of Voting Groups within the Community shall not exceed the total number of directors to be elected by the Class "A" Members pursuant to the Bylaws. The Voting Members representing the Neighborhoods within each Voting Group shall vote on a separate slate of candidates for election to the Board, with each Voting Group being entitled to elect the number of directors as may be specified the Bylaws.

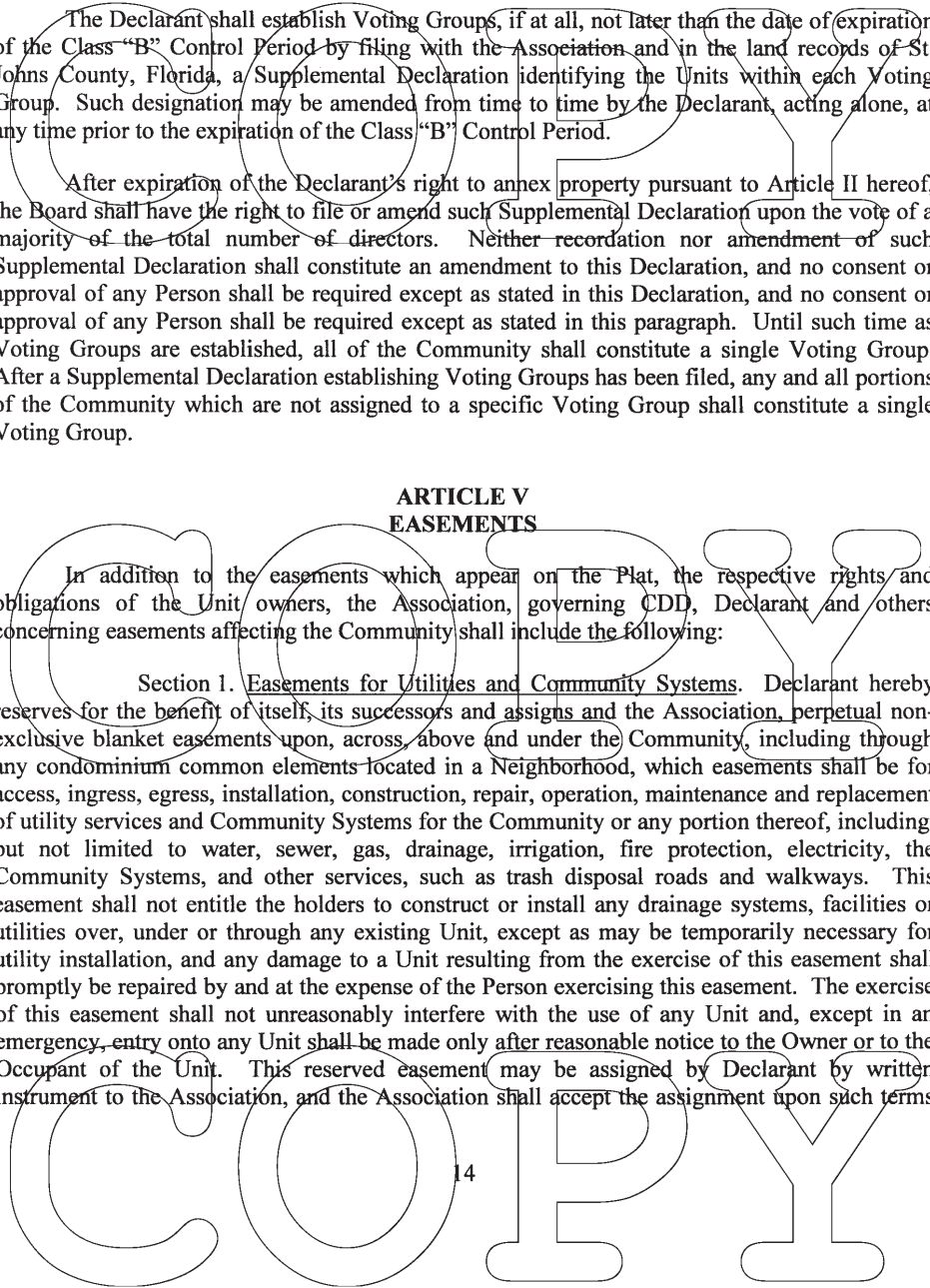
The Declarant shall establish Voting Groups, if at all, not later than the date of expiration of the Class "B" Control Period by filing with the Association and in the land records of St. Johns County, Florida, a Supplemental Declaration identifying the Units within each Voting Group. Such designation may be amended from time to time by the Declarant, acting alone, at any time prior to the expiration of the Class "B" Control Period.

After expiration of the Declarant's right to annex property pursuant to Article II hereof, the Board shall have the right to file or amend such Supplemental Declaration upon the vote of a majority of the total number of directors. Neither recordation nor amendment of such Supplemental Declaration shall constitute an amendment to this Declaration, and no consent or approval of any Person shall be required except as stated in this Declaration, and no consent or approval of any Person shall be required except as stated in this paragraph. Until such time as Voting Groups are established, all of the Community shall constitute a single Voting Group. After a Supplemental Declaration establishing Voting Groups has been filed, any and all portions of the Community which are not assigned to a specific Voting Group shall constitute a single Voting Group.

**ARTICLE V  
EASEMENTS**

In addition to the easements which appear on the Plat, the respective rights and obligations of the Unit owners, the Association, governing CDD, Declarant and others concerning easements affecting the Community shall include the following:

Section 1. Easements for Utilities and Community Systems. Declarant hereby reserves for the benefit of itself, its successors and assigns and the Association, perpetual non-exclusive blanket easements upon, across, above and under the Community, including through any condominium common elements located in a Neighborhood, which easements shall be for access, ingress, egress, installation, construction, repair, operation, maintenance and replacement of utility services and Community Systems for the Community or any portion thereof, including, but not limited to water, sewer, gas, drainage, irrigation, fire protection, electricity, the Community Systems, and other services, such as trash disposal roads and walkways. This easement shall not entitle the holders to construct or install any drainage systems, facilities or utilities over, under or through any existing Unit, except as may be temporarily necessary for utility installation, and any damage to a Unit resulting from the exercise of this easement shall promptly be repaired by and at the expense of the Person exercising this easement. The exercise of this easement shall not unreasonably interfere with the use of any Unit and, except in an emergency, entry onto any Unit shall be made only after reasonable notice to the Owner or to the Occupant of the Unit. This reserved easement may be assigned by Declarant by written instrument to the Association, and the Association shall accept the assignment upon such terms



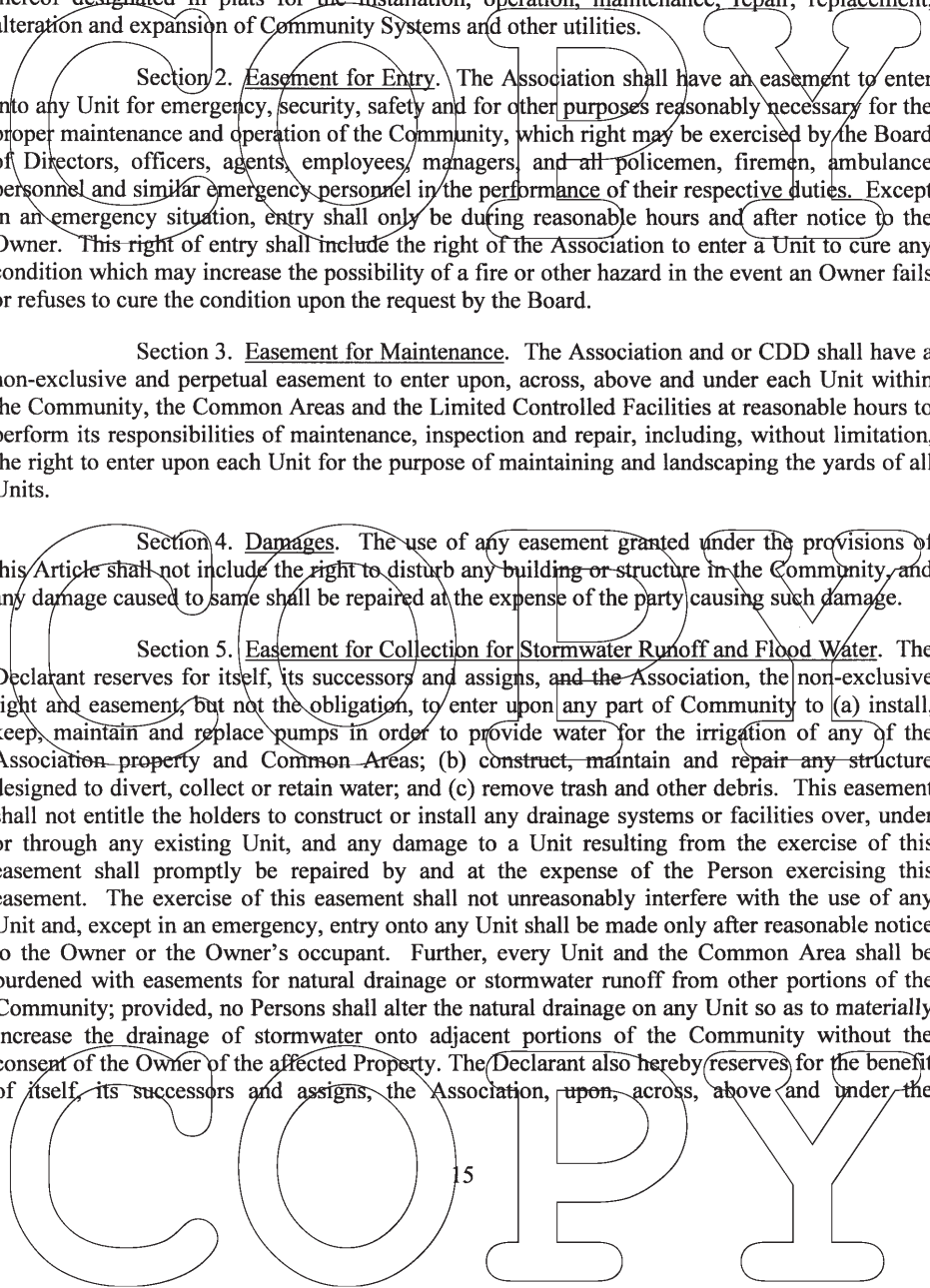
and conditions as are acceptable to Declarant. If this reserved easement is assigned to the Association, the Board shall, upon written request, grant a specific license or easement to a party furnishing any such utility or service. Use of the Community for utilities, as well as use of the other utility easements as shown on relevant plats, shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Declaration and said plats. Declarant and its affiliates and its and their designees shall have a perpetual easement over, upon, and under the Community and the portions thereof designated in plats for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, alteration and expansion of Community Systems and other utilities.

Section 2. Easement for Entry. The Association shall have an easement to enter into any Unit for emergency, security, safety and for other purposes reasonably necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of the Community, which right may be exercised by the Board of Directors, officers, agents, employees, managers, and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner. This right of entry shall include the right of the Association to enter a Unit to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire or other hazard in the event an Owner fails or refuses to cure the condition upon the request by the Board.

Section 3. Easement for Maintenance. The Association and or CDD shall have a non-exclusive and perpetual easement to enter upon, across, above and under each Unit within the Community, the Common Areas and the Limited Controlled Facilities at reasonable hours to perform its responsibilities of maintenance, inspection and repair, including, without limitation, the right to enter upon each Unit for the purpose of maintaining and landscaping the yards of all Units.

Section 4. Damages. The use of any easement granted under the provisions of this Article shall not include the right to disturb any building or structure in the Community, and any damage caused to same shall be repaired at the expense of the party causing such damage.

Section 5. Easement for Collection for Stormwater Runoff and Flood Water. The Declarant reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, and the Association, the non-exclusive right and easement, but not the obligation, to enter upon any part of Community to (a) install, keep, maintain and replace pumps in order to provide water for the irrigation of any of the Association property and Common Areas; (b) construct, maintain and repair any structure designed to divert, collect or retain water; and (c) remove trash and other debris. This easement shall not entitle the holders to construct or install any drainage systems or facilities over, under or through any existing Unit, and any damage to a Unit resulting from the exercise of this easement shall promptly be repaired by and at the expense of the Person exercising this easement. The exercise of this easement shall not unreasonably interfere with the use of any Unit and, except in an emergency, entry onto any Unit shall be made only after reasonable notice to the Owner or the Owner's occupant. Further, every Unit and the Common Area shall be burdened with easements for natural drainage or stormwater runoff from other portions of the Community; provided, no Persons shall alter the natural drainage on any Unit so as to materially increase the drainage of stormwater onto adjacent portions of the Community without the consent of the Owner of the affected Property. The Declarant also hereby reserves for the benefit of itself, its successors and assigns, the Association, upon, across, above and under the



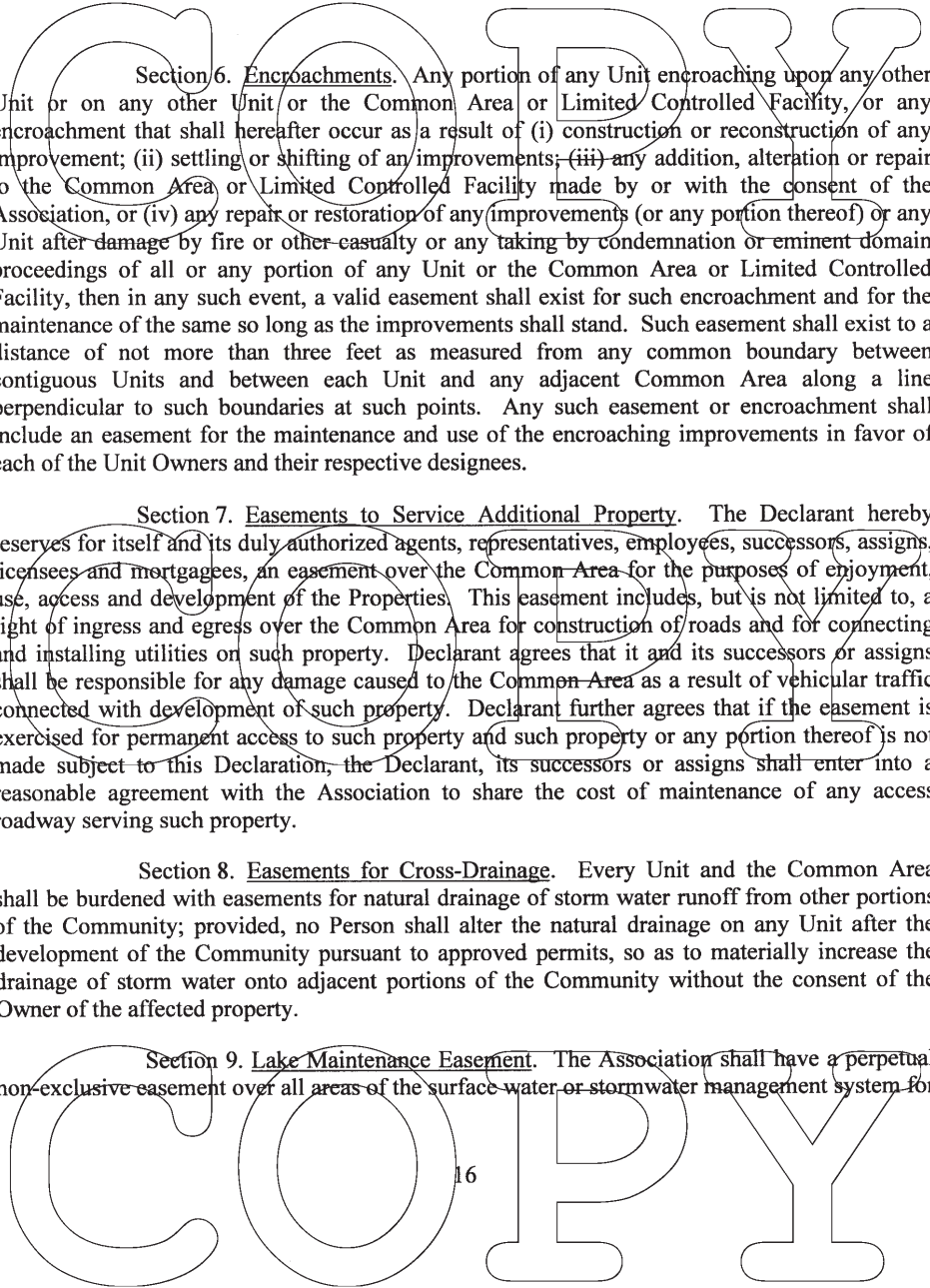
Community, a non-exclusive right and easement to enter upon any part of the Community to maintain, inspect and repair, any lakes constructed on the Community, if any. This Easement shall be along the shoreline of each lake and extending back at least 20 feet from the actual water's edge of such lakes for the purpose of maintaining the lakes. The Association shall be responsible for maintaining the lakes, the littoral areas and up to the water's edge. The cost of maintaining the lakes shall be a Common Expense of the Association.

**Section 6. Encroachments.** Any portion of any Unit encroaching upon any other Unit or on any other Unit or the Common Area or Limited Controlled Facility, or any encroachment that shall hereafter occur as a result of (i) construction or reconstruction of any improvement; (ii) settling or shifting of an improvements; (iii) any addition, alteration or repair to the Common Area or Limited Controlled Facility made by or with the consent of the Association, or (iv) any repair or restoration of any improvements (or any portion thereof) or any Unit after damage by fire or other casualty or any taking by condemnation or eminent domain proceedings of all or any portion of any Unit or the Common Area or Limited Controlled Facility, then in any such event, a valid easement shall exist for such encroachment and for the maintenance of the same so long as the improvements shall stand. Such easement shall exist to a distance of not more than three feet as measured from any common boundary between contiguous Units and between each Unit and any adjacent Common Area along a line perpendicular to such boundaries at such points. Any such easement or encroachment shall include an easement for the maintenance and use of the encroaching improvements in favor of each of the Unit Owners and their respective designees.

**Section 7. Easements to Service Additional Property.** The Declarant hereby reserves for itself and its duly authorized agents, representatives, employees, successors, assigns, licensees and mortgagees, an easement over the Common Area for the purposes of enjoyment, use, access and development of the Properties. This easement includes, but is not limited to, a right of ingress and egress over the Common Area for construction of roads and for connecting and installing utilities on such property. Declarant agrees that it and its successors or assigns shall be responsible for any damage caused to the Common Area as a result of vehicular traffic connected with development of such property. Declarant further agrees that if the easement is exercised for permanent access to such property and such property or any portion thereof is not made subject to this Declaration, the Declarant, its successors or assigns shall enter into a reasonable agreement with the Association to share the cost of maintenance of any access roadway serving such property.

**Section 8. Easements for Cross-Drainage.** Every Unit and the Common Area shall be burdened with easements for natural drainage of storm water runoff from other portions of the Community; provided, no Person shall alter the natural drainage on any Unit after the development of the Community pursuant to approved permits, so as to materially increase the drainage of storm water onto adjacent portions of the Community without the consent of the Owner of the affected property.

**Section 9. Lake Maintenance Easement.** The Association shall have a perpetual non-exclusive easement over all areas of the surface water or stormwater management system for



access to operate, maintain or repair the system. By this easement, the Association shall have the right to enter upon any portion of any lot which is part of the surface water or stormwater management system, at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, to operate, maintain or repair the surface water or stormwater management system as required by the St. Johns River Water Management District permit. Additionally, the Association shall have a perpetual non-exclusive easement for drainage over the entire surface water or stormwater management system. No person shall alter the drainage over the entire surface water or stormwater system, including the buffer areas or swales, without the prior written approval of the St. Johns River Water Management District.

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

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

**ARTICLE VI  
THE ASSOCIATION**

Section 1. Functions and Services. The Association shall be the entity responsible for management, maintenance, operation and control of the Common Areas. The Association shall be the primary entity responsible for enforcement of this Declaration and such reasonable rules regulating use of the Community as the Board may adopt. The Association shall also be responsible for administering and enforcing the architectural standards and controls set forth in this Declaration and in the Architectural Standards. The Association shall perform its functions in accordance with this Declaration, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and Florida law. Among other things, the Association shall be empowered to do the following, all of the expenses for which shall be deemed Common Expenses:

- (a) Adopt Community-Wide Standards of conduct, maintenance or other activity.
- (b) Adopt and amend bylaws and rules and regulations;
- (c) Adopt and amend budgets for revenues, expenditures and reserves;
- (d) Collect assessments for Common Expenses;
- (e) Maintain all lakes, conservation easements and preserved areas located within the Community in accordance with all applicable permits pertaining to said areas.

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(f) Hire and discharge employees, agents, independent contractors, managers and administrators (including the Declarant);

(g) Institute, defend or intervene in litigation or administrative proceedings in its own name on its behalf or on behalf of two or more Owners, but only as to matters affecting the Community;

(h) Make contracts and incur liabilities;  
(i) Regulate the use, maintenance, repair, replacement and modification of the Common Area;

(j) Make additional improvements to the Common Area;  
(k) Acquire, hold, encumber and convey in its own name any right, title or interest in real or personal property;

(l) Grant easements, leases, licenses and concessions through or over the Common Area, provided it has obtained the express written consent of the Declarant;

(m) Take all actions necessary to enforce the covenants, conditions and restrictions of this Declaration, the Articles, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations;

(n) Impose and receive payments, fees or charges for the use, rental or operation of the Common Area and for services provided to Owners;

(o) Impose charges for late payment of assessments and, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, levy reasonable fines for violations of the Declarations, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Association;

(p) Impose reasonable charges to prepare and record Amendments to the Declaration and Notices of Lien for unpaid assessments;

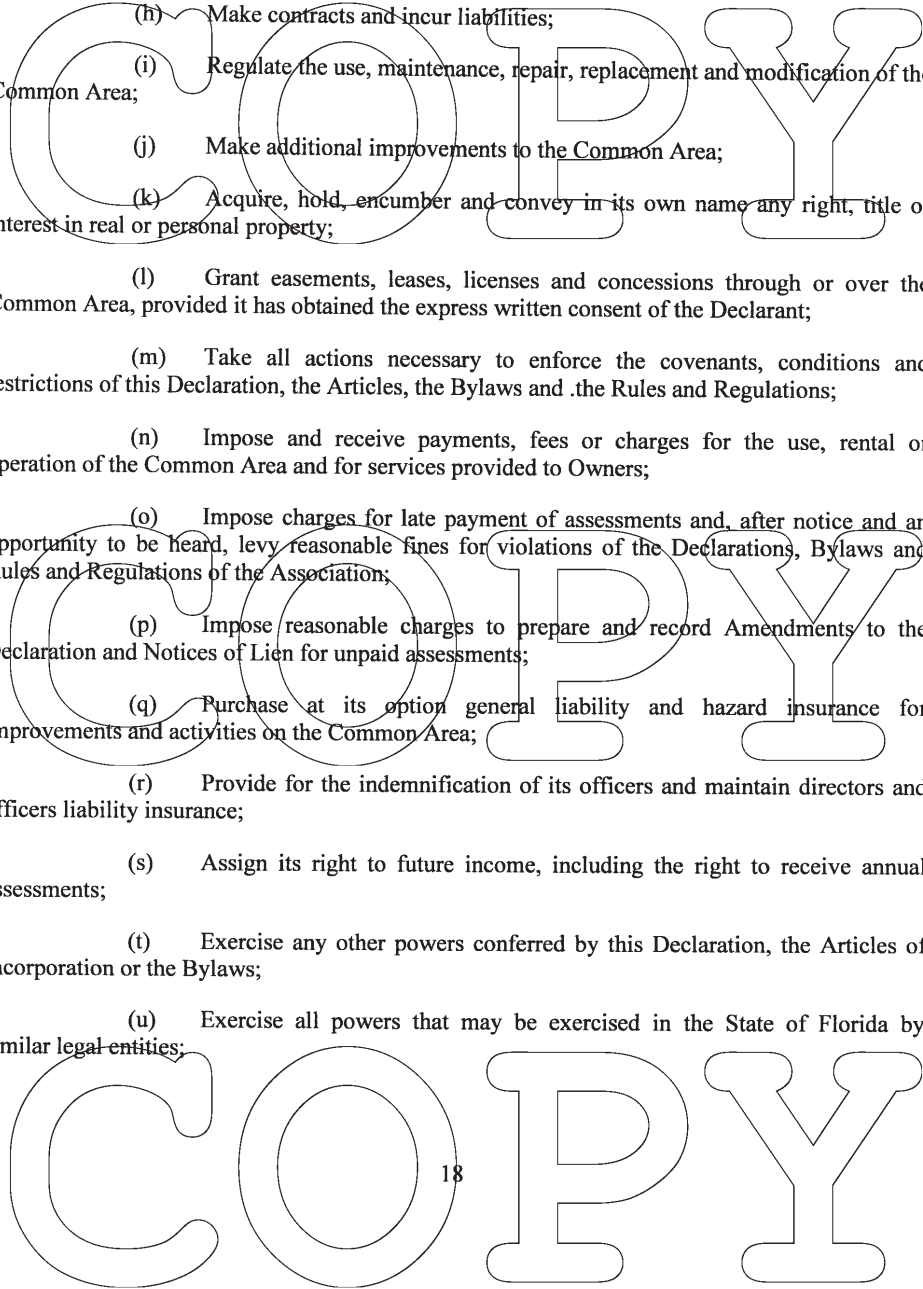
(q) Purchase at its option general liability and hazard insurance for improvements and activities on the Common Area;

(r) Provide for the indemnification of its officers and maintain directors and officers liability insurance;

(s) Assign its right to future income, including the right to receive annual assessments;

(t) Exercise any other powers conferred by this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws;

(u) Exercise all powers that may be exercised in the State of Florida by similar legal entities;



(v) Exercise any other powers necessary and proper for the governance and operation of the Association, including the delegation of its functions and services to any governmental or private entity;

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

(x) Assessments shall also be used for the maintenance and repair of the surface water or stormwater management systems including but not limited to work within retention areas, drainage structures and drainage easements;

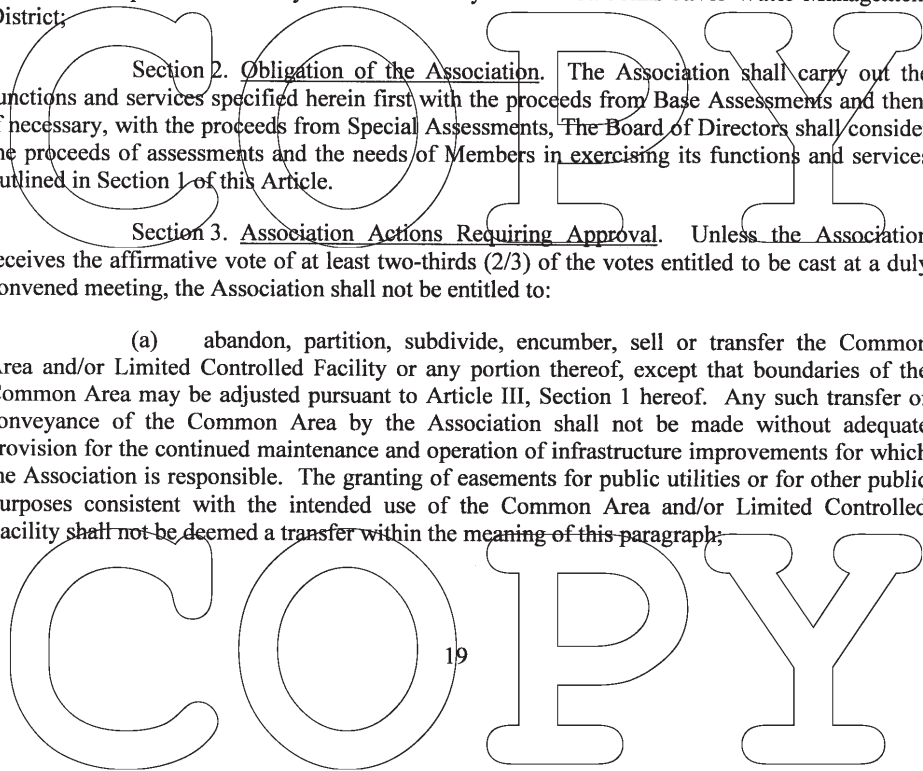
(y) There shall be set aside a permanent vegetative buffer ("Buffer") over that portion of the property shown on the plat. The Buffer is part of the surface water management system permitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District. The purpose of this Buffer is to detain and treat stormwater prior to drainage offsite; therefore, the area must be maintained with a dense vegetative cover. Filling and placement of impervious surface (other than fence posts) are prohibited within the Buffer.

(i) Assumption of all obligations (including all monetary and reporting requirements) of Declarant under all permits for the Community, including but not limited to the permits issued by St. Johns County and the St. Johns River Water Management District;

Section 2. Obligation of the Association. The Association shall carry out the functions and services specified herein first with the proceeds from Base Assessments and then, if necessary, with the proceeds from Special Assessments. The Board of Directors shall consider the proceeds of assessments and the needs of Members in exercising its functions and services outlined in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. Association Actions Requiring Approval. Unless the Association receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast at a duly convened meeting, the Association shall not be entitled to:

(a) abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell or transfer the Common Area and/or Limited Controlled Facility or any portion thereof, except that boundaries of the Common Area may be adjusted pursuant to Article III, Section 1 hereof. Any such transfer or conveyance of the Common Area by the Association shall not be made without adequate provision for the continued maintenance and operation of infrastructure improvements for which the Association is responsible. The granting of easements for public utilities or for other public purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Area and/or Limited Controlled Facility shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this paragraph;



(b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues or other charges which may be levied against an Owner;

(c) change, waive or abandon any scheme of regulation or enforcement of Community-Wide Standards; nor

(d) use hazard insurance proceeds for losses to any Common Area and/or Limited Controlled Facility other than for the repair or replacement of the Common Area and/or Limited Controlled Facility.

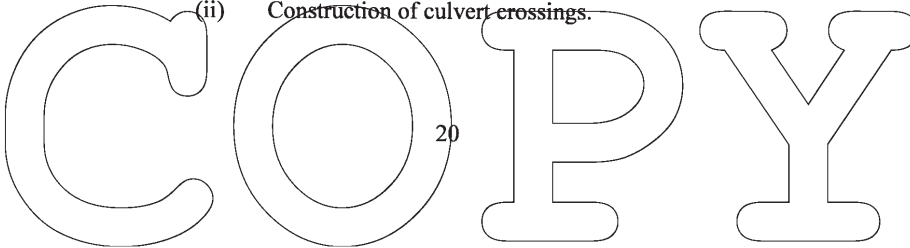
Section 4. Recycling Programs. The Board may establish a recycling program and recycling center within the Community and in such event, all occupants of Units shall support such program by recycling, to the extent reasonably practical, all materials which the Association's recycling program or center is set up to accommodate. The Association may, but shall have no obligation to purchase recyclable materials in order to encourage participation and any income received by the Association as a result of such recycling efforts shall be used to reduce Common Expenses.

Section 5. Public Gardens and Environmental Programs. The Board may establish gardens within the Common Area or designate spaces within the Common Area for the establishment of gardens to promote public awareness of and participation in conservation, management and enhancement of native vegetation, soils and geology and may establish programs to promote an understanding of the natural landscape and environment.

Section 6. County Improvements. Pursuant to the zoning and permitting approval for the Community, St. Johns County required the Declarant to agree that, to the extent required by St. Johns County, the Declarant and/or the Association, shall construct certain facilities to control offsite runoff resulting from the storm water which currently flows towards Durbin Creek or Tolomato River. Specifically, the Declarant and/or Association shall be responsible for providing, in a manner consistent with the Declarant's Project Development Plans, adequate facilities and/or flowways necessary to pass through the Community boundaries, the stormwater which currently flows towards Durbin Creek or the Tolomato River. Design of the improvements shall be closely coordinated with the County's Stormwater Management Department. The Declarant hereby assigns and the Association hereby accepts all of the Declarant's rights and obligations to construct said improvements in the event the County requires same, at the Association's sole cost and expense, which cost and expense shall be a Common Expense of the Association. The offsite flow rate will be calculated by the Association's engineer and accepted by the St. Johns River Water Management District (**SJRWMD**) based on existing permitted projects upstream. If St. Johns County disagrees with the offsite flow estimate, the County shall provide supporting documentation to the Association's engineer and the St. Johns River Water Management District (**SJRWMD**). Such facilities may include, but are not limited to:

(i) Excavation of stormwater management facilities; and

(ii) Construction of culvert crossings.



**ARTICLE VII  
COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE**

Section 1. Association's Responsibility. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Area(s) of Common Responsibility, which shall include, but need not be limited to:

(a) all landscaping and other flora, parks, signage, structures, and improvements, including any private streets, bike and pedestrian pathways/trails, situated upon the Common Area;

(b) landscaping, sidewalks, street lights and signage within public rights-of-way within or abutting the Community, and landscaping and other flora within any public utility easements and conservation easements within the Community (subject to the terms of any easement agreement relating thereto);

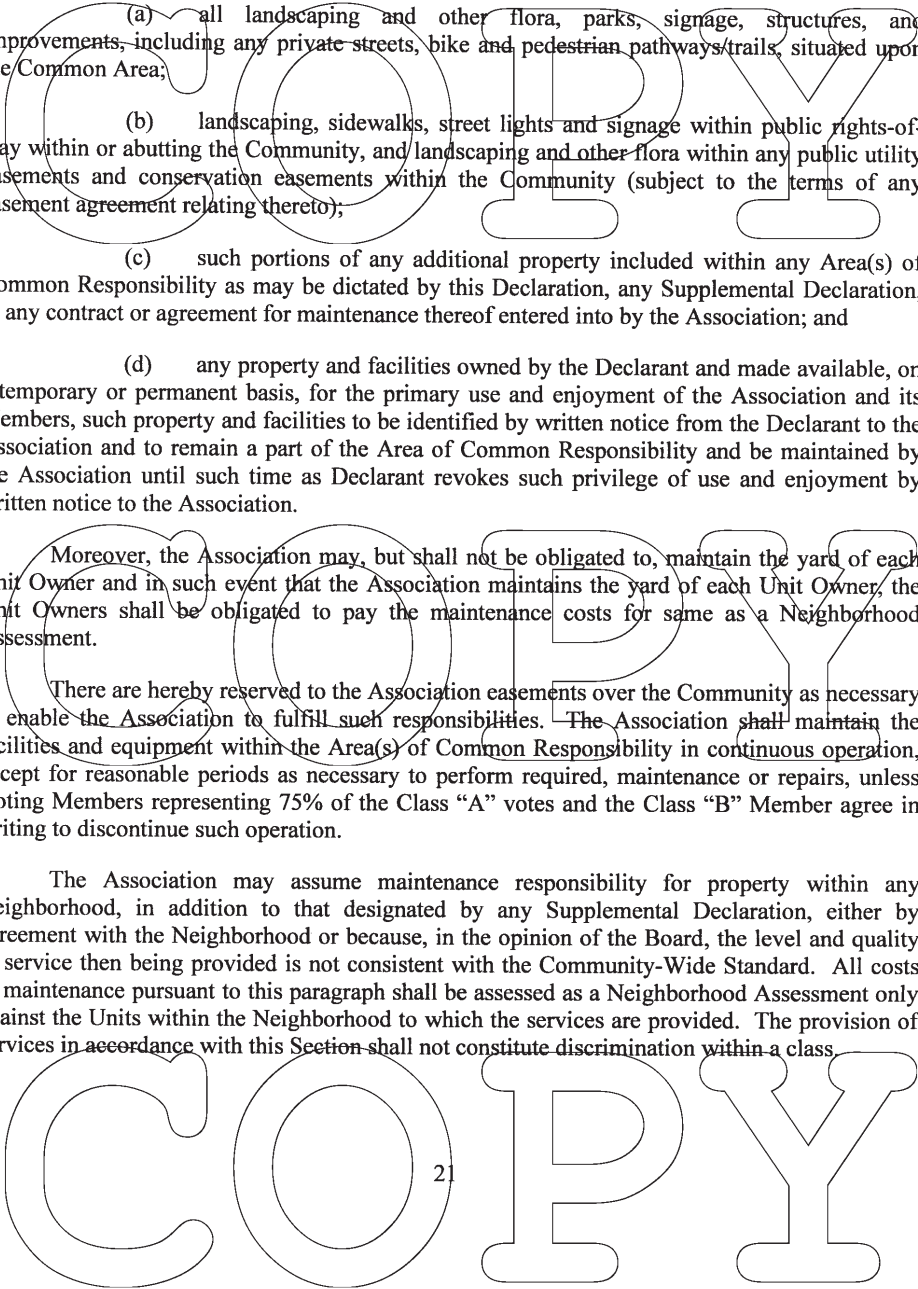
(c) such portions of any additional property included within any Area(s) of Common Responsibility as may be dictated by this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration, or any contract or agreement for maintenance thereof entered into by the Association; and

(d) any property and facilities owned by the Declarant and made available, on a temporary or permanent basis, for the primary use and enjoyment of the Association and its Members, such property and facilities to be identified by written notice from the Declarant to the Association and to remain a part of the Area of Common Responsibility and be maintained by the Association until such time as Declarant revokes such privilege of use and enjoyment by written notice to the Association.

Moreover, the Association may, but shall not be obligated to, maintain the yard of each Unit Owner and in such event that the Association maintains the yard of each Unit Owner, the Unit Owners shall be obligated to pay the maintenance costs for same as a Neighborhood Assessment.

There are hereby reserved to the Association easements over the Community as necessary to enable the Association to fulfill such responsibilities. The Association shall maintain the facilities and equipment within the Area(s) of Common Responsibility in continuous operation, except for reasonable periods as necessary to perform required, maintenance or repairs, unless Voting Members representing 75% of the Class "A" votes and the Class "B" Member agree in writing to discontinue such operation.

The Association may assume maintenance responsibility for property within any Neighborhood, in addition to that designated by any Supplemental Declaration, either by agreement with the Neighborhood or because, in the opinion of the Board, the level and quality of service then being provided is not consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. All costs of maintenance pursuant to this paragraph shall be assessed as a Neighborhood Assessment only against the Units within the Neighborhood to which the services are provided. The provision of services in accordance with this Section shall not constitute discrimination within a class.



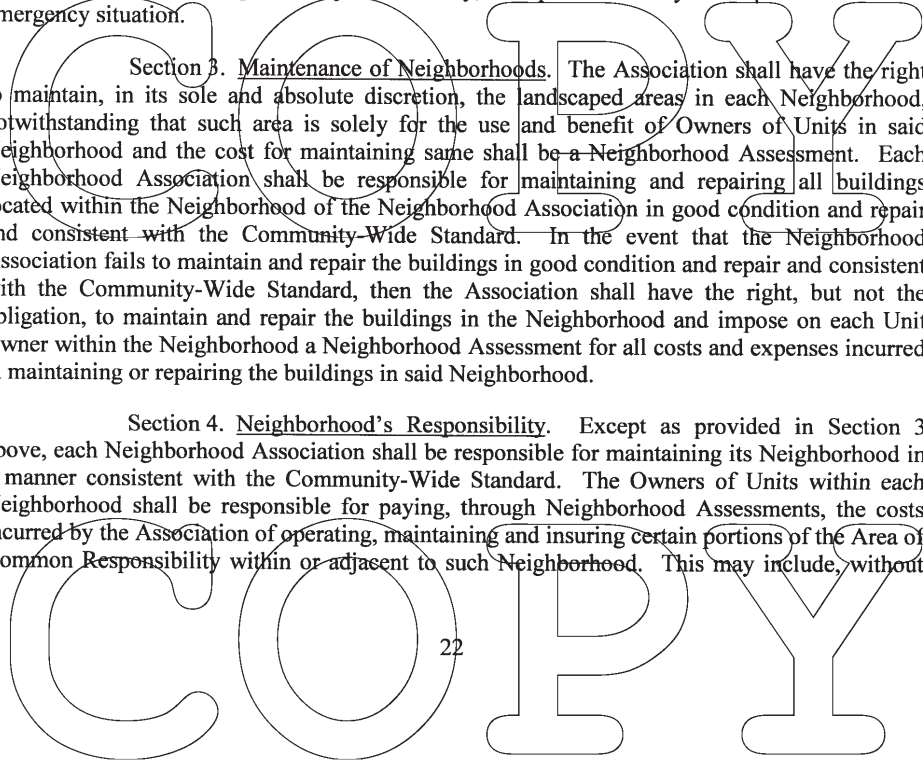
The Association may maintain other property which it does not own, including, without limitation, publicly owned property, conservation easements held by nonprofit entities, and other property dedicated to public use, if the Board determines that such maintenance is necessary or desirable to maintain the Community-Wide Standard.

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of the Area of Common Responsibility shall be a Common Expense to be allocated among all Units in the manner of and as a part of the Base Assessment, without prejudice to the right of the Association to seek reimbursement from the owner(s) of, or other; Persons responsible for, certain portions of the Area of Common Responsibility pursuant to this Declaration other recorded covenants, or agreements with the owner(s) thereof. All costs associated with maintenance, repair and replacement of Limited Controlled Facilities shall be a Neighborhood Expense assessed as a Neighborhood Assessment solely against the Units within the Neighborhood(s) to which the Limited Controlled Facilities are assigned, notwithstanding that the Association may be responsible for performing such maintenance hereunder.

Section 2. Owner's Responsibility. Each Owner shall maintain his or her Unit and all structures, parking areas, lake banks, and other improvements comprising the Unit in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all applicable covenants, unless such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to the Association or a Neighborhood pursuant to any Supplemental Declaration or other declaration of covenants applicable to such Unit. In addition to any other enforcement rights, if an Owner fails properly to perform his or her maintenance responsibility, the Association may perform such maintenance responsibilities and assess all costs incurred by the Association against the Unit and the Owner in accordance with Article VIII. The Association shall afford the Owner reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the problem prior to entry, except when entry is required due to an emergency situation.

Section 3. Maintenance of Neighborhoods. The Association shall have the right to maintain, in its sole and absolute discretion, the landscaped areas in each Neighborhood, notwithstanding that such area is solely for the use and benefit of Owners of Units in said Neighborhood and the cost for maintaining same shall be a Neighborhood Assessment. Each Neighborhood Association shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing all buildings located within the Neighborhood of the Neighborhood Association in good condition and repair and consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. In the event that the Neighborhood Association fails to maintain and repair the buildings in good condition and repair and consistent with the Community-Wide Standard, then the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain and repair the buildings in the Neighborhood and impose on each Unit Owner within the Neighborhood a Neighborhood Assessment for all costs and expenses incurred in maintaining or repairing the buildings in said Neighborhood.

Section 4. Neighborhood's Responsibility. Except as provided in Section 3 above, each Neighborhood Association shall be responsible for maintaining its Neighborhood in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Owners of Units within each Neighborhood shall be responsible for paying, through Neighborhood Assessments, the costs incurred by the Association of operating, maintaining and insuring certain portions of the Area of Common Responsibility within or adjacent to such Neighborhood. This may include, without



limitation, the costs of maintaining any signage, entry features, right-of-way and open space between the Neighborhood and adjacent public roads and private streets within the Neighborhood, regardless of ownership and regardless of the fact that such maintenance may be performed by the Association; provided, however, all Neighborhoods which are similarly situated shall be treated the same. Any Neighborhood Association having any responsibility for maintenance of property within such Neighborhood shall perform such maintenance responsibility in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. If it fails to do so, the Association may perform such responsibilities and assess the costs against all Units within such Neighborhood as provided in Article VIII, Section 7.

Section 5. Standard of Performance. Maintenance, as used in this Article, shall include, without limitation, repair and replacement as needed, as well as such other duties, which may include irrigation, as the Board may determine necessary or appropriate to satisfy the Community-Wide Standard. All maintenance shall be performed in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and all applicable covenants. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Association, and/or an Owner and/or a Neighborhood Association shall not be liable for property damage or personal injury occurring on, or arising out of the condition of, property which it does not own unless and only to the extent that it has been negligent in the performance of its maintenance responsibilities.

Section 6. Party Walls and Similar Structures.

(a) General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall, fence, driveway or similar structure built as a part of the original construction on the Units which serves and/or separates any two adjoining Units shall constitute a party structure. To the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

(b) Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. All Owners who make use of the party structure shall share the cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of such structure equally.

(c) Damage and Destruction. If a party structure is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, then to the extent that such damage is not covered by insurance and repaired out of the proceeds of insurance, any Owner who has used the structure may restore it. If other Owners subsequently use the structure, they shall contribute to the restoration cost in equal proportions. However, such contribution will not prejudice the right to call for a larger contribution from the other users under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.

(d) Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of an 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.

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**ARTICLE VIII  
ASSESSMENTS**

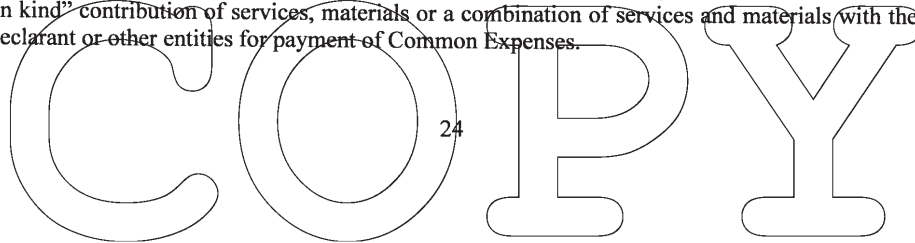
Section 1. Creation of Assessments. The Association and or CDD is hereby authorized to levy assessments against each Unit for Association expenses as the Board may specifically authorize from time to time. There shall be five types of assessments for Association expenses and other obligations: (a) Base Assessments to fund Common Expenses for the general benefit of all Units, (b) Neighborhood Assessments for Neighborhood Expenses benefiting only Units within a particular Neighborhood or Neighborhoods, (c) Special Assessments as described in Section 5 below, and (d) Specific Assessments as described in Section 6 below. Each Owner, by accepting a deed or entering into a recorded contract of sale for any portion of the Community is deemed to covenant and agree to pay these assessments. All assessments, together with interest from the due date of such assessment at a rate determined by the Board (not to exceed the highest rate allowed by Florida law), late charges, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be a charge and continuing lien upon each Unit against which the assessment is made until paid, as more particularly provided in Section 8 below. Each such assessment, together with interest, late charges, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees, also shall be the personal obligation of the Person who was the Owner of such Unit at the time the assessment arose. Upon a transfer of title to a Unit, the grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for any assessments and other charges due at the time of conveyance. However, no first Mortgagee who obtains title to a Unit by exercising the remedies provided in its Mortgage shall be liable for unpaid assessments which accrued prior to such acquisition of title. In addition to the above stated fees, there are also additional fees associated with the operation and assessments of the ascendant CDD.

Assessments shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as the Board may establish. If the Board so elects, assessments may be paid in two or more installments. Unless the Board otherwise provides, the Base Assessment and any Neighborhood Assessment shall be due and payable in advance on the first day of each fiscal year. If any Owner is delinquent in paying any assessments or other charges levied on his Unit, the Board may require any unpaid installments of all outstanding assessments to be paid in full immediately.

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

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

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



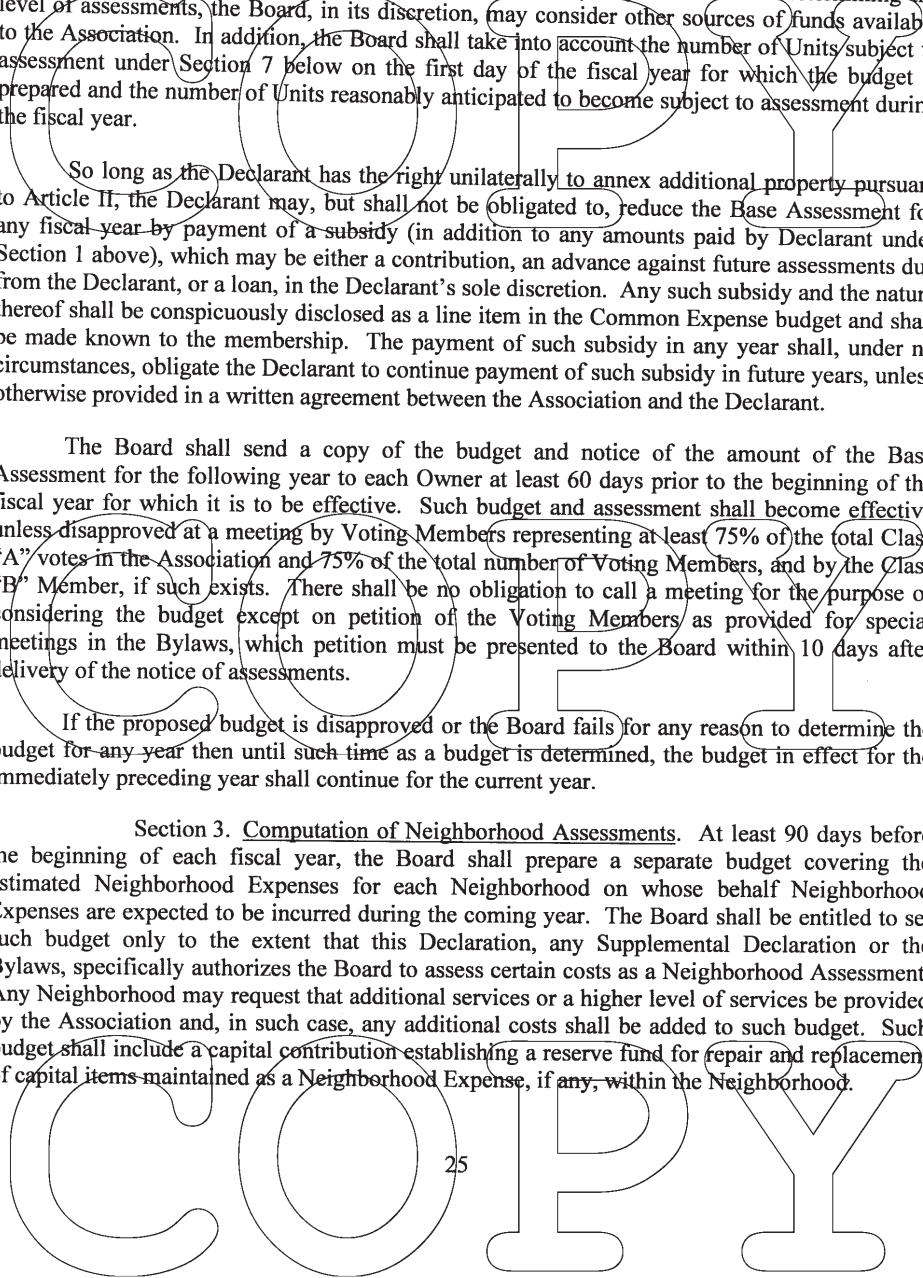
Section 2. Computation of Base Assessment. At least 90 days before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget covering the estimated Common Expenses during the coming year, including a capital contribution to establish a reserve fund in accordance with a budget separately prepared as provided in Section 4 hereof. The Base Assessment shall be levied equally against all Units and shall be set at a level which is reasonably expected to produce total income for the Association equal to the total budgeted Common Expenses, including reserves and CDD monetary requirements. In determining the level of assessments, the Board, in its discretion, may consider other sources of funds available to the Association. In addition, the Board shall take into account the number of Units subject to assessment under Section 7 below on the first day of the fiscal year for which the budget is prepared and the number of Units reasonably anticipated to become subject to assessment during the fiscal year.

So long as the Declarant has the right unilaterally to annex additional property pursuant to Article II, the Declarant may, but shall not be obligated to, reduce the Base Assessment for any fiscal year by payment of a subsidy (in addition to any amounts paid by Declarant under Section 1 above), which may be either a contribution, an advance against future assessments due from the Declarant, or a loan, in the Declarant's sole discretion. Any such subsidy and the nature thereof shall be conspicuously disclosed as a line item in the Common Expense budget and shall be made known to the membership. The payment of such subsidy in any year shall, under no circumstances, obligate the Declarant to continue payment of such subsidy in future years, unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between the Association and the Declarant.

The Board shall send a copy of the budget and notice of the amount of the Base Assessment for the following year to each Owner at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which it is to be effective. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by Voting Members representing at least 75% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and 75% of the total number of Voting Members, and by the Class "B" Member, if such exists. There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of the Voting Members as provided for special meetings in the Bylaws, which petition must be presented to the Board within 10 days after delivery of the notice of assessments.

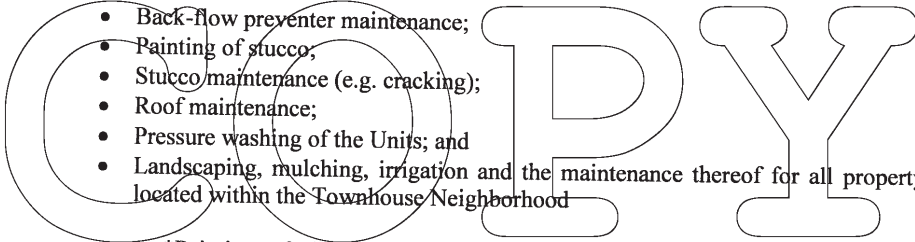
If the proposed budget is disapproved or the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any year then until such time as a budget is determined, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year.

Section 3. Computation of Neighborhood Assessments. At least 90 days before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a separate budget covering the estimated Neighborhood Expenses for each Neighborhood on whose behalf Neighborhood Expenses are expected to be incurred during the coming year. The Board shall be entitled to set such budget only to the extent that this Declaration, any Supplemental Declaration or the Bylaws, specifically authorizes the Board to assess certain costs as a Neighborhood Assessment. Any Neighborhood may request that additional services or a higher level of services be provided by the Association and, in such case, any additional costs shall be added to such budget. Such budget shall include a capital contribution establishing a reserve fund for repair and replacement of capital items maintained as a Neighborhood Expense, if any, within the Neighborhood.



The Units in the Townhouse Neighborhood shall have a Neighborhood Assessment to cover the costs associated with such maintenance of the items listed below (all such items are Townhouse Neighborhood Expenses), as may be revised from time to time by the Board and as may be more specifically set forth in the budget (after the termination of the Class B membership, such items are subject to change pursuant to a majority vote of the Unit Owners in the Townhouse Neighborhood or Neighborhood Committee, if one is established):

- Back-flow preventer maintenance;
- Painting of stucco;
- Stucco maintenance (e.g. cracking);
- Roof maintenance;
- Pressure washing of the Units; and
- Landscaping, mulching, irrigation and the maintenance thereof for all property located within the Townhouse Neighborhood



\*Painting of the exterior front door to the Units, regular maintenance of the doors (including the locks), door frames, windows and window frames shall be the sole responsibility of the Owners.

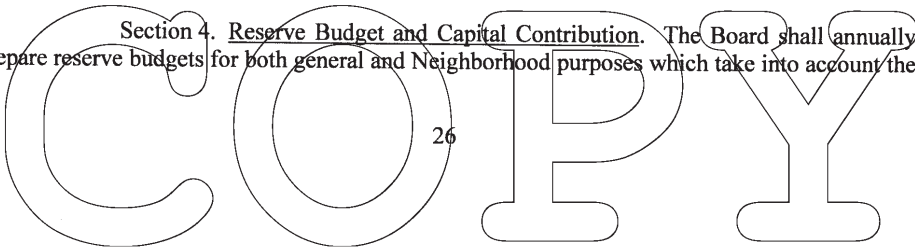
\*All such maintenance obligations mentioned above shall be performed at such times as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Neighborhood Expenses shall be allocated equally among all Units within the benefited Neighborhood; provided, if so specified in a Supplemental Declaration applicable to such Neighborhood or if so directed by petition signed by a majority of the Owners within the Neighborhood, any portion of the assessment intended for exterior maintenance of structures, insurance on structures, or replacement reserves which pertain to particular structures shall be levied on each of the benefited Units in proportion to the benefit received.

The Board shall cause a copy of such budget and notice of the amount of the Neighborhood Assessment for the coming year to be delivered to each Owner of a Unit in the Neighborhood at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved by a majority of the Owners of Units in the Neighborhood to which the Neighborhood Assessment applies; provided, however, there shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of Owners of at least 10% of the Units in such Neighborhood, which petition must be submitted to the Board within 10 days after delivery of the notice of assessments. This right to disapprove shall only apply to those line items in the Neighborhood budget which are attributable to services requested by the Neighborhood.

If the proposed budget for any Neighborhood is disapproved or if the Board fails for any reason to determine the budget for any year then, until such time as a budget is determined, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year.

Section 4. Reserve Budget and Capital Contribution. The Board shall annually prepare reserve budgets for both general and Neighborhood purposes which take into account the



number and nature of replaceable assets, the expected life of each asset, and the expected repair or replacement cost. The Board shall set the required capital contribution in an amount sufficient to permit meeting the projected needs of the Association, as shown on the budget, with respect both to amount and timing by annual Base Assessments or Neighborhood Assessments, as appropriate, over the budget period.

(a) Initial Contributions to the Association. Upon every initial transfer of record title to a Lot after the date of recording of this Declaration, a contribution shall be made by, or on behalf of, the purchaser to the Association. Upon the initial transfer of a Lot by Declarant, the contribution shall be the amount equal to three (3) months' Common Assessments applicable to a Lot for that year. Where any Lot is sold by Declarant to a Merchant builder, Declarant may, by reference thereto in a contract for sale, deed of conveyance or separate instrument, waive the initial contribution for that Lot until resale by the Merchant Builder, at which time such amount will be due from the purchaser from the Merchant Builder. The initial contribution upon the sale of each Lot by Declarant or a Merchant Builder shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Declaration, be utilized by the Association for operations, maintenance and acquisition of personal property in the year of receipt and succeeding years until exhausted. If utilized for operations, such contribution shall be utilized solely to reduce the difference payable by Declarant, if received prior to Turnover. Declarant, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and assigns, shall be exempt from payment of the contribution required by this Section. The contribution required by this section shall constitute an Assessment against the Lot and shall be subject to the same lien rights and other rights of collection applicable to other Assessments under this Article. No representation or warranty is made by Declarant or the Association that, on the date of Turnover, any funds will be available as a result of such contributions.

(b) Improvement Contribution. Upon every transfer of record title to a Lot, except for the initial conveyance by Declarant or a Merchant Builder, at which time the contribution under Section 4.A is due, a contribution equal to three (3) months Common Assessments shall be made to a segregated account for the benefit of the Association after Turnover. Subsequent to the Turnover, the accumulated contributions shall be used for repairs, renovations, or improvements to the common Area(s). To the extent the Association makes any claim against Declarant or its appointed directors for Common Area conditions, the amount within the improvement contribution account at Turnover shall be credited against any obligation of Declarant pertaining to such Common Area(s). This Section 4a & 4b may not be amended without the Declarant's written consent, in its sole and absolute discretion.

Section 5. Special Assessments. In addition to other authorized assessments, the Association or ascendant CDD may levy Special Assessments from time to time to cover unbudgeted expenses or expenses in excess of those budgeted. Such Special Assessment may be levied against the entire membership, if such Special Assessment is for Common Expenses, or against the Units within any Neighborhood, if such Special Assessment is for Neighborhood Expenses. Special Assessments shall be payable in such manner and at such times as determined by the Board, and may be payable in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the Special Assessment is approved.

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Section 6. Specific Assessments. The Board shall have the power to levy Specific Assessments against a particular Unit or Units constituting less than all Units within the Community or within a Neighborhood, as follows:

(a) to cover the costs, including overhead and administrative costs, of providing benefits, items or services to the Unit or occupants thereof upon request of the Owner, pursuant to a menu of special services which the Board may from time to time authorize to be offered to Owners (which might include, without limitation, landscape maintenance, handyman service, pool cleaning, pest control, etc.), which assessments may be levied in advance of the provision of the requested benefit, item or service as a deposit against charges to be incurred by the Owner; and

(b) to cover costs incurred in bringing the Unit into compliance with the terms of this Declaration, any applicable Supplemental Declaration, the Bylaws or rules, or costs incurred as a consequence of the conduct of the Owner or occupants of the Unit, their licensees, invitees or guests; provided, the Board shall give the Unit Owner prior written notice and an opportunity for a hearing before levying in Specific Assessment under this subsection (b).

The Association may also levy a Specific Assessment against any Neighborhood to reimburse the Association for costs incurred in bringing the Neighborhood into compliance with the provisions of the Declaration, any applicable Supplemental Declaration, the Articles; the Bylaws and rules; provided the Board gives the Voting Member from such Neighborhood prior written notice and an opportunity to be heard before levying any such assessment.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Assessments; Due Dates. All annual assessments shall be payable annually, in advance. The obligation to pay assessments shall commence as to each Unit on the first day of the month following: (a) the month in which the Unit is made subject to this Declaration, or (b) the month in which the Board first determines a budget and levies assessments pursuant to this Article, whichever is later. The first annual Base Assessment and Neighborhood Assessment, if any, levied on each Unit shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the fiscal year at the time assessments commence on the Unit. At the option of the Board, the payment of assessments may be changed to a more frequent basis. The due date of any Special Assessment or Specific Assessment provided for herein shall be set in the resolution authorizing such assessment.

Section 8. Liens for Assessments. Upon recording of a Notice of Lien, there shall exist a perfected lien for unpaid assessments on the respective Unit prior and superior to all other liens, except all taxes, bonds, assessments and other levies which by law would be superior thereto; a lien or charge of any first mortgage of record (meaning any recorded mortgage with first priority over other mortgages) made in good faith and for value, but subject to the limitations of Section 9 hereof. Such lien, when delinquent, may be enforced by suit, judgment and foreclosure. The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid for the Unit at foreclosure sale and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage and convey the same. During the period in which a Unit is owned by the Association following foreclosure: no right to vote shall be exercised on its behalf; no assessment shall be levied on it; and each other Unit shall be charged, in addition to its usual assessment, its equal pro rata share of the assessment that would have been charged against such Unit had it not been acquired by the Association as a

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result of foreclosure. Suit to recover a money judgment for unpaid common expenses and attorneys' fees shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing the same. After notice and hearing, the Board may temporarily suspend the voting rights and right to use the Common Area of a Member while such Member is in default in payment of any assessment.

Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or as a party to any other type of conveyance, vests in the Association or its agents the right and power to bring all actions against him or her personally for the collection of such charges as a debt and also to foreclose the aforesaid lien in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of real property. The lien provided for in this Article shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all other Owners.

All payments shall be applied first to costs and attorneys' fees, then to interest, then to delinquent assessments, then to any unpaid installments of the annual assessment, special assessments and individual assessments which are not the subject matter of suit in the order of their coming due, and then to any unpaid installments of the annual assessment, special assessments or individual assessments which are the subject matter of suit in the order of their coming due.

Section 9. Subordination of the Lien to First Mortgages; Mortgagees' Rights.

The lien for assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any first mortgage placed upon a Unit prior to the recording of a notice of lien for the unpaid assessment. However, a first mortgagee shall become liable for all assessments which become due and payable subsequent to the sale or transfer of the Unit pursuant to a decree of foreclosure, or pursuant to a deed given in lieu of foreclosure, or any other proceeding in lieu of foreclosure. A first mortgagee, upon written request, shall be entitled to written notification from the Association of any default of an Owner of any obligation hereunder which is not cured within sixty (60) days.

Section 10. Declarant's Assessments. For any assessment year, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Declarant shall have the option, in its sole discretion, to either:

- (a) pay Assessments on the Units owned by it, or
- (b) not pay Assessments on any Units and in lieu thereof, for such assessment year, pay the Association's actual operating expenses incurred (either paid or payable) exclusive of capital improvement costs, reserves, depreciation and amortization. The amount so determined shall then be reduced by revenues earned (either received or receivable) from all sources (including, without limitation, Assessments, interest, fines, working capital and similar contributions made by Unit purchasers, and incidental income) and any surplus carried forward from the preceding year(s).

In computing the annual amount to be funded by the Declarant as aforesaid, revenues and expenses shall not be segregated or earmarked by type of Assessment or type of Common Area, or by Neighborhood but, instead, shall be taken as a whole.

Also, depreciation and capital asset acquisition shall not be deemed a cost or expense for purposes of this Section and Declarant shall not be deemed to have in any manner guaranteed or obligated itself as to the types or levels of any inventory of good or equipment existing at any time.

For any assessment year, Declarant may from time to time change the option (or combination thereof) under which Declarant is making payments to the Association by written notice to such effect to the Association. When all Units within the Community are sold and conveyed to purchasers, neither Declarant nor its affiliates shall have further liability of any kind to the Association for the payment of Assessments, deficits or contributions, The Declarant's rights under this Section may be assigned by it in whole or in part and on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis.

~~Section 11. Exempt Property. The following property shall be exempt from payment of Base Assessments, Neighborhood Assessments, Specific Assessments, and Special Assessments:~~

- ~~(a) all Common Area;~~
- ~~(b) any property dedicated to and accepted by any governmental authority or public utility; included but not limited to the CDD~~
- ~~(c) any property held by a conservation trust or similar nonprofit entity as a conservation easement, except to the extent that any such easement lies within the boundaries of a Unit which is subject to assessment (in which case the Unit shall not be exempted from assessment); and~~
- ~~(d) any property owned by a Neighborhood Association for the common use and enjoyment of its members, or owned by the members of a Neighborhood Association as tenants-in-common.~~

~~Section 12. Initial Recreation Capitalization Fee. The first purchaser of each Unit at the time of closing of the conveyance from the Declarant to the purchaser shall pay the Declarant a one-time recreation capitalization fee to reimburse Declarant for costs associated with construction of the amenities. The Declarant may waive this requirement for some Units, if the first purchaser is a Builder and the Builder becomes unconditionally obligated to collect and pay the recreation capitalization fee upon the subsequent sale of each Unit to an end purchaser. No representation or warranty is made by Declarant that, upon the expiration of the Class B Control Period, any funds will be turned over to the Association from the recreation capitalization fees paid to the Declarant.~~

**ARTICLE IX  
ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS**

The Board of Directors shall have the authority and standing on the behalf of the Association, to enforce in courts of competent jurisdiction decisions of the Architectural Review Committee (the "Committee"), established by this Article. This Article may not be amended without the Declarant's written consent so long as the Declarant owns any lands subject to this Declaration.

~~Section 1. The Architectural Review Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint the Committee which shall consist of at least three (3), but no more than five (5) Persons;~~

however, the Declarant retains the right to appoint all members of the Committee until one hundred percent (100%) of the Units have been developed and conveyed to purchasers in the normal course of development and sale. The Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all exterior painting, original construction, modifications, additions or alterations made on or to existing Units pursuant to the Architectural Standards. Moreover, the Committee shall have the right to revise, amend and update the Architectural Standards by a majority vote of the Committee, in order to respond to future changes. Upon revising, amending or updating the Architectural Standards, the Committee shall provide notice of the changes to the Board of Directors and the Association, and the Committee will make the corresponding changes in the Architectural Standards.

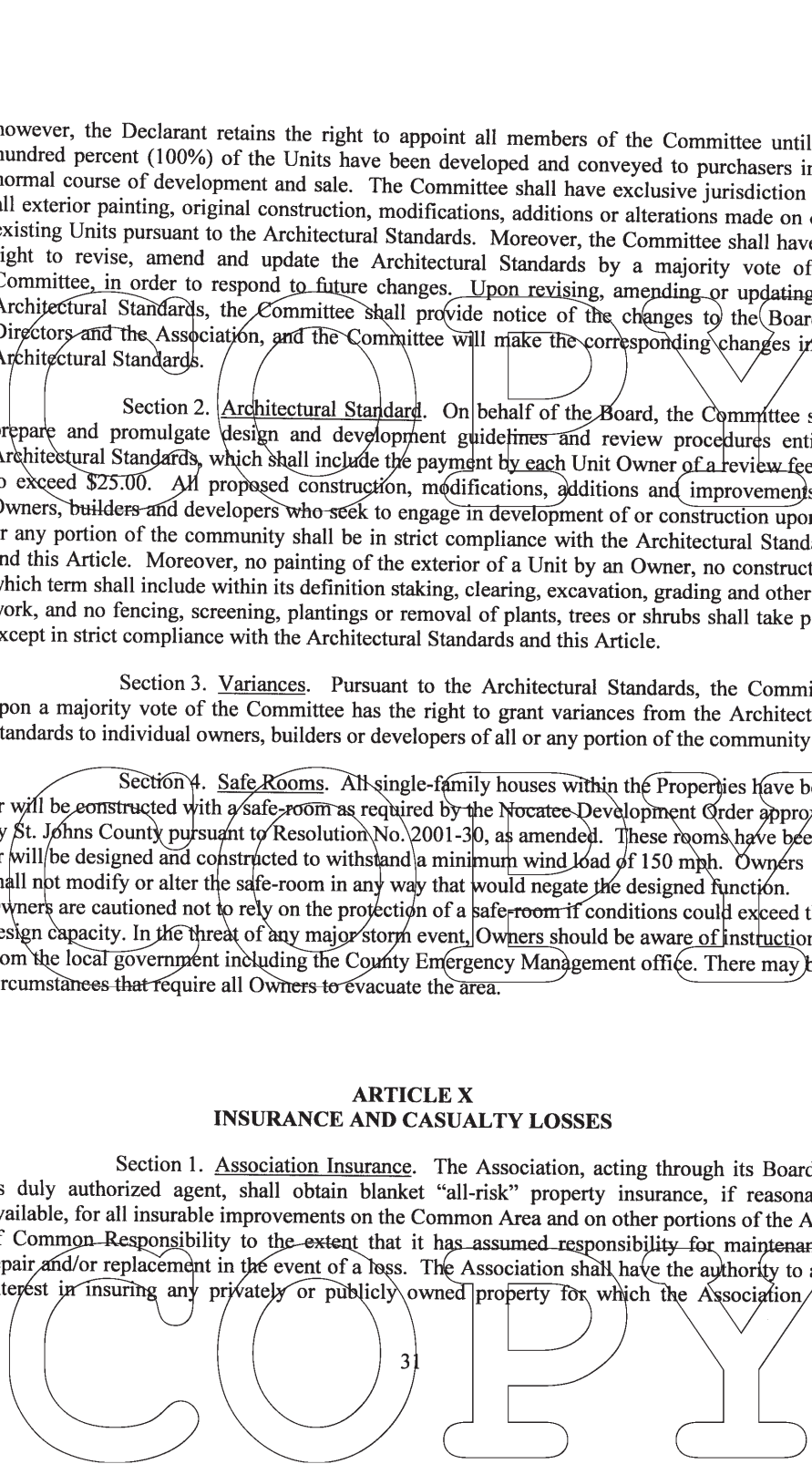
Section 2. Architectural Standard. On behalf of the Board, the Committee shall prepare and promulgate design and development guidelines and review procedures entitled Architectural Standards, which shall include the payment by each Unit Owner of a review fee not to exceed \$25.00. All proposed construction, modifications, additions and improvements by Owners, builders and developers who seek to engage in development of or construction upon all or any portion of the community shall be in strict compliance with the Architectural Standards and this Article. Moreover, no painting of the exterior of a Unit by an Owner, no construction, which term shall include within its definition staking, clearing, excavation, grading and other site work, and no fencing, screening, plantings or removal of plants, trees or shrubs shall take place except in strict compliance with the Architectural Standards and this Article.

Section 3. Variances. Pursuant to the Architectural Standards, the Committee upon a majority vote of the Committee has the right to grant variances from the Architectural Standards to individual owners, builders or developers of all or any portion of the community.

Section 4. Safe Rooms. All single-family houses within the Properties have been or will be constructed with a safe-room as required by the Nocatee Development Order approved by St. Johns County pursuant to Resolution No. 2001-30, as amended. These rooms have been or will be designed and constructed to withstand a minimum wind load of 150 mph. Owners shall not modify or alter the safe-room in any way that would negate the designed function. Owners are cautioned not to rely on the protection of a safe-room if conditions could exceed the design capacity. In the threat of any major storm event, Owners should be aware of instructions from the local government including the County Emergency Management office. There may be circumstances that require all Owners to evacuate the area.

**ARTICLE X  
INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES**

Section 1. Association Insurance. The Association, acting through its Board or its duly authorized agent, shall obtain blanket "all-risk" property insurance, if reasonably available, for all insurable improvements on the Common Area and on other portions of the Area of Common Responsibility to the extent that it has assumed responsibility for maintenance, repair and/or replacement in the event of a loss. The Association shall have the authority to and interest in insuring any privately or publicly owned property for which the Association has



maintenance or repair responsibility. Such property shall include, by way of illustration and not limitation, any insurable improvements on or related to parks, rights-of-way, medians, easements and walkways which the Association is obligated to maintain. If blanket "all-risk" coverage is not generally available at reasonable cost, then the Association shall obtain fire and extended coverage, including coverage for vandalism and malicious mischief. The face amount of the policy shall be sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of the insured property. The cost of such insurance shall be a Common Expense to be allocated among all Units subject to assessment as part of the annual Base Assessment. In addition, the Association may, upon request of a Neighborhood Village, and shall, if so specified in a Supplemental Declaration applicable to the Neighborhood Village, obtain and continue in effect adequate blanket "all-risk" property insurance on all insurable improvements within such Neighborhood Village, if reasonably available. If "all-risk" property insurance is not generally available at reasonable cost, then fire and extended coverage may be substituted. Such coverage may be in such form as the Board of Directors deems appropriate. The face amount of the policy shall be sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of all structures to be insured. The costs shall be charged to the Owners of Units within the benefited Neighborhood Village as a Neighborhood Village Assessment. All policies shall provide for a certificate of insurance to be furnished to each Member insured, to the Association, and to the Neighborhood Village Association, if any.

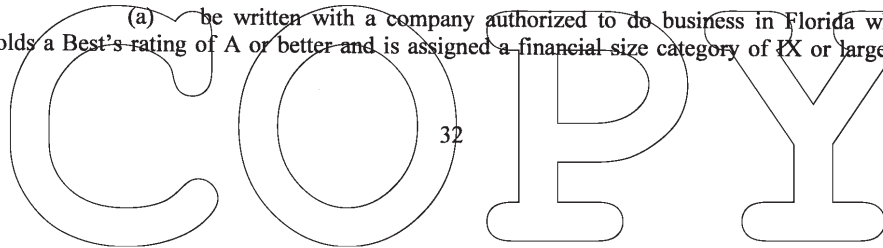
The Association also shall obtain a public liability policy on the Area of Common Responsibility, insuring the Association and its Members for damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its Members, employees, agents or contractors while acting on its behalf. If generally available at reasonable cost, the public liability policy shall have at least a \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit as respects bodily injury and property damage, and at least a \$3,000,000.00 limit per occurrence and in the aggregate.

Except as otherwise provided above with respect to property within a Neighborhood Village, premiums for all insurance on the Area of Common Responsibility shall be Common Expenses and shall be included in the Base Assessment. However, premiums for insurance on Limited Controlled Facilities may be included in the Neighborhood Village Assessment of the Neighborhood Village(s) benefited unless the Board reasonably determines that other treatment of the premiums is more appropriate.

The policies may contain a reasonable deductible which shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the required coverage. In the event of an insured loss, the deductible shall be treated as a Common Expense or a Neighborhood Village Expense in the same manner as the premiums for the applicable insurance coverage. However, if the Board reasonably determines, after notice and an opportunity to be heard in accordance the Bylaws, that the loss is the result of the negligence or willful conduct of one or more Owners or occupants, then the Board may specifically assess the full amount of such deductible against the Unit of such Owner or occupant, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 6.

All insurance coverage obtained by the Association shall:

- (a) be written with a company authorized to do business in Florida which holds a Best's rating of A or better and is assigned a financial size category of IX or larger as



established by A.M. Best Company, Inc., if reasonably available or, if not available, the most nearly equivalent rating which is available;

(b) be written in the name of the Association as trustee for the benefited parties, Policies on the Common Area shall be for the benefit of the Association and its Members. Policies secured on behalf of a Neighborhood Village shall be for the benefit of the Neighborhood Village Association, if any, the Owners of Units within the Neighborhood Village, and their Mortgagees, as their interests may appear;

(c) vest in the Board exclusive authority to adjust losses; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related to the loss;

(d) not be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, occupants or their Mortgagees; and

(e) have an inflation guard endorsement, if reasonably available. If the policy contains a co-insurance clause, it shall also have an agreed amount endorsement. The Association shall arrange for an annual review of the sufficiency of insurance coverage by one or more qualified persons, at least one of whom must be in the real estate industry and familiar with construction in the St. Johns County, Florida, area.

The Board shall use reasonable efforts to secure insurance policies containing endorsements that:

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

(b) waive the insurer's rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;

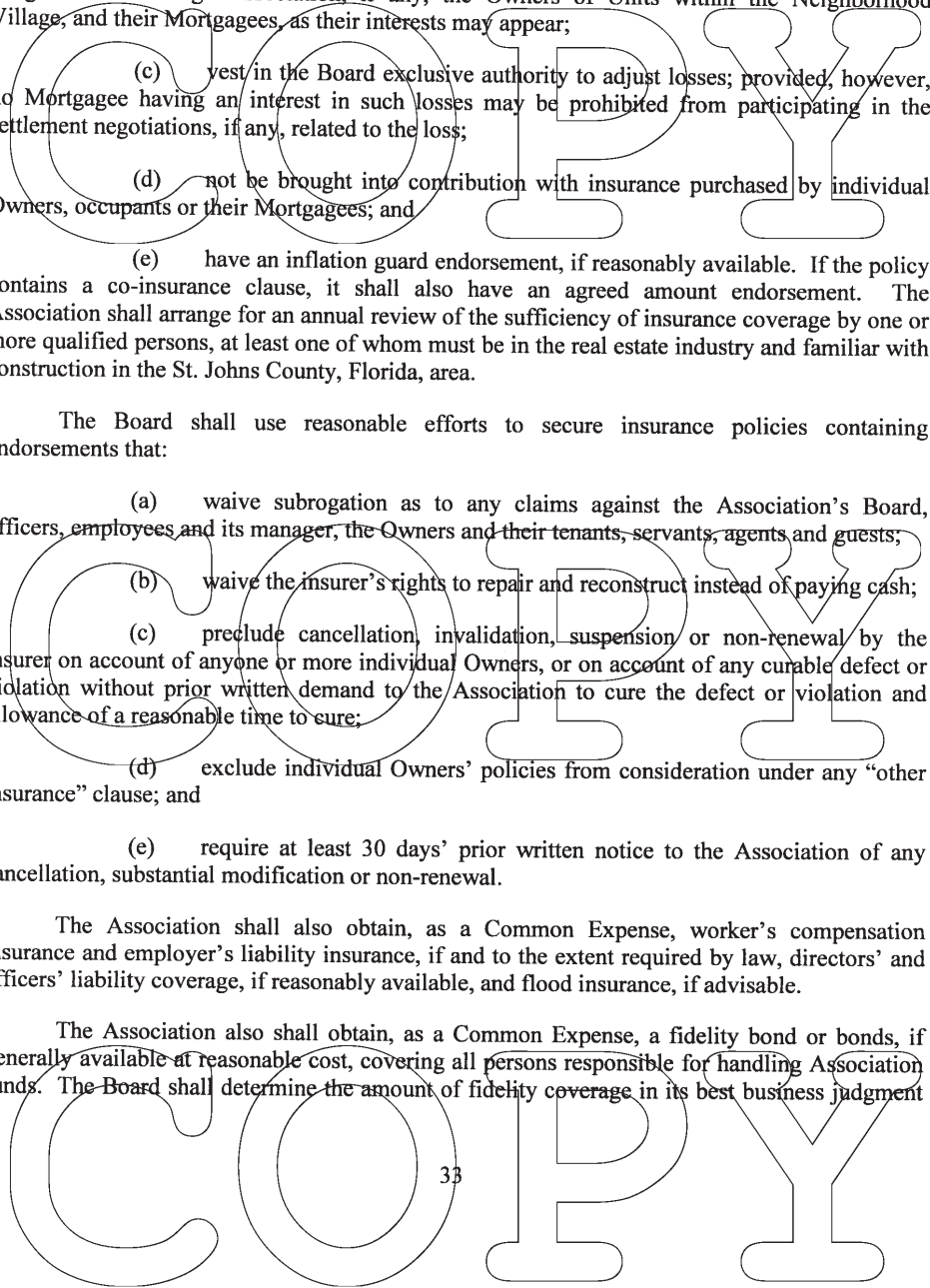
(c) preclude cancellation, invalidation, suspension or non-renewal by the insurer on account of anyone or more individual Owners, or on account of any curable defect or violation without prior written demand to the Association to cure the defect or violation and allowance of a reasonable time to cure;

(d) exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration under any "other insurance" clause; and

(e) require at least 30 days' prior written notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification or non-renewal.

The Association shall also obtain, as a Common Expense, worker's compensation insurance and employer's liability insurance, if and to the extent required by law, directors' and officers' liability coverage, if reasonably available, and flood insurance, if advisable.

The Association also shall obtain, as a Common Expense, a fidelity bond or bonds, if generally available at reasonable cost, covering all persons responsible for handling Association funds. The Board shall determine the amount of fidelity coverage in its best business judgment



but, if reasonably available, shall secure coverage equal to not less than one-sixth (1/6) of the annual Base Assessments on all Units plus reserves on hand. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all defenses, based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation, and shall require at least 30 days' prior written notice to the Association of any cancellation, substantial modification or non-renewal.

Section 2. Owners Insurance. By virtue of taking title to a Unit, each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association to carry blanket "all-risk" property insurance on its Unit(s) and structures thereon, providing full replacement cost coverage less a reasonable deductible, unless either the Neighborhood Village in which the Unit is located or the Association carries such insurance (which they are not obligated to do hereunder). Each Owner further covenants and agrees that in the event of damage to or destruction of structures on or comprising his Unit, he shall proceed promptly to repair or to reconstruct in a manner consistent with the original construction of such other plans and specifications as are approved in accordance with Article IX of this Declaration. Alternatively, the Owner shall clear the Unit of all debris and ruins and maintain the Unit in a neat and attractive, landscaped condition consistent with the Community-Wide Standard. The Owner shall pay any costs which are not covered by insurance proceeds.

Additional recorded covenants applicable to any Neighborhood Village may establish more stringent requirements regarding the standards for rebuilding or reconstructing structures on the Units within such Neighborhood Village and the standards for clearing and maintaining the Units in the event the structures are not rebuilt or reconstructed.

Section 3. Damage and Destruction.

(a) Immediately after damage or destruction to all or any part of the Community covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board or its duly authorized agent shall file and adjust all insurance claims and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this paragraph, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the condition in which it existed prior to the damage, allowing for changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes.

(b) Any damage to or destruction of the Common Area shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Voting Members representing at least 75% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, and the Class "B" Member, if any, decide within 60 days after the loss not to repair or reconstruct.

Any damage to or destruction of the common property of any Neighborhood Village Association shall be repaired or reconstructed unless the Unit Owners representing at least 75% of the total vote of the Neighborhood Village Association decide within 60 days after the damage or destruction not to repair or reconstruct.

If either the insurance proceeds or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not available to the Association within such 60-day period, then the period shall be extended until such funds or information are available. However, such extension

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shall not exceed 60 additional days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether the damage or destruction to the Common Area or common property of a Neighborhood Village Association shall be repaired or reconstructed.

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

Section 4. Disbursement of Proceeds. Any insurance proceeds remaining after paying the costs of repair or reconstruction, or after such settlement as is necessary and appropriate, shall be retained by and for the benefit of the Association or the Neighborhood Village Association, as appropriate, and placed in a capital improvements account. This is a covenant for the benefit of Mortgagees and may be enforced by the Mortgagee of any affected Unit.

Section 5. Repair and Reconstruction. If insurance proceeds are insufficient to cover the costs of repair or reconstruction, the Board of Directors shall, without a vote of the Voting Members, levy Special Assessments against those Unit Owners responsible for the premiums for the applicable insurance coverage under Article VIII, Section 5 above.

Section 6. Master Insurance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, for so long as the Declarant controls the Board of Directors, the Declarant reserves the right to include the insurance obligations of the Association within a master insurance program controlled by the Declarant (or its affiliates) and upon doing so, the insurance obligations provided for under this Declaration shall be deemed satisfied.

**ARTICLE XI  
CONDEMNATION**

Section 1. General. If any part of the Common Area shall be taken (or conveyed in lieu of and under threat of condemnation by the Board acting on the written direction of Voting Members representing at least 67% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association and of the Declarant, as long as the Declarant owns any property described on Exhibits "A" or "B") by any authority having the power of condemnation or eminent domain, each Owner shall be entitled to written notice. The award made for such taking shall be payable to the Association as trustee for all Owners to be disbursed as follows: If the taking involves a portion of the Common Area on which improvements have been constructed, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements on the remaining land included in the Common Area to the extent available, unless within 60 days after such taking the Declarant, so long as the Declarant owns any property described in Exhibits "A" or "B" of this Declaration, and Voting Members representing at least 75% of the total Class "A" votes in the Association, shall otherwise agree. Any such construction shall be in accordance with plans approved by the Board. The provisions of Article X, Sections 3 and 4 regarding funds for the repair of damage or destruction shall apply.

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

**ARTICLE XII  
USE RESTRICTIONS**

Section 1. Residential Use. No commercial use of a Unit which shall be inconsistent with applicable zoning laws and regulations shall be permitted unless approved by the Board of Directors in writing.

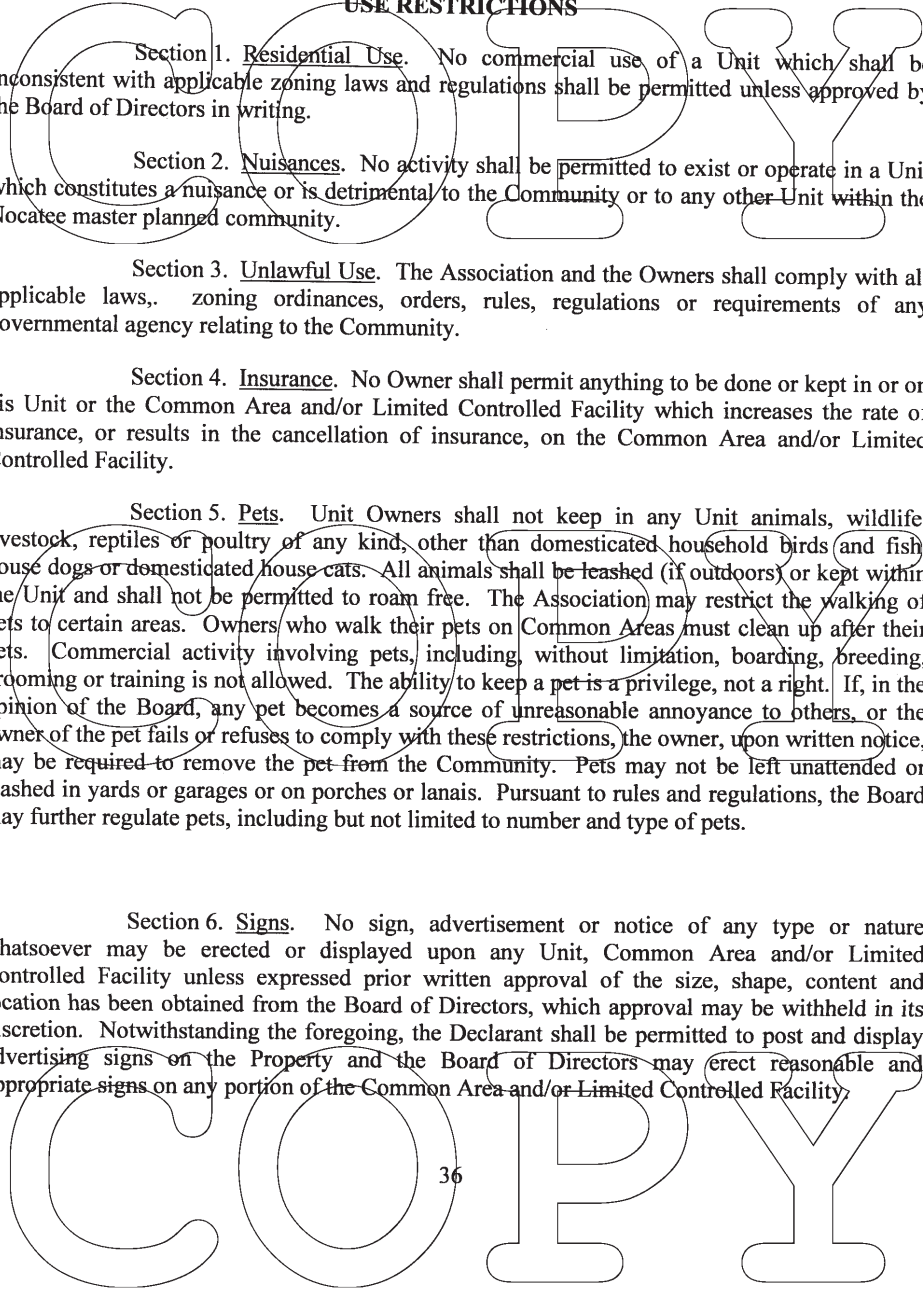
Section 2. Nuisances. No activity shall be permitted to exist or operate in a Unit which constitutes a nuisance or is detrimental to the Community or to any other Unit within the Nocatee master planned community.

Section 3. Unlawful Use. The Association and the Owners shall comply with all applicable laws, zoning ordinances, orders, rules, regulations or requirements of any governmental agency relating to the Community.

Section 4. Insurance. No Owner shall permit anything to be done or kept in or on his Unit or the Common Area and/or Limited Controlled Facility which increases the rate of insurance, or results in the cancellation of insurance, on the Common Area and/or Limited Controlled Facility.

Section 5. Pets. Unit Owners shall not keep in any Unit animals, wildlife, livestock, reptiles or poultry of any kind, other than domesticated household birds and fish, house dogs or domesticated house cats. All animals shall be leashed (if outdoors) or kept within the Unit and shall not be permitted to roam free. The Association may restrict the walking of pets to certain areas. Owners who walk their pets on Common Areas must clean up after their pets. Commercial activity involving pets, including, without limitation, boarding, breeding, grooming or training is not allowed. The ability to keep a pet is a privilege, not a right. If, in the opinion of the Board, any pet becomes a source of unreasonable annoyance to others, or the owner of the pet fails or refuses to comply with these restrictions, the owner, upon written notice, may be required to remove the pet from the Community. Pets may not be left unattended or leashed in yards or garages or on porches or lanais. Pursuant to rules and regulations, the Board may further regulate pets, including but not limited to number and type of pets.

Section 6. Signs. No sign, advertisement or notice of any type or nature whatsoever may be erected or displayed upon any Unit, Common Area and/or Limited Controlled Facility unless expressed prior written approval of the size, shape, content and location has been obtained from the Board of Directors, which approval may be withheld in its discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant shall be permitted to post and display advertising signs on the Property and the Board of Directors may erect reasonable and appropriate signs on any portion of the Common Area and/or Limited Controlled Facility.



Section 7. Exterior Lighting. Except as may be installed initially by Declarant, no spotlights, seasonal and special effect lighting, floodlights or similar high intensity lighting shall be placed or utilized upon any Unit which in any way will allow light to be reflected on any other Unit or the improvements thereon or upon the Common Area, Limited Controlled Facility or any pan thereof without the prior written approval of the Committee and in accordance with the Architectural Standards. Low intensity lighting which does not disturb the Owners or other occupants shall be permitted.

Section 8. Traffic Hazards. Nothing shall be erected, constructed, planted or otherwise placed in the Community subsequent to the initial construction of improvements in the Community by Declarant which creates a traffic hazard or blocks the vision of motorists upon any of the streets, roads or intersections of the Community.

Section 9. Service Yards. All garbage receptacles, gas meters, air conditioning, heating, pool equipment, materials and supplies, and other equipment placed or stored outside must be concealed from view from roads and adjacent Community in accordance with the Architectural Standards. No Unit Owner may erect any structure or improvement that will deny or impede the Association's access to the Unit Owner's yard.

Section 10. Antennas, Other Devices. No exterior radio or television antenna, satellite dish or other receiver transmitting device or any similar exterior structure or apparatus may be erected or maintained unless approved by the Committee, pursuant to the Architectural Standards; provided, however, each Owner may maintain a satellite dish provided the satellite dish complies with location guidelines adopted by the Committee.

Section 11. Temporary Structures. No temporary structure, such as a trailer, tent, shack, barn, shed or other outbuilding shall be permitted at any time, other than:

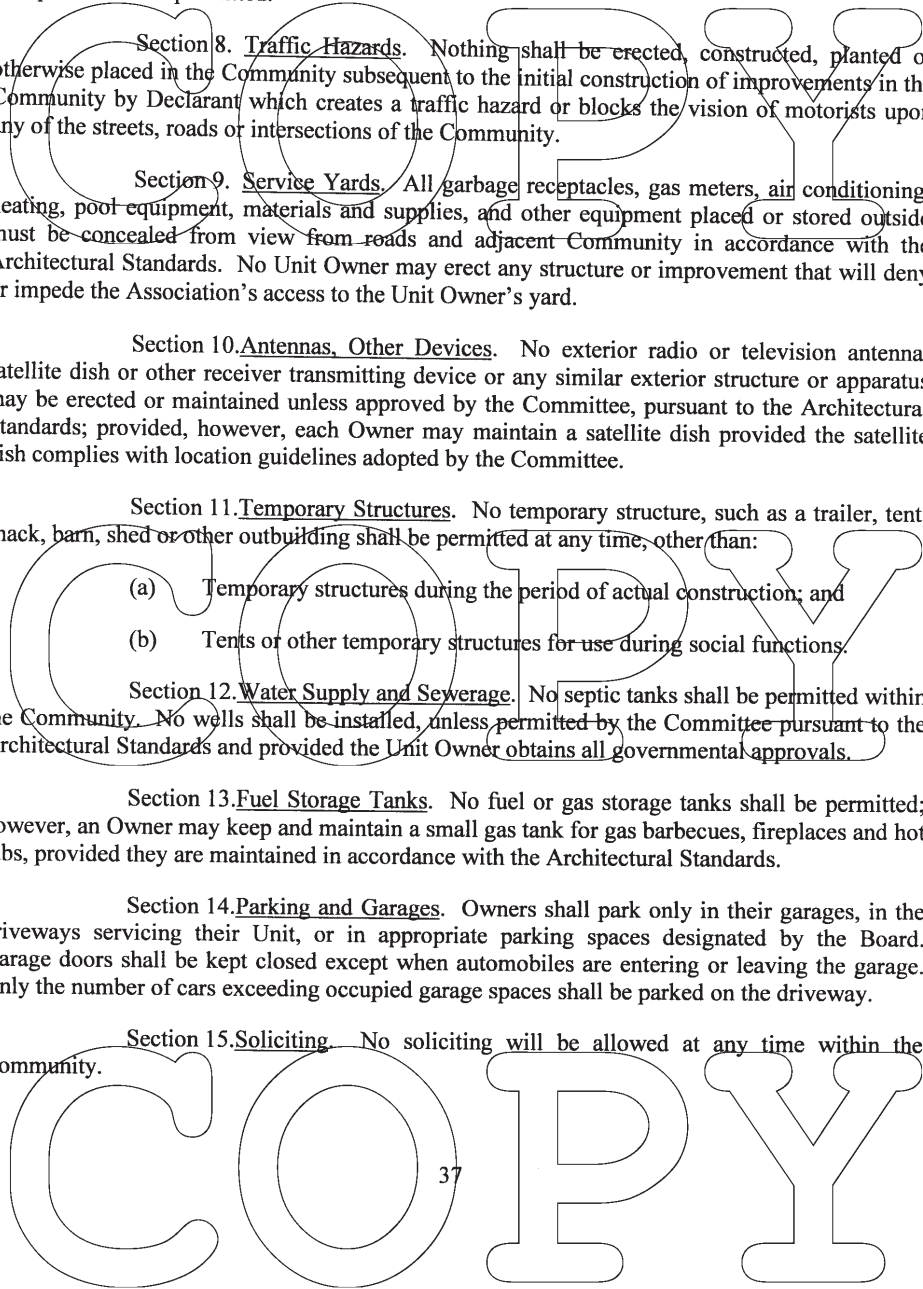
- (a) Temporary structures during the period of actual construction; and
- (b) Tents or other temporary structures for use during social functions.

Section 12. Water Supply and Sewerage. No septic tanks shall be permitted within the Community. No wells shall be installed, unless permitted by the Committee pursuant to the Architectural Standards and provided the Unit Owner obtains all governmental approvals.

Section 13. Fuel Storage Tanks. No fuel or gas storage tanks shall be permitted; however, an Owner may keep and maintain a small gas tank for gas barbecues, fireplaces and hot tubs, provided they are maintained in accordance with the Architectural Standards.

Section 14. Parking and Garages. Owners shall park only in their garages, in the driveways servicing their Unit, or in appropriate parking spaces designated by the Board. Garage doors shall be kept closed except when automobiles are entering or leaving the garage. Only the number of cars exceeding occupied garage spaces shall be parked on the driveway.

Section 15. Soliciting. No soliciting will be allowed at any time within the Community.



Section 16. Trees. Pursuant to the Architectural Standards, no trees shall be cut or removed without approval of the Committee.

Section 17. Fences and Walls; Clotheslines. No fences, screens (including but not limited to pool screen cages), invisible pet fences or walls shall be erected unless in accordance with the Architectural Standards. Furthermore, Unit Owners shall not erect or maintain any clotheslines. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein pool screen cages shall only be bronze in color.

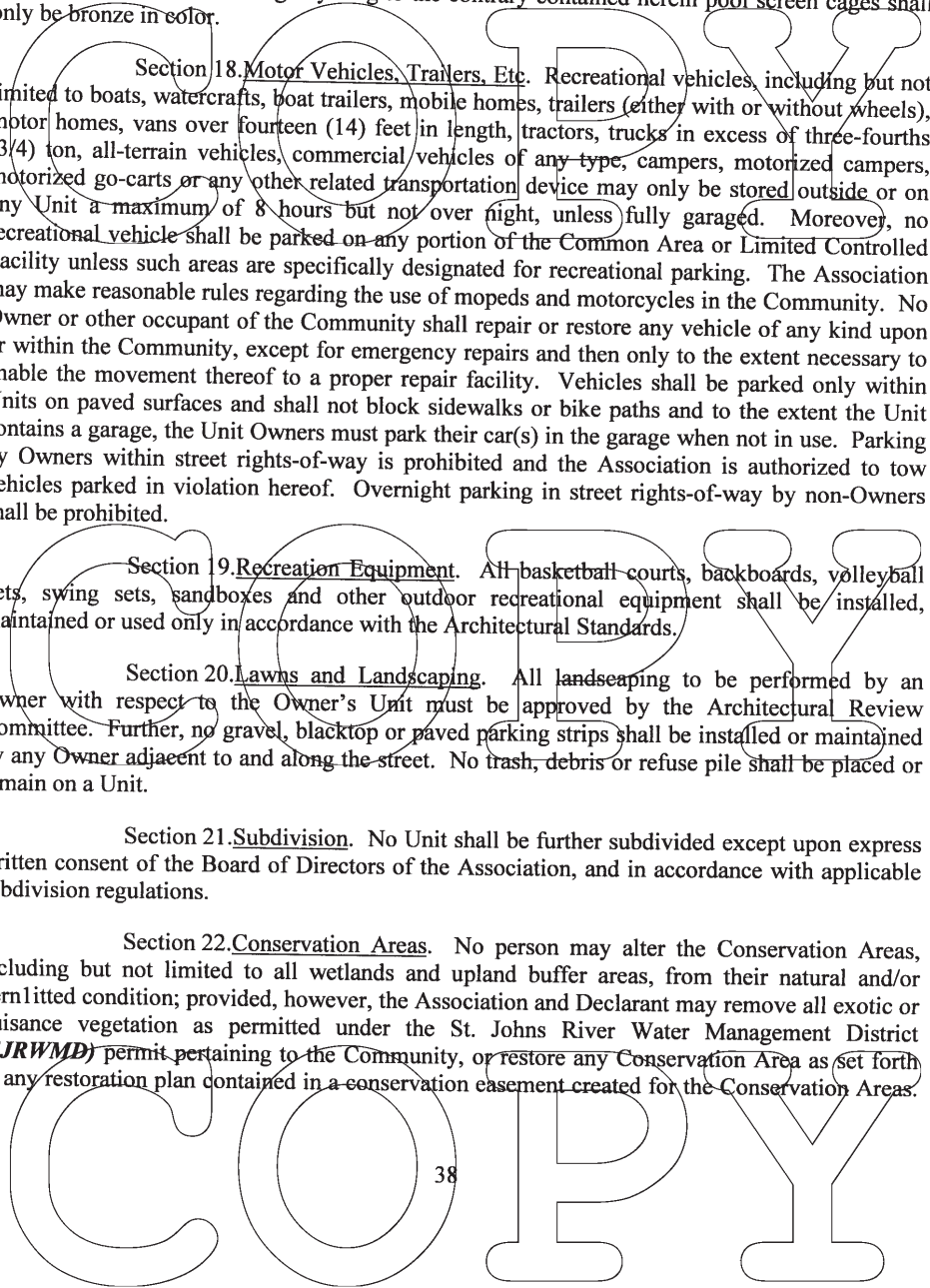
Section 18. Motor Vehicles, Trailers, Etc. Recreational vehicles, including but not limited to boats, watercrafts, boat trailers, mobile homes, trailers (either with or without wheels), motor homes, vans over fourteen (14) feet in length, tractors, trucks in excess of three-fourths (3/4) ton, all-terrain vehicles, commercial vehicles of any type, campers, motorized campers, motorized go-carts or any other related transportation device may only be stored outside or on any Unit a maximum of 8 hours but not over night, unless fully garaged. Moreover, no recreational vehicle shall be parked on any portion of the Common Area or Limited Controlled Facility unless such areas are specifically designated for recreational parking. The Association may make reasonable rules regarding the use of mopeds and motorcycles in the Community. No Owner or other occupant of the Community shall repair or restore any vehicle of any kind upon or within the Community, except for emergency repairs and then only to the extent necessary to enable the movement thereof to a proper repair facility. Vehicles shall be parked only within Units on paved surfaces and shall not block sidewalks or bike paths and to the extent the Unit contains a garage, the Unit Owners must park their car(s) in the garage when not in use. Parking by Owners within street rights-of-way is prohibited and the Association is authorized to tow vehicles parked in violation hereof. Overnight parking in street rights-of-way by non-Owners shall be prohibited.

Section 19. Recreation Equipment. All basketball courts, backboards, volleyball nets, swing sets, sandboxes and other outdoor recreational equipment shall be installed, maintained or used only in accordance with the Architectural Standards.

Section 20. Lawns and Landscaping. All landscaping to be performed by an Owner with respect to the Owner's Unit must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee. Further, no gravel, blacktop or paved parking strips shall be installed or maintained by any Owner adjacent to and along the street. No trash, debris or refuse pile shall be placed or remain on a Unit.

Section 21. Subdivision. No Unit shall be further subdivided except upon express written consent of the Board of Directors of the Association, and in accordance with applicable subdivision regulations.

Section 22. Conservation Areas. No person may alter the Conservation Areas, including but not limited to all wetlands and upland buffer areas, from their natural and/or permitted condition; provided, however, the Association and Declarant may remove all exotic or nuisance vegetation as permitted under the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) permit pertaining to the Community, or restore any Conservation Area as set forth in any restoration plan contained in a conservation easement created for the Conservation Areas.



Exotic vegetation may include, but is not limited to, melaleuca, Brazilian pepper, Australian pine, Japanese climbing fern or any other species currently listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. Nuisance vegetation may include cattails, primrose willow and grapevine.

Section 23. Leases. In order to maintain a community of congenial Owners who are financially responsible and thus protect the value of the Units, the leasing and rental of Units by any Owner shall be subject to the following provision, which provision each Unit Owner covenants to observe: (i) no Owner may lease his or her residence for a period less than month without the prior written approval of the Board, which approval is subject to the Board's sole and absolute discretion; (ii) the Unit Owner must first submit to the Board a copy of the fully executed lease for its approval, to determine whether the term is correct; (iii) the lease must specifically state that the tenant lets the Unit subject to the terms and conditions of this Declaration and if the Unit Owner fails to pay the Assessments required hereunder, the Association may collect from the tenant the outstanding Assessments, provided the amount of the Assessments does not exceed the rental amount for the Unit.

Section 24. Boating. The Unit Owners shall not operate or use any boats on any of the lakes located in the Community.

Section 25. Fishing. Unit Owners may only fish along the shoreline and bank located adjacent to the Unit Owner's Unit.

Section 26. Window Treatments. All window coverings shall be lined with white or off-white lining on the side exposed to the public, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 27. Garage. All garage doors must be closed when not in use. No Unit Owner may convert his or her garage to living space, an office or workshop.

**ARTICLE XIII  
DECLARANT'S RIGHTS**

(a) Declarant's Rights. The Declarant and its successors or assigns will undertake the work of constructing Units and related amenities on the Lots and improvements on the Common Areas. The completion of that work and the sale, rental and other disposal of Lots is essential to the establishment and welfare of the Community as a community. As used in this, Section and its subparagraphs, the words "its successors or assigns" specifically do not include purchasers of completed Units. In order that said work may be completed and the Community established as a fully occupied Community as rapidly as possible, no Owner or the Association shall do anything to interfere with the Declarant's activities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, nothing in this Declaration or the Articles or By-Laws shall be understood or construed to:

(i) Prevent the Declarant, its successors or assigns, or its or their contractors or subcontractors, from doing on any property owned by them or on any Common Areas whatever they determine to be necessary or advisable in connection with the completion of said work, including without limitation, the alteration of its construction plans and designs as the

Declarant deems advisable in the course of development (all models or sketches showing plans for future development of The Community may be modified by the Declarant at any time and from time to time, without notice); or

(ii) Prevent the Declarant, its successors or assigns, or its or their contractors, subcontractors or representatives, from erecting, constructing and maintaining on any property owned or controlled by the Declarant or on any Common Areas, or its successors or assigns or its or their contractors or subcontractors, such structures as may be reasonably necessary for the conduct of its or their business of completing said work and establishing The Community as a Community and disposing of the same by sale, lease or otherwise; or

(iii) Prevent the Declarant, its successors or assigns, or its or their contractors or subcontractors or representatives, from conducting on any property owned or controlled by the Declarant or its successors or assigns, its or their business of developing, subdividing, grading and constructing improvements within The Community and of disposing of Lots therein by sale, lease or otherwise; or

(iv) Prevent the Declarant, its successors or assigns, from determining in its sole discretion the nature of any type of improvements to be constructed as part of The Community.

The Declarant expressly reserves the right to grant easements and rights-of-way over, under and through the Common Areas so long as the Declarant owns any property in The Community; provided, no such easement shall structurally weaken or otherwise interfere with the use of the Common Area by Owners. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Declaration to the contrary, so long as construction and initial sales of Lots shall continue, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant to maintain and carry on upon portions of the Common Area and Lots owned by Declarant such facilities and activities as, in the sole opinion of Declarant, may be reasonably required, convenient, or incidental to the construction or sale of Lots, including, but not limited to, business offices, signs, model Units, and sales offices and the Declarant shall have an easement for access to such facilities. The right to maintain and carry on such facilities and activities shall include specifically the right to use any Lot owned by the Declarant, as models and sales offices, respectively and to utilize such facilities exclusively from time to time. Any or all of the special rights and obligations of the Declarant may be transferred to other parties, provided that the transfer shall not reduce an obligation nor enlarge a right beyond that contained herein, and provided further, no such transfer shall be effective unless it is in a written instrument signed by the Declarant and duly recorded in the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida. Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed to require Declarant or any successor to develop any property in any manner whatsoever.

The Declarant expressly reserves the right to retain one or more Units in the Community as a guest house(s), to be used and enjoyed by the Declarant, its affiliates, employees, invitees and licensees for any lawful purpose.

Each Owner on his, her or its own behalf and on behalf of such Owner's heirs, personal representatives, successors, mortgagees, lienors and assigns acknowledges and agrees that the completion of the development of The Community may occur over an extended period of time

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