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**DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS,
RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS
FOR
LAKES AT MILL CREEK**

THIS DECLARATION, made this 26th day of May 2017, by MILL CREEK PLANTATION NORTH, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, whose mailing address is 8825 Perimeter Park Boulevard, Suite 104, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, hereinafter called "Developer".

R E C I T A L S:

1. Developer is the owner and developer of that certain real property (the "Property") located in St. Johns County, Florida and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. It is the intention and desire of Developer to have the Property developed into single family residential homesites and to sell such homesites as part of a residential community. Homes within the Property shall be single-family detached dwellings and shall be developed and maintained as part of a residential development of superior quality, architectural design and condition.
3. Developer desires to maintain the beauty of the Property, to assure high-quality standards for the enjoyment of the Property. To provide for the preservation, enhancement and maintenance of the Property and the improvements thereon, Developer desires to subject the Property to the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens of this Declaration, each and all of which is and are for the benefit of the Property and each owner of a portion thereof.
4. To provide for the efficient management of the Property, Developer has created or will create a nonprofit homeowners association. The Association, as hereinafter defined, shall own, operate, maintain and administer all of the common areas within the Property and administer and enforce the covenants, conditions, restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth. The Association shall also have the power and duty to administer and enforce the easements set forth in this Declaration, and to collect and disburse the assessments hereinafter created.

D E C L A R A T I O N:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Developer hereby declares that the Property shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, limitations and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the Property and be binding upon all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part

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thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each Owner thereof and Developer.

ARTICLE I **DEFINITIONS**

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

Section 1.1 Association. Lakes at Mill Creek Owners Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, its successors and assigns. The Articles of Incorporation more particularly described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and Bylaws more particularly described in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and made a part hereof, for the Association shall be referred to as the "Association Articles of Incorporation" and the "Association By-laws", respectively. The Association shall own, operate, administer and maintain the Common Areas; enforce the easements set forth in this Declaration; collect and disburse the assessments hereinafter created; and be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the covenants, conditions, restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth (sometimes referred to as the "Covenants and Restrictions").

Section 1.2 Association Rules and Regulations. The rules, regulations and policies adopted by the Board of Directors as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 1.3 Developer. Mill Creek Plantation North, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, or such other entity which has been specifically assigned the rights of Developer hereunder and any assignee thereof which has had the rights of Developer similarly assigned to it. Developer may also be an Owner for so long as Developer shall be record owner of any Lot as defined herein.

Section 1.4 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 1.5 Charges. All General, Special and Lot Assessments.

Section 1.6 Common Area or Common Areas. All real and personal property now or hereafter designated by Developer as Common Area which is intended for the common use and enjoyment of all of the owners within the Property. Without limitation, the Common Area shall include the islands in all cul de sacs, all roads and street unless such are dedicated to and accepted for maintenance by St. Johns County, Florida, the rights and easements for retention ponds, lakes, culverts, drainage areas and stormwater retention systems located within the Property, the rights and easements along the entrance or boundaries to each Subdivision for fencing, signage, landscaping, lighting and irrigation. The Common Areas shall also include such personal property, fixtures and improvements placed or constructed by or on behalf of the Association in, upon or on the easements granted herein.

Section 1.7 **Conservation Area or Conservation Easement Area**. "Conservation Area" or "Conservation Easement Area" shall mean and refer to all such property so designated upon any recorded Subdivision Plat or Plats of the Properties. The Developer reserves the right to add lands to the Conservation Easement Area.

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Section 1.8 Declaration. This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements applicable to the Property.

Section 1.9 General Assessment. An assessment required of all Owners, as further provided in Article VI entitled "Covenants for Maintenance Assessments" and elsewhere in this Declaration.

Section 1.10 Guest. A social guest of an Owner. However, any person residing on any portion of the Property for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days, or longer, shall be deemed a permanent resident.

Section 1.11 House. Any single-family residential dwelling constructed or to be constructed on or within any Lot.

Section 1.12 Lot. Any plot of land intended as a site for a House, whether or not the same is then shown upon any duly recorded Subdivision plat of the Property. Upon construction of a House, the term "Lot" as used herein shall include the House and Yard.

Section 1.13 Lot Assessment. Any assessment charged to a particular owner pursuant to this Declaration for services and costs which relate specifically to that Owner's Lot.

Section 1.14 Member. Those persons entitled to membership in the Association as provided in this Declaration or the Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Section 1.15 Mortgage. Any bona fide first mortgage encumbering a Lot as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 1.16 Mortgagee. Any institutional holder of a Mortgage, such as a bank, savings and loan association, insurance company, or any other lender generally recognized as an institutional type lender and shall include guarantors or insurers of mortgages such as FNMA, FHA and VA.

Section 1.17 Owner. The record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot. Owner shall not include those having an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation. In the event that there is a contract for deed covering any Lot, the Owner of such parcel shall be the purchaser under said contract, and not the fee simple title holder. The contract for deed is defined as an agreement whereby the purchaser is required to make periodic payments toward the purchase of a Lot for a period extending beyond nine (9) months from the date of the agreement, and where the purchaser does not receive title to such Lot until all periodic payments are made, but is given the use and possession of the Lot prior to such acquisition of title.

Section 1.18 Plat. Any plat or plats of the Property recorded or to be recorded by Developer or others in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida.

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Section 1.19 Property. That certain real property described in Exhibit "A", and such additions and deletions thereto as may be made in accordance with Article II hereof.

Section 1.20 Special Assessment. Those Special Assessments referred to in Article VI hereof.

Section 1.21 Subdivision. The Property together with any additional property made subject to this Declaration.

Section 1.22 Surface Water or Stormwater Management System. A system which is designed and constructed or implemented within the Property to control discharges which are necessitated by rainfall events, incorporating methods to collect, convey, store, absorb, inhibit, treat, use or reuse water to prevent or reduce flooding, overdrainage, environmental degradation, and water pollution or otherwise affect the quantity and quality of discharges from the system, as permitted pursuant to Chapter 62-330, F.A.C. or regulations of similar import. For purposes of this Declaration, the Surface Water or Stormwater Management System shall be deemed to be a part of the Common Area and is subject to certain permit and use restrictions imposed by the St. Johns River Water Management District and St. Johns County.

Section 1.23 Yard. Any and all portions of any Lot lying outside the exterior walls of any House constructed on such Lot and shall include all landscaping, improvements and decorative and functional appurtenances thereon.

ARTICLE II
PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION
ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Section 2.1 No Implied Extension of Covenants. Each Owner and each tenant of any improvements constructed on any Lot, by becoming an Owner or tenant, shall be deemed to have agreed that (a) the Property described on Exhibit "A" and such additional property as may be annexed pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof shall be the only property subject to this Declaration, (b) that nothing contained in this Declaration or in any recorded or unrecorded plat, map, picture, drawing, brochure or other representation of a scheme of development, shall be construed as subjecting, or requiring Developer to subject any other property now or hereafter owned by Developer to this Declaration, and (c) that the only manner in which additional land may be subjected to this Declaration is by the procedure set forth in Section 2.2.

Section 2.2 Additional Lands. Developer may, but shall not be obligated to, subject additional land to this Declaration (or to the assessment provisions of this Declaration) or to a different Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements administered by the Association from time to time. Addition of lands to this Declaration or to a different declaration shall be made and evidenced by filing in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida, a Supplementary Declaration executed by Developer and the owner of the lands to be added. Developer reserves the right to so supplement this Declaration to add land to the scheme of this Declaration (or its

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assessment provisions) pursuant to the foregoing provisions without the consent or joinder of any Owner or mortgagee of land within the Property.

Section 2.3 Withdrawal of Lands. Developer may, but shall have no obligation to, withdraw at any time, or from time to time, portions of the Property from the terms and effect of this Declaration. The withdrawal of lands as aforesaid shall be made and evidenced by filing in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida, a Supplementary Declaration executed by Developer with respect to the lands to be withdrawn.

ARTICLE III OWNERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Lot Ownership. A Lot may be owned by one or more natural persons or an entity other than a natural person.

Section 3.2 Membership Appurtenant to Lot. Developer and every Owner shall be a Member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from title to any Lot except as provided for herein.

Section 3.3 Classes of Membership. The Association shall have two classes of voting membership:

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

3.3.2 Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Developer, who shall be entitled to the number of votes equal to the number of votes held by all Class A Members, plus one. The Class B membership shall cease when the Developer has conveyed ninety percent (90%) of the Lots or when the Developer, in its sole discretion, elects to terminate its Class B Membership, whichever shall occur first. Upon this termination of its Class B Membership, the Developer shall be a Class A Member so long as it owns any Lots.

ARTICLE IV COMMON AREA RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Section 4.1 Owners' Easement of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Area, which will be appurtenant to and shall pass with title to every Lot, subject to the provisions of the Association Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and the following provisions:

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4.1.1 The right of the Association to charge assessments and other fees for the maintenance and security of the Common Areas and the facilities and services provided owners as described herein.

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

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

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

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

4.1.6 The right of Developer or the Association to acquire, extend, terminate or abandon easements.

Section 4.2 Liability for Damage to Common Area. In the event any Common Areas, facilities or personal property of the Association are damaged or destroyed by an Owner or any of his Guests, tenants, licensees, agents, employees or members of his Family as a result of negligence or intentional acts, such Owner hereby authorizes the Association to repair the damage. Such repairs will be performed in a good and workmanlike manner in conformance with the original plans and specifications for the area involved or as the area may have been modified or altered subsequently by the Association. The amount necessary for such repairs shall be the responsibility of such Owner and shall become a Lot Assessment payable immediately upon demand.

Section 4.3 Right of the Developer to Designate Property as Common Area or to Withdraw Property from the Common Area. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Declaration, Developer shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to designate land, easements, use rights and personal property as Common Area, provided only that such land shall be located within the Property or contiguous to the Property (for purposes of this Section, property separated only by public or private roads, water bodies or open space shall be deemed contiguous). Developer may, at any time, withdraw, or cause to be withdrawn, land, easements, use rights or personal property from the Common Area in Developer's sole discretion. Such additions and withdrawals shall be evidenced by recording a Supplementary Declaration in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida, which shall specifically reference each such addition or withdrawal. Withdrawal of land from the Common Area by Developer shall terminate any and all easements and rights of use of the Owners in such land. No land owned by a Developer shall be deemed to be Common Area unless such land is

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expressly referenced as such under Article II hereof, or subsequently designated as such by Developer pursuant to Article I hereof and this Section, even if Developer consents or acquiesces to the use of such land by the Owners. In the event any land, easements, use rights, or personal property owned by the Association shall be withdrawn from the Common Area pursuant to this Section, upon Developer's written request, the Association shall promptly execute and deliver to the Developer any and all deeds, bills of sale, assignments or other conveyance documents as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the withdrawal of such Common Area.

Section 4.4 Maintenance of Common Area and Compliance with Applicable Permits. The Association shall, at all times, maintain in good repair and manage, operate and insure, and shall replace as often as necessary, the Common Areas, personal property, fixtures and improvements and other structures (except utilities owned and maintained by public or private utility companies providing water, sewer, electrical, fire protection, cable television, telephone, or similar utilities to the Property, or any portion thereof) placed or constructed thereon by or on behalf of the Association. Except with respect to the banks of lakes as set forth in Section 8.22 hereof, the Association shall maintain all lakes, drainage areas, drainage easements, and control structures, and shall preserve and protect all designated conservation areas and littoral zones located within, adjacent, or in near proximity to the Property, in accordance with all permit requirements and conditions contained in applicable dredge fill, consumptive use, surface water permits, or any other applicable permits issued by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, St. Johns River Water Management District, and St. Johns County, Florida and all statutes, rules, regulations and requirements pertaining to surface water management, drainage and water quality promulgated by the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, and all other local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction. The Association shall maintain those portions of the Property designated by applicable permit as conservation tracts, stormwater management tracts or similar designations, in accordance with all permit requirements, rules, and regulations promulgated by all local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction. 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 shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the systems to provide drainage, water storage, and conveyance of 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. All maintenance obligations of the Association shall be performed as ordered by the Board of Directors of the Association, and all or any portion of the cost of such maintenance incurred by the Association pursuant to this Section, shall be a common expense of the Association to be collected and paid in the manner prescribed by this Declaration.

Section 4.5 Easement for Maintenance Purposes. Developer hereby reserves for itself and grants to the Association, and its successors, assigns, agents, and contractors, an easement in, on, over and upon those portions of the Property (excluding any portions whereupon any homes or other vertical improvement may now or hereafter be located) as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of maintaining the Common Area, including the Surface Water or Storm Water Management System, or other portions of Property to be maintained by Association, in accordance with the

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requirements of this Declaration. The easement granted hereby shall not be exercised by any party in a manner which unreasonably interferes with the use, occupancy, or enjoyment of any improved portion of the Property. Further, in the event that any portion of the Property shall be damaged or altered in any way as the result of the exercise of the easement rights granted hereby, such portions of the Property shall be immediately restored to the condition that existed immediately prior to such damage or alteration.

Section 4.6 Developer's Conveyance of Rights in the Common Area. Prior to elimination of the Class B Membership, Developer hereby covenants that it will convey its rights in the Common Areas located in Developer's portion of the Property to the Association subject to easements and restrictions of record and free and clear of all liens and financial encumbrances other than taxes for the year of conveyance, and the Association shall accept such conveyance. Each Owner's obligation to pay assessments, as provided herein, shall commence upon his acquisition of his Lot, notwithstanding that the part of the Common Areas consisting of personal property or fixtures have not then been conveyed to the Association.

ARTICLE V **ASSOCIATION**

Section 5.1 Duties and Powers of the Association. The duties and powers of the Association shall be those provided for by law or set forth in this Declaration, the Association's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, together with those duties and powers which may be reasonably implied to effect the purposes of the Association and shall include enforcement of these covenants. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association may take such measures and perform such services which, in the judgment of the Board of Directors are necessary or desirable to enforce the covenants, conditions, restrictions and limitations set forth in this Declaration; operate, maintain and administer all Common Areas within the Property; administer and enforce the easements provided for in this Declaration; and collect and disburse the assessments created in this Declaration.

Section 5.2 Maintenance Obligations of Lot Owners. It shall be the obligation of each Owner to maintain his Lot in a neat, clean and attractive condition. In the event an Owner fails to do so, the Association shall have the right to clean up the Lot, cut weeds and do such things as it may deem necessary and appropriate. The costs incurred by the Association for such Lot maintenance shall be a Lot Assessment. The costs of these services shall be a Lot Assessment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Owner who is charged the Lot Assessment ("Defaulting Owner") fails to pay the Lot Assessments, and the Association is in need of funds to pay the costs incurred, the cost of such Lot Assessment can be spread equally among all Owners. Such spreading of cost shall not in any way alleviate the Defaulting Owner's responsibility to pay the entire Lot Assessment, with interest, costs, attorneys, fees, and late fees, if applicable.

Section 5.3 Maintenance of Exterior of Houses. Except as provided for herein, the Association is not responsible for any exterior maintenance of Houses, including but not limited to, glass surfaces on doors, screened and screen doors, exterior doors and window fixtures, terraces, patio and deck improvements or roofs.

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Section 5.4 Management Company. The Association may employ or contract with one or more third parties for the performance of all or any portion of the Association's management, maintenance and repair activities, as the Association Board of Directors may choose. The Association shall be billed by its independent contractors, and the cost therefor shall be included within the General Assessment or Lot Assessment, as the case may be.

Section 5.5 Limited Access Procedures. The Association may establish limited access procedures for the Property. Such procedures may be adopted and, from time to time, changed by the Association as the Association Board of Directors chooses in its discretion. Such procedures adopted and provided by the Association may be in conjunction with other associations representing property owners. No representation, warranty, or guarantee is made, nor assurance given, that the limited access systems or procedures for the Property will prevent personal injury or damage or loss of property. Neither Developer nor the Association nor its Board of Directors or other agents shall be liable or responsible for any personal injury or for any loss or damage to persons or property which may occur within the Property, whether or not it is due to the failure of the limited access system and procedures adopted from time to time.

ARTICLE VI **COVENANTS FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS**

Section 6.1 Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. All assessments and fines (referred to collectively in this Article as "charges"), together with interest and cost of collection when delinquent, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which the charges are made, and shall also be the personal obligation of the person or entity who is the Owner of such Lot at the time when the charges were levied, and of each subsequent Owner. The lien shall attach to the Lot upon recording of a claim of lien in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida, which lien shall include all the formalities of a deed and be signed by a duly authorized officer or agent of the Association. The claim of lien may provide that it secures not only current outstanding assessments as of the date of filing the claim of lien, but may also include future unpaid assessments, interest, late charges, and other costs related thereto. Each Owner of a Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other transfer document therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or transfer document, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay the Association the charges established or described in this Declaration and in the Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. No diminution or abatement or any charges shall be allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to perform such function required of it, or any alleged negligent or wrongful acts of the Association, or its officers, agents and employees, or the nonuse by the Owner of any or all of the Common Areas, the obligation to pay such charges being a separate and independent covenant by each Owner.

Section 6.2 Purpose of Assessments.

6.2.1 Each Lot within the Property is subject to an Annual General Assessment by the Association for the improvement, maintenance and operation of the Property, including the management and administration of the Association and the furnishing of services as set forth in this Declaration. All Lots which have never been improved with a dwelling as of January 1 of

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the applicable year ("Vacant Lots") shall be responsible for 10% of the total Annual General Assessment. All Lots which as of January 1 of the applicable year have been improved with a completed dwelling ("Improved Lots") shall be responsible for 90% of the total Annual General Assessment. A dwelling will be deemed completed upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Once a Lot has been so improved, it will be considered as part of the class of Improved Lots, notwithstanding the subsequent destruction of any improvements and irrespective of whether such Lot is vacant or occupied. Within each class (Vacant Lots or Improved Lots) the Annual General Assessments must be allocated equally on a per Lot basis. As further described in this Article, the Board of Directors of the Association by a majority vote shall set the Annual General Assessments at a level sufficient to meet the Association's obligations. The Association Board of Directors shall have the right, power and authority, during any fiscal year, to increase the Annual General Assessment for the purpose of meeting its expenses and operating costs on a current basis or for the purpose of recovering excess expenses or costs from previous years. The Association Board of Directors shall set the date or dates that the Annual General shall become due, and may provide for collection annually or in monthly, quarterly or semi-annual installments; provided, however, that upon a default in the payment of any one or more installments, the entire balance of the Annual General Assessment may be accelerated at the option of the Association Board of Directors and be declared due and payable in full.

6.2.2 In addition to the Annual General Assessments authorized above, the Association may also impose and collect a one time assessment (the "Capital Assessment") equal to \$300 per Lot. The Capital Assessment will be due upon the first conveyance of a Lot to an Owner excluding any conveyance to a Speculative Builder. "Speculative Builder" means a licensed contractor which has purchased Vacant Lots for the purpose of construction of a dwelling intended for resale. If the Developer conveys a Lot to a Speculative Builder, then the Capital Assessment will be due only upon the subsequent conveyance by the Speculative Builder to another Owner. Once a Capital Assessment has been paid, such Lot shall thereafter not be subject to any further Capital Assessment. The Capital Assessment shall be used to defray the cost of the initial construction of improvements to the Common Areas and as a reserve for future costs of the Association.

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

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

6.2.5 In addition to the Assessments authorized above, the Association at any time by a majority vote of the Association Board of Directors may levy in any assessment year a

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Lot Assessment against a particular Lot for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the specific Lot, or any other maintenance or special services provided to such Lot or its owner, the cost of which is not included in the Annual General Assessment.

6.2.6 In addition, at the Association may at any time by a majority vote of the Association Board of Directors impose a transfer fee due upon the conveyance of any Lot in order to defray the administrative costs of updating the records of the Association.

Section 6.3 Collection of Assessments. The initial Annual General Assessment on any Lot subject to assessment shall commence and be collected at the time title to such Lot is conveyed to the Owner by Developer. During the initial year of ownership, each Owner shall be responsible for the pro rata share of the General or Special Assessments charged to that Owner's Lot, prorated to the date of closing based upon a 365 day year.

Section 6.4 Effect of Non-Payment of Assessment, Personal Obligation and Remedies of Developer.

6.4.1 Any charges not paid within fifteen (15) days after the due date shall be subject to a late fee equal to Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$50.00), or other amount determined from time to time by the Association Board of Directors and shall bear interest at a rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum until paid.

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

6.4.3 Each Owner, by acquisition of an interest in a Lot, hereby expressly vests in the Association the right and power to bring all actions against such Owner personally for the collection of such charges as a debt and to enforce the aforesaid by all methods available for the enforcement of such liens, including foreclosures, by an action brought in the name of the Association, in a like manner as a mortgage lien on real property, and such Owner hereby expressly grants to the Association a power of sale in connection with such lien. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the charges provided for herein by abandonment of his Lot.

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Section 6.5 Subordination of Lien to Mortgages.

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

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

Section 6.6 Developer's Assessments. Notwithstanding any provision of this Declaration to the contrary, during the Development Period (as defined below) the Lots and other portions of the Property owned by the Developer shall not be subject to any annual or special assessments levied by the Association or to any lien for such assessments. During the Development Period, the Developer shall pay the balance of the actual operating expenses of the Association (excluding costs of major repairs, deferred maintenance, replacements and reserves) remaining after the levying of and payment of assessments due from Owners other than the Developer pursuant to assessments levied by the Board of Directors pursuant to this Declaration. The Developer shall be obligated to fund such balance only as the expenses are actually incurred by the Association during the Development Period. The Development Period shall begin upon the conveyance of the first Lot in the Property to an Owner other than the Developer and shall continue until (i) the Developer shall notify the Association that it will no longer pay for operating deficits of the Association; or (ii) the Class B Membership shall cease and be converted to Class A Membership. Upon termination of the Developer's agreement to pay operating deficits, the Developer shall become obligated to pay assessments on Lots owned by it within the Property on the same basis as other Owners. In no event shall the Developer be obligated to pay for operating deficits of the Association after the Developer no longer owns any Lots within the Property.

Section 6.7 Association Budget.

6.7.1 The fiscal year of the Association shall consist of a twelve-month period commencing on January 1 of each year and terminating on December 31 of that year.

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

6.7.3 Pursuant to the Association Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Association Board of Directors shall adopt a budget for each succeeding year containing an estimate of the total amount which they consider necessary to pay the cost of all expenses to be incurred by the Association, to carry out its responsibilities and obligations including, without limitation, the cost of wages, materials, insurance premiums, services, supplies and other expenses needed to render the

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services specified hereunder. Such budget may also include such reasonable amounts as the Association Board of Directors consider necessary to provide working capital and to provide for a general operating reserve and reserves for contingencies and replacements. The Association Board of Directors shall send each of its Members a copy of the budget, in a reasonably itemized form which sets forth the amount of the Assessments payable by each of its Members. Each budget shall constitute the basis for determining each Owner's General Assessment as provided herein.

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

6.7.5 Until elimination of the Class B Membership, Developer shall have the sole right to appoint the members of the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 6.8 Exemption from Assessments and Liens. The following property subject to this Declaration shall be exempted from the Assessments and liens created herein:

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

6.8.2 All properties owned by any charitable or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under the laws of the State of Florida, except any such property occupied as a residence; and

6.8.3 All properties owned by the Developer until such time as the property or any portion thereof, including a Lot, shall be conveyed to a third party. Developer may assign this exemption right to any person. Such an assignment shall have no effect on Developer's exemption hereunder.

Section 6.9 Taxes. In the event the Common Areas owned by the Association are taxed separately from the Lots deeded to Owners, the Association shall include such taxes as a part of the budget. In the event the Common Areas owned by the Association are taxed as a component of the value of the Lot owned by each Owner, it shall be the obligation of each Owner to timely pay such taxes. In the event that more than one Lot is taxed as a single parcel, the Association, either with or separate from Common Areas, then the Association may elect to pay the taxes and may levy a special assessment against each affected Lot for their proportionate share.

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ARTICLE VII
ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Section 7.1 Preservation of Beauty. In order to preserve the beauty and aesthetic design of the Property and to promote the value of its Development, the Property is hereby made subject to the following restrictions in this Article VII, and every Lot Owner agrees to be bound hereby.

Section 7.2 Architectural Review Committees. Construction of improvements on the Property shall be approved and supervised by one of two architectural review boards.

7.2.1 The New Construction Committee ("NCC") is charged with the review of all plans for the initial construction of improvements upon a Lot. The NCC shall be appointed by Developer. The NCC shall review and approve all such initial construction, whether performed by any Developer, a builder to whom Developer has conveyed one or more Lots, or an Owner.

7.2.2 The Modifications Committee ("MC") is charged with the review of all plans for any addition, removal, change or modification of the improvements upon a Lot. The MC shall be appointed by Developer.

7.2.3 The NCC shall review and approve all initial construction of improvements and their appurtenances from the start of construction until an Owner takes title to the Lot (the foregoing is hereinafter referred to as "New Construction"). Thereafter, any modifications to the New Construction, including, without limitation, the installation or change to the exterior of any building, fence, all, sign, paving, grading, parking and building addition, screen enclosure, sewer, drain, disposal, landscaping or landscaping device or object, exterior lighting scheme, fountain, swimming pool, jacuzzi, awning, shelter and gates (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Proposed Modification") shall be reviewed and approved by the MC.

Section 7.3 Powers and Duties of the NCC and MC. The NCC and MC shall have the following powers and duties:

7.3.1 To promulgate architectural guidelines. In addition to the basic criteria hereinafter set forth, the NCC and MC may promulgate such amendments or modifications thereto as each deems reasonable and appropriate, provided, however, such modifications or amendments shall be consistent with the provisions of this Declaration. Upon adoption of a modification or amendment to the Architectural Guidelines by the NCC in the case of New Construction or by the MC in the case of Proposed Modifications, copies of such changes shall be delivered to Owners; provided, however, receipt of the modification or amendment to the criteria shall not be a condition precedent to the effectiveness or validity of such change.

7.3.2 To require submission to each respective committee as is appropriate, two (2) sets of plans and specifications and to the extent that MC or NCC deems it necessary or appropriate, samples of building materials, colors or such other descriptive information as it specifies.

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7.3.3 To approve or disapprove New Construction or Proposed Modifications, respectively. The determination of the NCC, with regard to New Construction, and the MC, with regard to a Proposed Modification, shall be binding upon all Owners.

7.3.4 Each committee shall evaluate the application for the total effect thereof. This evaluation relates to matters of judgment and taste which cannot be reduced to a simple list of measurable criteria. It is possible that New Construction or Proposed Modification might meet the general requirements delineated in Article VII hereof and still not receive approval, if in the sole discretion of the NCC or MC, its overall aesthetic impact is unacceptable. The approval of an application for New Construction or Proposed Modification shall not be construed as creating an obligation on the part of the NCC or MC to approve applications involving similar designs pertaining to different Lots.

7.3.5 If any New Construction or Proposed Modifications shall be changed, modified or altered without prior approval of the applicable committee of such change, modification or alteration, and the plans and specifications therefore, if any, then the Owner shall, upon demand, cause the New Construction or Proposed Modifications to be reconstructed or restored to comply with the original plans and specifications, or the plans and specifications originally approved by the applicable committee, and shall bear all costs and expenses of such restoration, including costs and reasonable attorneys' fees of the applicable committee. Alternatively, the Owner may immediately stop progress of any New Construction or Proposed Modifications and immediately submit for application to the appropriate committee for approval. Denial of application will result in the unauthorized work to be reconstructed or restored to comply with the original plans and specifications, or the plans and specifications originally approved by the applicable committee, and the Owner shall bear all costs and expenses of such restoration, including costs and reasonable attorneys' fees of the applicable committee.

7.3.6 Any Owner making, or causing to be made, New Construction or Proposed Modifications agrees and shall be deemed to have agreed, for such Owner and his heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns to hold the NCC, MC, Association, Developer and all other Owners harmless from any liability, damage to the Property and from expenses arising from the construction and installation of any New Construction or Proposed Modifications and such Owner shall be solely responsible for the maintenance, repair and insurance of any alteration, modification or change and for assuring that the New Construction or Proposed Modifications meet with all applicable governmental approvals, rules and regulations.

7.3.7 The NCC and MC are hereby authorized to make such charges as they deem necessary to cover the cost of review of the plans and specifications.

Section 7.4 Procedure for Approval of Plans. The NCC or MC shall approve or disapprove the preliminary and final applications for New Construction or Proposed Modifications within thirty (30) days after each has been submitted to it in proper form together with all supporting information. If the plans are not approved within such period, they shall be deemed approved. Either the NCC or the MC may impose reasonable application fees to defray the costs of such review.

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ARTICLE VIII
USE OF PROPERTY

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

Section 8.1 Single Family Residence Only. Each Lot shall be used for the purpose of constructing a single family residence thereon and for no other purpose. Except as herein otherwise provided, no structure shall be erected, altered or permitted to remain on any Lot other than one single family residence. No building or structure shall be rented or leased separately from the rental or lease of the entire Lot. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Developer from using any Lot or portion thereof for stormwater management, right-of-way for road purposes or for access or a utility easement, in which event none of these restrictions shall apply. Notwithstanding anything in this Declaration to the contrary, an Owner shall be entitled to construct on each Lot one (1) detached garage of an architectural design consistent with the single family residence, provided such detached garage is constructed in a location consistent with all zoning set backs and the terms of this Declaration, and has been approved by the NCC or MC.

Section 8.2 Minimum Square Footage. No House or other structure shall be constructed on a Lot which has a height exceeding thirty-five (35) feet above the elevation of the finished surface of the first floor of such dwelling. All Houses constructed on Lots shall have a minimum of One Thousand Nine Hundred (1,900) square feet of heated and air conditioned living space. No first floor elevation shall be higher than 36" above the average street elevation as measured directly in front of the proposed residence. No homes of elevated design are or will be permitted.

Section 8.3 Set-Back Definitions. In any event, no structure of any kind shall be located on any Lot nearer to the front lot line, nor nearer to any side street line, nor nearer to any side lot line than that which is permitted by applicable zoning from time to time, as the same may be modified by variance, exception, or other modification. If any one House is erected on more than one Lot, or on a building plot composed of parts of more than one Lot, the side line restrictions set forth above, shall apply only to the extreme side lines of the building plot occupied by such dwelling. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent Developer from reducing the building restriction lines with the prior written approval of the governmental agencies having jurisdiction.

Section 8.4 Maximum Lot Coverage. The maximum area of a Lot covered by all buildings and structures shall not exceed the percentage described in the zoning applicable to the Property.

Section 8.5 No Sheds, Shacks or Trailers. No shed, shack, trailer, tent or other temporary or movable building or structure of any kind shall be erected or permitted to remain on any Lot, except where fully screened from view by an approved fence. However, this paragraph shall not prevent the use of a temporary residence and other buildings during the period of actual construction of the main residence and other buildings permitted hereunder, provided the facility is in place and remains for no more than 12 months in duration, nor the use of adequate sanitary toilet facilities for workmen during the course of such construction, nor the use of sales facilities for the Developer or Developer approved Builder.

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Section 8.6 Residing Only in Residence. No trailer, garage, or any outbuilding of any kind shall be at any time used as residence either temporarily or permanently. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a conforming living area above a detached garage may be used in accordance with local codes and practices for use as a guest house, but shall not be severed or leased separate from the main residential structure.

Section 8.7 Fences. Fences or walls may not be built or maintained on any portion of any Lot except on the rear or interior side Lot line and not closer to the front of the Lot than the front line of the main residence; nor closer than twenty feet (20') to a side street when the residence is situated on a corner Lot. No fence or wall shall be erected higher than six feet (6') from the normal surface of the ground without prior written approval by the NCC or MC. No chain link shall be erected on any Lot. No fence or wall shall be erected until quality, style, color and design shall have been first approved by the NCC or built in accordance with any pre-approved standards as are adopted by the NCC or MCC.

Section 8.8 Sewage Disposal and Water Service. The utility company providing service to the Property, has the sole and exclusive right to provide all water and sewage facilities and service to the Property. No well of any kind shall be dug or drilled on the Property to provide potable water for use within any structure, and no potable water shall be used within said structures except potable water which is obtained from the utility company. Nothing herein shall prevent the digging of a well to provide water for swimming pools, irrigation of a yard or garden or for heat transfer systems of heating and air-conditioning units. No septic tank may be constructed on any Lot. No sewage may be discharged on the open ground or into the wetlands. All sewage must be disposed of through the sewer lines and the disposal plant owned and controlled by the utility company or its assigns. No water from air conditioning systems or swimming pools shall be disposed of through the lines of the storm sewer system. The utility company has a non-exclusive perpetual easement in, over and under the areas described on the Plat as "Easement for Utilities" or similar wording for the purposes of installation, maintenance and operation of water and sewage facilities.

Section 8.9 Motorists' Vision to Remain Unobstructed. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to remove or require the removal of any fence, wall, hedge, shrub, bush, tree or other thing, natural or artificial, placed or located on any Lot, if the location of same will, in the sole judgment and opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association, obstruct the vision of the motorist upon any of the streets.

Section 8.10 Signs. No sign of any character shall be displayed or placed on any Lot except "FOR RENT" or "FOR SALE" signs which shall be no larger than four (4) square feet, or one small sign used to denote the name and address of the resident, which sign may refer only to the particular premises on which displayed, and shall be of materials, size, height, and design approved by the Association. Agents of the Association may enter upon any Lot and summarily remove any signs which do not meet the provisions of this paragraph. Nothing contained in these Covenants and Restrictions shall prevent Developer, or any person designated by it from erecting or maintaining such commercial and display signs as they deem appropriate and such temporary dwellings, model houses,

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sales offices and other structures as Developer may deem advisable for development and sales purposes.

Section 8.11 Aerials and Antennas. No radio or television aerial, satellite dish greater than 18 inches in diameter or antenna or any other exterior electronic or electrical equipment or devices of any kind shall be installed or maintained on the exterior or any structure or any Lot unless and until the location, size and design thereof shall have been approved by the NCC or MC, as applicable. As a general rule, antennas and other electronic equipment will be approved if installed in a manner that is not visually offensive. No such equipment will be approved or permitted to remain if it causes interference with neighboring electronic systems. Two satellite dishes of 18 inches in diameter or less per Lot may be installed only on the rear of the dwelling or in the screened backyard without the approval of the NCC or MC.

Section 8.12 Pets. Dogs, cats, and other common domestic companion animals may be kept on a Lot for the pleasure and use of the occupants, but not for any commercial or breeding use. If, in the sole opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association, the animal or animals are dangerous or are an annoyance or nuisance or destructive of wildlife, they may not hereafter be kept on the Lot. All dogs must be held or kept leashed at all times if they are in the Common Areas, and pet owners shall immediately collect and properly dispose of the waste and litter of their pets. The Association reserves the right to limit those parts of the Common Areas where pets may be walked and to make reasonable rules and regulations restricting the number and type of pets that may be kept on any Lot.

Section 8.13 No Offensive Activities and Conditions. No illegal, noxious or offensive activity shall be permitted on any part of the Property, nor shall anything be permitted or done which is or may become a nuisance or a source of embarrassment, discomfort, or annoyance to the neighborhood. No trash, garbage, rubbish or debris shall be deposited or allowed to accumulate or remain outside a receptacle on any part of the Property or on any contiguous land. No fires for burning trash, leaves, clippings, or other debris shall be permitted on any part of the Property, including street rights-of-way. Landscapings are to be neatly trimmed, weeded and maintained.

Section 8.14 No Parking of Vehicles, Boats, Etc. No recreational or other vehicles of any kind, including, but not limited to, any mobile home, trailer (either with or without wheels), motor home, tractor, car, truck, commercial vehicles of any type, camper, motorized camper or trailer, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, motorized go-cart, boats or any other objects may be kept or parked between the street and the front of residential structures; provided, however, private automobiles or vehicles of the Owners bearing no commercial signs, unless in connection with their employment, may be parked in the driveway upon the Lot. All such objects shall be completely screened inside a garage, carport or covered and concealed from view from any adjacent Lot or roadway. Private automobiles of guests of occupants may be parked in the driveways and other vehicles may be parked in the driveways during the times necessary for pickup and delivery service and solely for the purpose of such service. No trailer, other than sales of construction trailers that are approved by the Developer, shall be kept on any Lot. No Owner or other occupant of any portion of the Property shall repair or restore any vehicle of any kind upon or within any Lot or within any portion of the Property, except within enclosed garages or workshops. Owners shall be allowed to have one (1) recreational vehicle, camper, trailer or boat present on the Lot for the purpose of actively loading, unloading or

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washing of said unit. The time allowed for such activities and presence in the front driveway or street is limited to 24 hours per month and under no circumstance shall any unit be permanently stored on any Lot, unless it is located and fully concealed from view behind an approved fence or inside an enclosed approved garage. Permanently stored recreational vehicles must not be visible from the street or any other Lot.

Section 8.15 Air Conditioners. No window air conditioning units shall be permitted on any Lot.

Section 8.16 Clothesline. No clothesline or other clothes drying facility shall be permitted on any Lot, except in locations which are completely screened from public view.

Section 8.17 Storage of Fuel Tanks Garbage and Trash Receptacles. All above ground tanks, cylinders or containers for the storage of liquified petroleum, gas or other fuel, garbage or trash, shall be screened from view from adjacent Lots and any street.

Section 8.18 Insurance. Nothing shall be done or kept on any Lot or in the Common Areas which will increase the rate of insurance for the Property or any other Lot, or the contents thereof, without the prior written consent of the Association. No owner shall permit anything to be done or kept on his Lot or in the Common Areas which will result in the cancellation of insurance on the Property or any other Lot, or the contents thereof, or which will be in violation of the law. Each Owner shall obtain and continually maintain insurance against fire or other casualty damage on all improvements constructed upon a Lot in an amount equal to the full insurable value thereof.

Section 8.19 Inspections. Owners shall allow the Association or its agents and employees to enter any Lot for the lawful purpose of maintenance, inspection, repair, replacement of the improvements within the Yards or, in the case of emergency, for any purpose, or to determine compliance with this Declaration. This section does not convey any right to enter or trespass within any improvement or structures located upon the Lot.

Section 8.20 Resubdividing Lots Owned by Developer. Each Developer reserves the right to resubdivide or replat any Lot or Lots owned by it for any purpose whatsoever, including for rights-of-way for road purposes and easements.

Section 8.21 Resubdividing Developed Lots. No Lot shall be further subdivided or separated into smaller Lots by any Owner; provided that this shall not prohibit corrective deeds or similar corrective instruments.

Section 8.22 Lakes. Only Developer and the Association shall have the right to pump or otherwise remove any water from any lake or water body (together referred to herein as "lake"), located within the Property or adjacent or near thereto for the purpose of irrigation or other use. No person shall be permitted to place any refuse in such lake. Developer and the Association shall have the sole and absolute right to control the water level of such lakes and to control the growth and eradication of plants, fowl, reptiles, animals, fish and fungi in and on such lakes. No gas or diesel driven boat shall be permitted to be operated on any lake. Lots which now are, or may hereafter be,

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adjacent to, or include a portion of, a lake (the "lake parcels"), shall be maintained by the Owner of such Lot with such grass, planting or other lateral support so as to prevent erosion of the embankment adjacent to the lake, and the height, grade and contour of such embankment shall not be changed without the prior written consent of Developer and the Association. The control of nuisance shoreline vegetation shall be the responsibility of the Owners of Lots abutting the lake. In no event shall any Owner use herbicide within a Lot without the prior written approval of the Association. If the Owner of any lake parcel fails to maintain such parcel in accordance with the foregoing, the Association shall have the right, but no obligation, to enter upon any such lake parcel to perform such maintenance work which may be reasonably required, all at the expense of the Owner of such lake parcel. Reimbursement of such costs to the Association shall be collectable and enforceable in the same manner as assessments, as more particularly set forth in Article VI hereof. Title to any lake parcel shall not include ownership of any riparian rights associated therewith, which riparian rights shall remain the property of the Developer or the Developer's successors, assigns and designees, including Developer. No docks, bulkheads, or other structures shall be constructed on such embankments unless and until same have been approved by the NCC and all appropriate agencies and authorities. The Association shall have the right to adopt reasonable rules and regulations from time to time in connection with the use of the surface waters of any lake within the Property. The Association shall have the right to deny such use to any person who in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association may create or participate in a disturbance or nuisance on any part of the surface waters of any such lake. All activities authorized, restricted, or described by this Section, shall be in strict accordance with any and all of the statutes, rules, regulations, permits, and restrictions more particularly described elsewhere in this Declaration.

Section 8.23 Jurisdictional Areas and Permits. THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN OR WILL BE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ("ACOE"), THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("SJRWMD") AND CC (THE "PERMITS"). THE PERMITS ARE OR WILL BE OWNED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION HAS THE OBLIGATION TO ASSURE THAT ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF ARE ENFORCED. THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BRING AN ACTION, AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, AGAINST ANY OWNER VIOLATING ANY PROVISION OF THE PERMITS.

FURTHER, ANY OWNER OWNING A LOT WHICH CONTAINS OR IS ADJACENT TO JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS OR CONSERVATION AREAS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ACOE, SJRWMD, CC, OR BY ANY APPLICABLE CONSERVATION EASEMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OR RECORDED IN THE RECORDS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SHALL, BY ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO THE LOT, BE DEEMED TO HAVE ASSUMED THE OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PERMITS AS THE SAME RELATE TO SUCH OWNER'S LOT AND SHALL AGREE TO MAINTAIN SUCH JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION AREAS IN THE CONDITION REQUIRED UNDER THE PERMITS. IN THE EVENT THAT AN OWNER VIOLATES THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMITS AND FOR ANY REASON THE DEVELOPER OR THE ASSOCIATION IS CITED THEREFORE, THE OWNER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE DEVELOPER AND THE ASSOCIATION HARMLESS FROM ALL COSTS ARISING IN CONNECTION

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THEREWITH, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COST AND ATTORNEYS' FEES, AS WELL AS ALL COSTS OF CURING SUCH VIOLATION.

NO PERSON SHALL ALTER THE DRAINAGE FLOW OF THE SURFACE WATER OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OR ANY PORTION OF THE JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS OR CONSERVATION AREAS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY BUFFER AREAS, SWALES, TREATMENT BERMS OR SWALES, WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPER, ASSOCIATION, SJRWMD, ACOE, CC, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OR QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, AS APPLICABLE.

8.24 Energy Conservation Devices. The MC must approve all solar panels and energy conservation equipment prior to installation of such equipment on a House or a Lot. All solar heating apparatus must conform to the standards set forth in the HUD Intermediate Minimum Property Standards Supplement, Solar Heating, and Domestic Water Systems, or other applicable governmental regulations and/or ordinances. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless it is an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as reasonably determined by the MC. No solar panel, vents, or other roof-mounted, mechanical equipment shall project more than 1.0 feet above the surface of the roof of a House, and all such equipment, other than solar panels, shall be painted consistent with the color scheme of the portion of the House for which such equipment is installed. This provision is not intended to prohibit the use of energy conservation devices.

ARTICLE IX **CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Section 9.1 Conservation Easement Areas. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 704.06, Florida Statutes, Developer has previously granted or hereby voluntarily grants and conveys to the St. Johns River Water Management District (the "SJRWMD" or "District") a conservation easement in perpetuity over certain designated areas of the Property described in the permits (collectively referred to herein as the "Conservation Easements"). Developer fully warrants title to said Conservation Easements, and will warrant and defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. Developer grants these Conservation Easements as a condition of permit number 142500-2, issued by the District, solely to offset adverse impacts to natural resources, fish and wildlife, and wetland functions.

Section 9.2 Purpose. The purpose of this Conservation Easement is to assure that the Conservation Easement Areas will be retained forever in their existing natural condition and to prevent any use of the Conservation Easement Areas that will impair or interfere with the environmental value of these areas.

Section 9.3 Prohibited Uses. Any activity in or use of the Conservation Easement Areas inconsistent with the purpose of this Conservation Easement is prohibited. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following activities and uses are expressly prohibited:

- (a) Construction or placing buildings, roads, signs, billboards or other advertising, utilities

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or other structures on or above the ground.

(b) Dumping or placing soil or other substance or material as landfill or dumping or placing of trash, waste or unsightly or offensive materials.

(c) Removing, destroying or trimming trees, shrubs, or other vegetation.

(d) Excavating, dredging or removing loam, peat, gravel, soil, rock or other material substances in such a manner as to affect the surface.

(e) Surface use, except for purposes that permit the land or water area to remain predominantly in its natural condition.

(f) Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation, or fish and wildlife habitat preservation.

(g) Acts or uses detrimental to such retention of land or water areas.

(h) Acts or uses detrimental to the preservation of the structural integrity or physical appearance of sites or properties of historical, architectural, archaeological, or cultural significance.

Section 9.4 Responsibilities. The Association, its successors and assigns, are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Conservation Easement Areas. In addition, the Association, its successors and assigns, are responsible for the periodic removal of trash and other debris which may accumulate in the Conservation Easement Areas.

Section 9.5 Reserved Rights. Developer reserves unto itself, and its successors and assigns, all rights accruing from its ownership of the Conservation Easement Areas, including the right to engage in or permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Conservation Easement Areas, that are not expressly prohibited herein and are not inconsistent with the purpose of this Conservation Easement.

Section 9.6 Rights of District. To accomplish the purposes stated herein, Developer conveys the following rights to the District:

(a) To enter upon and inspect the Conservation Easement Areas in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times to determine if the fee owner of the Conservation Easement Area or its successors and assigns are complying with the covenants and prohibitions contained in this Conservation Easement.

(b) To proceed at law or in equity to enforce the provisions of this Conservation Easement and the covenants set forth herein, to prevent the occurrence of any of the prohibited activities set forth herein, and require the restoration of areas or features of the Conservation Easement Areas that may be damaged by any activity inconsistent with this Conservation Easement.

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Section 9.7 District's Discretion. District may enforce the terms of this Conservation Easement at its discretion, but if Developer or the Association breaches any term of this Conservation Easement and District does not exercise its rights under this Conservation Easement, District's forbearance shall not be construed to be a waiver by District of such term, or of any subsequent breach of the same, or any other term of this Conservation Easement, or of any of the District's rights under this Conservation Easement. No delay or omission by the District in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Developer or the Association shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. District shall not be obligated to Developer or the Association, or to any other person or entity, to enforce the provisions of this Conservation Easement.

Section 9.8 District's Liability. The Association will assume all liability for any injury or damage to the person or property of third parties which may occur in the Conservation Easement Areas arising from the Association's ownership of the Conservation Easement Areas. Neither the Association, nor any person or entity claiming by or through the Association, shall hold District liable for any damage or injury to person or personal property which may occur in the Conservation Easement Areas.

Section 9.9 Acts Beyond the Association's Control. Nothing contained in this Conservation Easement shall be construed to entitle District to bring any action against Developer or the Association for any injury to or change in the Conservation Easement Areas resulting from natural causes beyond the control of Developer or the Association, including, without limitation, fire, flood, storm and earth movement, or from any necessary action taken by Developer or the Association under emergency conditions to prevent, abate or mitigate significant injury to the Conservation Easement Areas or to persons resulting from such causes.

Section 9.10 Amendment. The provisions of this Conservation Easement may not be amended without the prior written approval of the District.

Section 9.11 Successors. The covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions of this Conservation Easement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Conservation Easement Areas.

Section 9.12 Enforcement. The Developer and/or the Association, its successors and assigns, and the SJRWMD shall have the right to enter upon the Conservation Easement areas at all reasonable times and in a reasonable manner to assure compliance with the aforesaid prohibitions and restrictions. All subsequent owners of any land upon which there is located any Conservation Easement areas shall be responsible for the periodic removal of trash and other debris which may accumulate on such areas. The prohibitions and restrictions upon the Conservation Easement areas as set forth in this paragraph may be enforced by the SJRWMD by proceedings at law or in equity, including, without limitation, actions for injunctive relief. The provisions in these Conservation Easement area restrictions may not be amended without prior approval from the SJRWMD. All rights and obligations arising hereunder are appurtenances and covenants running with the land of the Conservation Easement areas and shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Developer and the Association, its successors and assigns. Upon conveyance by Developer to third parties of

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any land affected hereby, Developer shall not have further liability or responsibility hereunder, provided the plat of the Subdivision includes the Conservation Easement areas and is properly recorded.

ARTICLE X
UTILITY EASEMENTS AND OTHER EASEMENTS

Section 10.1 Unrestricted Right to Assign Easements. Developer shall have the unrestricted right, without the approval or joinder of any other person or entity to designate the use and to alienate, release, or otherwise assign the easements shown in the Plat or described herein.

Section 10.2 10 Foot Easement for Ingress, Egress, Utilities and Drainage. The Developer reserves for itself and grants unto the Association and its designees a ten foot (10') easement for the benefit of the Property, upon, across, over, through and under, along and parallel to each front and rear Lot line, or from the top of the lake bank landward as the case may be, for ingress, egress, installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of the utility system, for drainage, for police powers and for services supplied by the Developer or Association. By virtue of this easement, it shall be expressly permissible for the Developer and the Association to install and maintain facilities and equipment on the Property, to excavate for such purposes and to affix and maintain wires, circuits, pipes and conduits on and under the Lots, following which the Developer or the Association, as applicable, shall restore the affected property to its original condition as nearly as practicable. This easement shall be in addition to, rather than in place of, any other recorded easements on the Property.

Section 10.3 5 Foot Easement for Ingress, Egress, Utilities and Drainage. The Developer hereby reserves for itself and grants unto the Association and its designees a five foot (5') easement for the benefit of the Property upon, across, over, through and under, along and parallel to each side Lot line for access, ingress, egress installation, replacement, repair and maintenance of the utility system, for drainage, for police powers and for services supplied by the Developer or the Association. By virtue of this easement, it shall be expressly permissible for the Developer and the Association to install and maintain facilities and equipment on the Property, to excavate for such purposes and to affix and maintain wires, circuits, pipes and conduits on and under the Lots, following which the Developer or the Association, as applicable, shall restore the affected property to its original condition as nearly as practicable. This easement shall be in addition to, rather than in place of, any other recorded easements on the Property. If two or more Lots are combined and improved with a single dwelling, then the easement will be automatically released as to all interior boundary lines between the combined Lots.

Section 10.4 Encroachment of Improvements. To the extent that any improvements constructed by Developer on, or, if any Lot encroaches on, any other Lot or Common Area, whether by reason of any deviation from the Subdivision plat(s) of the Property or by reason of the settling or shifting of any land or improvements, a valid easement for such encroachment and the maintenance thereof shall exist. Upon the termination of such an encroachment, the easement created in this Section 9.5 shall also terminate.

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Section 10.5 Easement for Maintenance of Landscape and Signage. The Developer hereby reserves for itself and grants unto the Association an alienable and releasable easement over and across certain tracts located at the entry way of the Property for access, ingress and egress for the purposes of improvement, maintenance and repairs of all landscaping and signage as shown on the Final Development Plan for the Property approved by St. Johns County, Florida. Further, the Developer reserves for itself and grants unto the Association a twenty foot (20') easement running along and parallel to the road and running along and parallel to all boundary lines of the Plat for access to and construction, maintenance and repair of signs, landscaping, walls, fences, circuits, conduits, planters and other improvements currently existing or hereafter made or constructed by the Developer or the Association.

ARTICLE XI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 11.1 Maintenance of Common Areas. There is hereby granted to the Association the right, which shall also be its duty and responsibility, to maintain the Common Area in accordance with the Declaration and the Association Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and rules and regulations.

Section 11.2 Covenants run with the Property. The covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time, shall run with and bind the Property and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Developer, the Association, the Owners and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, for a term of thirty (30) years after the date that this Declaration is recorded in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida, after which time all of said provisions shall be extended automatically for successive periods of ten (10) years each unless an instrument signed by the President and Secretary of the Association certifying that the Owners holding seventy-five percent (75%) of the total voting power in the Association have agreed to terminate all of the said provisions as of a specified date shall have been recorded. Unless this Declaration is terminated in accordance with this section, the Association shall rerecord this Declaration or other notice of its terms at intervals necessary under Florida law to preserve its effect. Any amendment to the Covenants and Restrictions which would affect the surface water management system including the water management portions of the Common Areas, must have the prior approval of the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Section 11.3 Condemnation of Common Area. In the event all or part of the Common Area owned by the Association shall be taken or condemned by any authority having the power of eminent domain, all compensation and damages shall be paid to the Association. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the sole and exclusive, right to act on behalf of the Association with respect to the negotiation and litigation of the taking or condemnation affecting such property.

Section 11.4 Notice to Owner. Any notice required to be sent to the Owner of any Lot under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when mailed, first class postage prepaid, or hand delivered to the last known address of the person who appears as Owner of such Lot on the records of the Association or to the apparent fee simple owner identified on the records of the Tax Collector at the time of such mailing. To the extent permitted by law,

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notices may be effected by posting, electronic mail, website publication or any other means of communication selected by the Board of Directors.

Section 11.5 Violation of Covenants. The Association is hereby granted the right, but shall have no obligation, following ten (10) days written notice to the Owner of the Lot specifying the violation to enter upon any Lot to correct any violation of these covenants and restrictions or to take such action, as the Association deems necessary to enforce these Covenants and Restrictions all at the expense of the Lot Owner including, but not limited to, the levying of fines as described herein upon the Lot Owner until such violation is corrected. The Owner of the Lot shall pay the Association, on demand, the actual cost of such enforcement plus twenty percent (20%) of the cost of performing the enforcement in addition to any fines levied by the Association. In the event that such charges are not paid on demand the charges shall bear interest at the maximum legal rate of interest from the date of demand. The Association may, in its option, bring action at law against the Lot Owner personally obligated to pay the same, or upon giving the Lot owner ten (10) days written notice of intention to file a claim of lien against a Lot, may file and foreclose such lien. In addition, the Association shall be entitled to levy fines upon the Lot not to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per day per violation until such violation is cured or corrected and/or to bring actions at law for damages or in equity for injunctions for the purposes of curing or correcting any violation of the terms of these covenants and restrictions. All costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees (at trial, in settlement, and on appeal) incurred by the Association to effectuate collection of any charges or to cure or correct any violation of the terms of these covenants and restrictions, including injunctive relief, shall be borne by the Lot Owners responsible for the charges or violations in question. All foregoing remedies of the Association shall be cumulative to any and all other remedies of the Association provided herein or at law or in equity. The failure by the Association to bring any action to enforce any provisions of these covenants and restrictions shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter as to the same breach or as to one occurring prior to or subsequent thereto, nor shall such failure give rise to any claim or cause of action by any Lot Owner or any other party against the Association.

When and as required by law, prior to imposing any fine other than for failure to pay an assessment, no fine or suspension of an Owner's rights may be imposed without compliance with Section 10.6 hereof. The Association is authorized, by action of the Board of Directors, to create or restructure any committees as necessary to effectuate its purposes and/or comply with the requirements of Florida law.

Section 11.6 Enforcement of Declaration. In addition to the enforcement provisions elsewhere set forth in this Declaration the provisions of this Declaration may be enforced by any Owner, Developer or the Association by a proceeding at law or in equity against any person or entity violating or attempting to violate the same, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, or both, and against his or its property to enforce any lien created by this Declaration. Failure to so enforce any of these protective covenants and restrictions shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so at any time thereafter. Furthermore, 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 this Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation and repair of the Surface Water Management System.

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In addition to all other remedies, and to the maximum extent allowed by law, a fine or fines may be imposed upon an Owner for failure of an Owner, his family, guests, lessees, invitees or employees, to comply with any covenant or restriction herein contained, or rule of the Association, provided the following procedures are adhered to:

(1) For a first violation, the Association shall warn the Owner of the alleged infraction in writing.

(2) For a subsequent violation, the Association shall provide the Owner with a notice of its intent to impose a fine for such violation. Included in the notice shall be the date and time of a meeting of a committee appointed by the Board of Directors (the "Rules Enforcement Committee") at which time the Owner shall present argument as to why a fine should not be imposed. At least fourteen (14) days prior notice of such meeting shall be given.

(3) At the meeting, the alleged infractions shall be presented to the Rules Enforcement Committee, after which the Committee shall receive evidence and hear argument as to why a fine should not be imposed. A written decision of the Rules Enforcement Committee shall be submitted to the Owner not later than thirty (30) days after the Board of Directors meeting. At the meeting, the Owner shall have the right to be represented by counsel and to cross-examine witnesses.

(4) The Rules Enforcement Committee, by majority vote, may impose a fine not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by law from time to time. The Rules Enforcement Committee shall also, or alternatively also prohibit the offending Owner from using certain Common Areas of the Subdivision until such violations have been corrected and/or fines paid.

(5) Fines shall be paid not later than five (5) days after notice of the imposition or assessment thereof. Any fines unpaid hereunder shall be deemed an assessment subject to be enforced by recording a lien upon the property of the subject Owner, to the maximum extent allowed by law.

(6) All monies received from fines shall be allocated as directed by the Board of Directors.

(7) The imposition of fines shall not be construed to be an exclusive remedy, and shall exist in addition to all other rights and remedies to which the Association or any Owner may be otherwise legally entitled; provided, however, any fine paid by an offending Owner shall be deducted from or offset against any damages which may be otherwise recoverable from such Owner.

(8) The Rules Enforcement Committee shall be comprised of not less than three (3) members who are not officers, directors, or employees of the Association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of an officer, director or employee. No member of the Rules Enforcement Committee shall participate in the review of any infraction in which such member is alleged to have participated.

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Section 11.7 Approval of Developer. Whenever the approval of Developer (any of its officers) or Association is required by these covenants and restrictions, no action requiring such approval shall be commenced or undertaken until after a request shall be sent to Developer and the Association by Registered or Certified Mail with return receipt requested. If Developer or the Association fails to act on any such written request within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt by Developer or the Association, the approval of Developer to the particular action sought shall be granted; however, no action shall be taken by or on behalf of the person or persons submitting the written request which violates any of these covenants and restrictions.

Section 11.8 Liberal Construction of Declaration. The provisions of this Declaration shall be liberally construed to effectuate their purpose of creating a uniform consistent plan for the development and use of the Property.

Section 11.9 Invalidity of Part does not Invalidate the Balance. The invalidity of any part of this Declaration shall not impair or affect in any manner the validity and enforceability of the balance of the Declaration which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11.10 Gender Neutrality. The use of the masculine gender herein shall be deemed to include the feminine gender and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, whenever the context so requires.

Section 11.11 Amendment of Declaration. Subject to the provisions of Section 10.2, Developer is hereby granted the absolute and unconditional right, so long as it remains a Class B member of the Association, to amend this Declaration without the consent or joinder of any party to (i) conform to the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal National Mortgage Association, Veterans Administration, Federal Housing Authority, or any other generally recognized institution involved in the purchase and sale of home loan mortgages or (ii) to conform to the requirements of institutional mortgage lender(s) or title insurance company(s) or (iii) to perfect, clarify or make internally consistent the provisions herein; (iv) to conform to the requirements of the St. Johns River Water Management District, St. Johns County and/or Private Utility Company; or (v) correct any error herein.

11.11.1 Subject to the provisions of Section 11.2, Developer is hereby granted the right to amend this Declaration in any other manner without the joinder or any party until the termination of Class B membership so long as (i) the voting power of existing Members is not diluted thereby, (ii) the assessments of existing owners are not increased except as may be expressly provided for herein, and (iii) no Owner's right to the use and enjoyment of his Lot or the Common Areas is materially and adversely altered thereby, unless such Owner has consented thereto.

11.11.2 This Declaration may be also amended at a duly called meeting of the Association where a quorum is present if the amendment resolution is adopted by (i) a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Class A Members of the Association present at such meeting and (ii) the Class B Member, if any. An amendment so adopted shall be effective upon the recordation in the public records of St. Johns County of a copy of the amendment resolution, signed by the President of the Association and certified by the Secretary of the Association.

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Section 11.12 Legal Fees. Any and all legal fees, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and court costs, including before, at trial, in bankruptcy and any post judgment collection, which may be incurred by Developer, the Association or any Owner in the lawful enforcement of any of the provisions of this Declaration, regardless of whether such enforcement requires judicial action, shall be assessed against and collectible from the unsuccessful party to the action, and if an Owner, shall be a lien against such Owner's Lot in favor of the Association and/or Developer.

Section 11.13 Transfer, Assignment and Withdrawal of Powers. Developer shall have the sole and exclusive right at any time, and from time to time, to transfer and assign to, or to withdraw from, such person, firm, corporation or committee of Lot Owners as it shall elect, any or all rights, powers, privileges, authorities and reservations given to or reserved by Developer by any part or paragraph of this Declaration. No such transfer or assignment shall require the consent, approval or acceptance of any person, including, without limitation, the Association or the Owners. Following any such assignment, Developer shall be relieved of the performance of all duties and obligations hereunder. If at any time hereafter there shall be no person, firm or corporation entitled to exercise the rights, powers, privileges, authorities, and reservations given to or reserved by Developer under these provisions, the same shall be vested in and be exercised by the Association and if the Association shall have been dissolved, then by a committee to be elected or appointed by the Owners of a majority of the Lots shown on the Plat. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed as conferring any rights, powers, privileges, authorities or reservations in said committee except in the event aforesaid. The term "Developer" as used herein shall include the person or entity identified on the first page as Developer and its successors or assigns.

Section 11.14 Florida Law. This Declaration shall be construed in accordance with laws of the State of Florida.

Section 11.15 Disclaimers as to Water Bodies. NEITHER THE DEVELOPER, THE ASSOCIATION, NOR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AGENTS, CONTRACTORS OR SUB-CONTRACTORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "LISTED PARTIES") SHALL BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING OR ASSURING THE WATER QUALITY OR LEVEL IN ANY LAKE, POND, CANAL, CREEK, STREAM OR OTHER WATER BODY ADJACENT TO OR WITHIN THE PROPERTY, EXCEPT AS SUCH RESPONSIBILITY MAY BE SPECIFICALLY IMPOSED BY AN APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL OR QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR AUTHORITY. FURTHER, ALL OWNERS AND USERS OF ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO OR HAVING A VIEW OF ANY OF THE AFORESAID WATER BODIES SHALL BE DEEMED, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEED TO OR USE OF, SUCH PROPERTY, TO HAVE AGREED TO HOLD HARMLESS THE LISTED PARTIES FOR ANY AND ALL CHANGES IN THE QUALITY AND LEVEL OF THE WATER IN SUCH BODIES.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT FROM TIME TO TIME ALLIGATORS, POISONOUS SNAKES, AND OTHER WILDLIFE MAY INHABIT OR ENTER INTO WATER BODIES AND NATURAL AREAS WITHIN THE PROPERTY AND MAY POSE

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A THREAT TO PERSONS, PETS AND PROPERTY, BUT THAT THE LISTED PARTIES ARE UNDER NO DUTY TO PROTECT AGAINST, AND DO NOT IN ANY MANNER WARRANT AGAINST, ANY DEATH, INJURY OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SUCH WILDLIFE.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT LAKE BANKS AND SLOPES WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE PROPERTY MAY BE STEEP AND THAT DEPTHS NEAR SHORE MAY DROP OFF SHARPLY. BY ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO, OR USE OF, ANY LOT OR OTHER PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, ALL OWNERS OR USERS OF SUCH PROPERTY SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO HOLD HARMLESS THE LISTED PARTIES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY OR DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OR TOPOGRAPHY OF ANY LAKE BANKS, SLOPES, OR LAKE BOTTOMS LOCATED THEREIN.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Crista Zaffke
Print Name: Crista Zaffke
Laura Snelaer
Print Name: Laura Snelaer

MILL CREEK PLANTATION NORTH, LLC
a Florida limited liability company

By: [Signature]
Lewis L. Ritter, IV, Its Manager

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)SS
COUNTY OF DUVAL)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of May 2017, by Lewis L. Ritter, IV, the Manager of MILL CREEK PLANTATION NORTH, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, on behalf of the company.



Crista Zaffke
Print Name Crista Zaffke
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Florida at Large
Commission # FF 095700
My Commission Expires:
Personally Known or Produced I.D. _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

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MORTGAGEE JOINDER AND CONSENT

The undersigned, **FORUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC** (Mortgagee), the Mortgagee under that certain Mortgage and Loan Document Modification Evidencing Future Advance, dated November 22, 2016, and recorded November 28, 2016, at Official Records Book 4292, Page 133, of St. Johns County, Florida, encumbering the real property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto (the "Mortgage"), hereby consents and joins in the foregoing Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Lakes at Mill Creek, and hereby agrees that its rights and interest under the Mortgage shall be subject to the terms of the foregoing Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Lakes at Mill Creek.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Joinder and Consent to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Lakes at Mill Creek has been executed by the undersigned this 24 day of May, 2017.

Witnesses:

Mortgagee

Lisa Tallant
Name: Lisa Tallant

FORUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,
a Florida limited liability company

Theresa Stern
Name: Theresa Stern

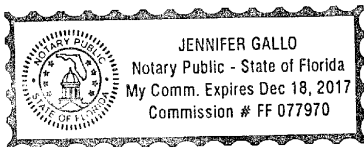
By: [Signature]
Name: Tim R. Litch
Title: Manager

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DUVAL

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24 day of May 2017, by TIM LITCH, as MANAGER of FORUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company. He is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

My Commission Expires:

Jennifer Gallo
(Signature)
Name: JENNIFER GALLO
(Legibly Printed)
Notary Public, State of Florida
FF07970
(Commission Number, if any)



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EXHIBIT "A"

(the "Property")

The Plat of Lakes at Mill Creek Plantation record in Map Book 84, Page 92, of the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida.

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EXHIBIT "B"

(the "Articles of Incorporation")

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
LAKES AT MILL CREEK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
a not-for-profit corporation**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**1
NAME**

The name of the corporation is **LAKES AT MILL CREEK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** For convenience, the corporation shall be referred to in this instrument as the "Association", these Articles of Incorporation as the "Articles", and the Bylaws of the Association as the "Bylaws".

**2
OFFICE**

The principal office and mailing address of the Association shall be at **8825 Perimeter Park Boulevard, Suite 104, Jacksonville, Florida 32216**, or at such other place as may be subsequently designated by the Board of Directors. All books and records of the Association shall be kept at its principal office or at such other place as may be permitted by the Act.

**3
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE;
ADDRESS AND NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be at **8825 Perimeter Park Boulevard, Suite 104, Jacksonville, Florida 32216**, with the privilege of having its office and branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida. The initial registered agent at that address shall be **Lewis L. Ritter, IV**.

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PURPOSE**

The objects and purposes of the Association are those objects and purposes as are authorized by the Covenants and Restrictions for Lakes at Mill Creek, recorded (or to be recorded) in the Public Records of St. Johns County Florida, as hereafter amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "Declaration"). The further objects and purposes of the Association are to preserve the values in the Property and to maintain the Common Property thereof for the benefit of the Owners who become Members of the Association.

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The powers of the Association shall include and be governed by the following:

- 5.1 General. The Association shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit under the Laws of Florida, (which are in effect at the time of filing of this Declaration) except as expressly limited or restricted by applicable law, the terms of these Articles, the Declaration or the Bylaws.
- 5.2 Enumeration. In addition to the powers set forth in Section 5.1 above, the Association shall have all of the powers and duties reasonably necessary to operate the Property pursuant to the Declaration and as more particularly described in the Bylaws, as they may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) To make and collect Assessments and other charges against members as Owners (whether or not such sums are due and payable to the Association), and to use the proceeds thereof in the exercise of its powers and duties including without limitation to the maintenance and operation of the Stormwater Management System, including but not limited to work within the retention areas, drainage structures or drainage easements.
 - (b) To buy, accept, own, operate, lease, sell, trade and mortgage both real and personal property in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration; provided however, the Common Property may not be mortgaged without the consent of the Owners with voting power representing two thirds of the votes.
 - (c) To maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, add to and operate the Common Property, and other property acquired or leased by the Association.
 - (d) To purchase insurance upon the Common Property and insurance for the protection of the Association, its officers, directors and Owners,
 - (e) To make and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance, conservation and use of the Property and for the health, comfort, safety and welfare of the Owners.
 - (f) To enforce by legal means the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles, the Bylaws, the rules and regulations for the use of the Common Property and applicable law.
 - (g) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Common Property and to authorize a management agent to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties by performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of Assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repair and replacement of the Common Property with such funds as shall be made available by the Association for such purposes. The Association and its officers shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties to make assessments, promulgate rules and execute contracts on behalf of the Association.

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- (h) To employ personnel to perform the services required for the proper operation and maintenance of the Common Property.
 - (i) To execute all documents or consents, on behalf of all Owners (and their mortgagees), required by all governmental and/or quasi-governmental agencies in connection with land use and development matters (including, without limitation, plats, waivers of plat, unities of title, covenants in lieu thereof, etc.), and in that regard, each Owner, by acceptance of the deed to such Owner's Unit or Lot and each Mortgagee of an Owner by acceptance of a lien on said Unit or Lot, appoints and designates the President of the Association as such Owner's agent and attorney-in-fact to execute any and all such documents or consents.
 - (j) To operate, maintain and manage the Stormwater Management System in a manner consistent with the St. Johns River Water Management District permit no. 142500-2 requirements and applicable District rules, and shall assist in the enforcement of the restrictions and covenants contained in the Declaration.
- 5.3 Association Property. All funds and the title to all properties acquired by the Association and their proceeds shall be held for the benefit and use of the members in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws.
- 5.4 Distribution of Income; Dissolution. The Association shall not pay a dividend to its members and shall make no distribution of income to its members, directors or officers, and upon dissolution, all assets of the Association shall be transferred only to another non-profit corporation or a public agency or as otherwise authorized by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes) and as may be approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District, with respect to the transfer of the Stormwater Management System.
- 5.5 Limitation. The powers of the Association shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions hereof and of the Declaration, the Bylaws and applicable law, provided that in the event of conflict, the provisions of applicable law shall control over those of the Declaration and Bylaws. The provisions of the Declaration shall control over those of the Articles and Bylaws; the provisions of the Articles shall control over the provisions of the Bylaws.

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MEMBERS

- 6.1 Membership. The members of the Association shall consist of MILL CREEK PLANTATION NORTH, LLC ("Developer") and all of the record title owners of Lots or Units within the Property from time to time, which membership shall be appurtenant to and inseparable from ownership of the Lot or Unit.
- 6.2 Assignment. The share of a member in the funds and assets of the Association cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner except as an appurtenance to the Lot or Unit for which that share is held.
- 6.3 Voting. The Association shall have two (2) classes of voting membership:

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Class A Members shall be all Owners, with the exception of the "Developer" (as long as the Class B Membership shall exist, and thereafter, the Developer shall be a Class A Member to the extent it would otherwise qualify). Each Class A Member shall have one vote for each Unit or Lot owned by such Member.

Class B Member. The Class B Member shall be the Developer, or a representative thereof, who shall have the sole right to vote in Association matters until the occurrence of the earlier of the following events ("Turnover"):

- a. Such earlier date as Developer, in its sole discretion, may determine in writing.
- b. Upon the Developer's election to terminate Class B Membership
- c. After ninety (90%) of the Lots or Units in the Property that will ultimately be operated by the Association (including the Additional Land) have been conveyed to Class A members.

All votes shall be exercised or cast in the manner provided by the Declaration and Bylaws. After Turnover, the Class A Members may vote to elect the majority of the members of the Board. For the purposes of this Article, builders, contractors or others who purchase a Lot for the purpose of the constructing improvements thereon for resale shall not be deemed to be Class A members. After Turnover, for so long as the Developer owns at least five percent (5%) of the Lots within the Property, the Developer may appoint the minority of the Board Members or not less than one (1) Director. After Turnover, the Developer will be a Class A Member with respect to the Lots which it owns and shall have all rights and obligations of a Class A member, except that it may not cast its votes for the purpose of reacquiring control of the Association.

- 6.4 Meetings. The Bylaws shall provide for an annual meeting of members, and may make provision for regular and special meetings of members other than the annual meeting.
- 6.5 Proviso. At Turnover, the Developer shall transfer control of the Association to Owners other than the Developer by causing enough of its appointed Directors to resign, whereupon it shall be the affirmative obligation of Owners other than the Developer to elect Directors and assume control of the Association. Provided at least thirty (30) days notice of Developer's decision to cause its appointees to resign is given to Owners, neither the Developer, nor such appointees, shall be liable in any manner in connection with such resignations even if the Owners other than the Developer refuse or fail to assume control.

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TERM OF EXISTENCE

Existence of the Association shall commence with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida and shall exist in perpetuity. The Association shall exist in perpetuity. Provided, however, in the event that the Association is dissolved, the assets shall be dedicated to the public body or conveyed to a non profit corporation

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with similar purpose. In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Management System must be transferred to and accepted by an entity which would comply with Section 40C-42.027, F.A.C., and be approved by the St. Johns River Water Management District prior to such termination, dissolution or liquidation.

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OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the officers holding the offices designated in the Bylaws. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Association at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the members of the Association and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The Bylaws may provide for the removal from office of officers, for filling vacancies and for the duties and qualifications of the officers. The names and addresses of the officers who shall serve until their successors are designated by the Board of Directors are as follows:

President and Secretary:

Lewis L. Ritter, IV

8825 Perimeter Park Blvd.
Suite 104
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Vice President:

William T. Pyburn, III

8825 Perimeter Park Blvd.
Suite 104
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Treasurer:

Michael Mesiano

8825 Perimeter Park Blvd.
Suite 104
Jacksonville, FL 32216**(((H17000141524 3)))**

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DIRECTORS

- 9.1 Number and Qualification. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a board consisting of the number of directors determined in the manner provided by the Bylaws, but which shall consist of not less than three (3) directors. Prior to Turnover, Directors need not be members of the Association.
- 9.2 Duties and Powers. All of the duties and powers of the Association existing under the law, the Declaration, these Articles and the Bylaws shall be exercised exclusively by the Board of Directors, its agents, contractors or employees, subject only to approval by Owners when such approval is specifically required.
- 9.3 Election and Removal. Directors of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Members in the manner determined by and subject to the qualifications set forth in the Bylaws. Directors may be removed and vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- 9.4 Term of Developer's Directors. The Developer shall appoint the members of the first Board of Directors and their replacements who shall hold office for the periods described in the Bylaws.
- 9.5 First Directors. The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have taken office, as provided in the Bylaws, are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lewis L. Ritter, IV	8825 Perimeter Park Blvd. Suite 104 Jacksonville, FL 32216
William T. Pyburn, III	8825 Perimeter Park Blvd. Suite 104 Jacksonville, FL 32216
Michael Mesiano	8825 Perimeter Park Blvd. Suite 104 Jacksonville, FL 32216

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- 9.6 Standards. A Director shall discharge his duties as a director, including any duties as a member of a Committee: in good faith; with the care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and in a manner reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Association. Unless a Director has knowledge concerning a matter in question that makes reliance unwarranted, a Director, in discharging his duties, may rely on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other data, if prepared or presented by: one or more officers or employees of the Association whom the Director reasonably believes to be reasonable and competent in the manners presented; legal counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters the Director reasonably believes are within the persons' professional or expert competence; or a Committee of which the Director is not a member if the Director reasonably believes the Committee merits confidence. A Director is not liable for any action taken as a director, or any failure to take action, if he performed the duties of his office in compliance with the foregoing standards

10**INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS**

- 10.1 Indemnitees. The Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party to any proceeding (other than an action by, or in the right of, the Association) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent (each, an "Indemnitee") of the Association, against liability incurred in connection with such proceeding, including any appeal thereof, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.
- 10.2 Indemnification. The Association shall indemnify any person, who was or is a party to any proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association against expenses and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the board of directors, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such proceeding, including any appeal thereof. Such indemnification shall be authorized if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Association, except that no indemnification shall be made under this subsection in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable unless, and only to the extent that, the court in which such proceeding was brought, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

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- 10.3 Indemnification for Expenses. To the extent that a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any proceeding referred to in subsection 11.1 or 11.2, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.
- 10.4 Determination of Applicability. Any indemnification under subsection 11.1 or subsection 11.2, unless pursuant to a determination by a court, shall be made by the Association only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, or agent is proper under the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsection 11.1 or subsection 11.2. Such determination shall be made:
- (a) By the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such proceeding;
 - (b) If such a quorum is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, by majority vote of a Committee duly designated by the Board of Directors (in which directors who are parties may participate) consisting solely of two or more Directors not at the time parties to the proceeding;
 - (c) By independent legal counsel:
 - 1. selected by the Board of Directors prescribed in paragraph (a) or the committee prescribed in paragraph (b); or
 - 2. if a quorum of the Directors cannot be obtained for paragraph (a) and the Committee cannot be designated under paragraph (b), selected by majority vote of the full Board of Directors (in which Directors who are parties may participate); or
 - (d) By a majority of the voting interests of the members of the Association who were not parties to such proceeding.
- 10.5 Determination Regarding Expenses. Evaluation of the reasonableness of expenses and authorization of indemnification shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible.
- 10.6 Advancing Expenses. Expenses incurred by an officer or director in defending a civil or criminal proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if he is ultimately found not to be entitled to indemnification by the Association pursuant to this section. Expenses incurred by other employees and agents may be paid in advance upon such terms or conditions that the Board of Directors deems appropriate.
- 10.7 Exclusivity; Exclusions. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided pursuant to this section are not exclusive, and the Association may make any other or further indemnification or advancement of expenses of any of its directors, officers,

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employees, or agents, under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. However, indemnification or advancement of expenses shall not be made to or on behalf of any director, officer, employee, or agent if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his actions, or omissions to act, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute:

- (a) A violation of the criminal law, unless the director, officer, employee, or agent had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful;
- (b) A transaction from which the director, officer, employee, or agent derived an improper personal benefit; or
- (c) Willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the Association in a proceeding by or in the right of the Association to procure a judgment in its favor or in a proceeding by or in the right of the members of the Association.

10.8 Continuing Effect. Indemnification and advancement of expenses as provided in this section shall continue as, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified.

10.9 Application to Court. Notwithstanding the failure of a Association to provide indemnification, and despite any contrary determination of the Board or of the members in the specific case, a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association who is or was a party to a proceeding may apply for indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, to the court conducting the proceeding, to the circuit court, or to another court of competent jurisdiction. On receipt of an application, the court, after giving any notice that it considers necessary, may order indemnification and advancement of expenses, including expenses incurred in seeking court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses, if it determines that: (a) The director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to mandatory indemnification under subsection 11.3 in which case the court shall also order the Association to pay the director reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining court-ordered indemnification or advancement of expenses; (b) The director, officer, employee, or agent is entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, by virtue of the exercise by the Association of its power pursuant to subsection 7.7; or (c) the director, officer, employee, or agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification or advancement of expenses, or both, in view of all the relevant circumstances, regardless of whether such person met the standard of conduct set forth in subsection 11.1, subsection 11.2, or subsection 11.7, unless (d) a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after all available appeals have been exhausted or not pursued by the proposed Indemnatee, that he did not act in good faith or acted in a manner he reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, and (e) such court further specifically determines that indemnification should be denied. The

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termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith or did act in a manner which he reasonably believed to be not in, or opposed to, the best interest of the Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

- 10.10 Definitions. For purposes of this Article 11, the term "expenses" shall be deemed to include attorneys' fees, including those for any appeals; the term "liability" shall be deemed to include obligations to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine, and expenses actually and reasonably incurred with respect to a proceeding; the term "proceeding" shall be deemed to include any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or other type of proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal; and the term "agent" shall be deemed to include a volunteer; the term "serving at the request of the Association" shall be deemed to include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Association that imposes duties on such persons.
- 10.11 Amendment. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, no amendment to the provisions of this Article 11 shall be applicable as to any party eligible for indemnification hereunder who has not given his prior written consent to such amendment.

11 BYLAWS

The first Bylaws of the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded in the manner provided in the Bylaws and the Declaration.

12 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

- 12.1 Notice. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of any meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered and shall be otherwise given in the time and manner provided in Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes. Such notice shall contain the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.
- 12.2 Adoption. Amendments shall be proposed and adopted in the manner provided in Chapters 617 and 720, Florida Statutes and in the Act (the latter to control over the former to the extent provided for in the Act); provided that in all events such amendments shall be approved by the Owners representing two thirds of the votes of the members of the Association who have voting power at the time of such amendment.
- 12.3 Developer Amendments. Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, to the extent lawful, the Developer may amend these Articles consistent with the provisions of the Declaration allowing certain amendments to be effected by the Developer alone.

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12.4 Recording. A copy of each amendment shall be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of applicable Florida law, and a copy certified by the Secretary of State shall be recorded in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida with an identification on the first page thereof of the book and page of said public records where the Declaration are recorded which contains, as an exhibit, the initial recording of these Articles.

**13
APPROVAL OF FHA/VA**

In the event that a mortgage on a Unit or a Lot is guaranteed by the Federal Housing Agency ("FHA") or the Veteran's Administration ("VA"), then for so long as there is a Class B Membership, there shall be approval of the FHA or VA to the following actions: (i) Annexation of additional properties (excluding Additional Land), mergers and consolidations of the Association, mortgaging of Common Property, dissolution or amendment of these Articles.

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INCORPORATOR**

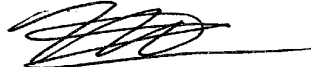
The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is:

NAME

Lewis L. Ritter, IV

8825 Perimeter Park Blvd.
Suite 104
Jacksonville, FL 32216

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has affixed his signature the day and year set forth below.



Lewis L. Ritter, IV, Incorporator

Dated this 24th day of May 2017.

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(((H17000141524 3)))**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.**

In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

First --That desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, in the County of St. Johns, State of Florida, the Association named in the said articles has named **Lewis L. Ritter, IV**, located at **8825 Perimeter Park Blvd., Suite 104, Jacksonville, Florida 32216**, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named the statutory agent of said Association at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with the obligations of that position, and hereby accept the same and agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.



Lewis L. Ritter, IV
Registered Agent

DATED this 24th day of May 2017.

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EXHIBIT "C"

(the "Bylaws")

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**BYLAWS
OF
LAKES AT MILL CREEK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the corporation is **LAKES AT MILL CREEK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** ("Association"). The principal office of the corporation shall be located at 8825 Perimeter Park Boulevard, Suite 104, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Florida, County of Duval as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Association" shall mean and refer to **LAKES AT MILL CREEK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Property" shall mean and refer to that certain real property described in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Easements and Restrictions and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 3. "Common Area" shall mean all real property owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.

Section 4. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Property with the exception of the Common Area.

Section 5. "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities of the fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 6. "Developer" shall mean and refer to Mill Creek Plantation North, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, its successors and assigns, if such successors or assigns should acquire more than one undeveloped Lot from Developer for the purpose of development.

Section 7. "Declaration" shall mean and refer to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Easements and Restrictions applicable to the Property recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court, St. Johns County, Florida.

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Section 8. "Member" shall mean and refer to those persons entitled to membership as provided in the Declaration.

ARTICLE III

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one (1) year from the date of incorporation of the Association and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on the same day of the same month of each year thereafter. If the day for the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors or upon written request of the members who are entitled to vote one-fourth (1/4) of all of the votes of the Class A membership.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of each meeting of the members shall be given by or at the direction of the Secretary or person authorized to call the meeting by mailing a copy of such notice, postage prepaid, at least fifteen (15) days before such meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the member's address last appearing on the books of the Association or supplied by such member to the Association for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of members entitled to cast, or of proxies entitled to cast, one-tenth (1/10) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these Bylaws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than announcement at the meeting until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present and represented.

Section 5. Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his/her Lot.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of no less than three (3) directors. Said directors must be a member, except that the directors elected or appointed by the Class B Members need not be members and may be the officers and/or employees of Developer.

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Section 2. Term of Office. At the first annual meeting, the members shall elect one (1) director for a term of one (1) year, one (1) director for a term of two (2) years and one (1) director for a term of three (3) years and at each annual meeting thereafter the members shall elect one (1) director for a term of three (3) years.

Section 3. Removal. Any director may be removed from the Board with or without cause by a majority vote of the members of the Association. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a director, his/her successor shall be selected by the remaining members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.

Section 4. Compensation. No director shall receive compensation for any service he/she may render to the Association. However, any director may be reimbursed for his/her actual expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties.

Section 5. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the directors.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two (2) or more members of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations may be made from among members or non-members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot. At such election, the members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

ARTICLE VI

MEETING OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly without notice at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of

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the board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President of the Association or by any two (2) directors after not less than three (3) days notice to each director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

Section 4. Attendance by Telephone. Any member or members of the Board of Directors shall be deemed present and voting at a meeting of such Board of Directors if said member or members participate in the meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment or device enabling all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other.

ARTICLE VII

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have power to:

(a) adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities and the personal conduct of the members and their guests thereon and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;

(b) suspend the voting rights and right to use of the recreational facilities of a member during any period in which such member shall be in default in the payment of any assessment levied by the Association. Such rights may also be suspended after notice and hearing for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for infraction of published rules and regulations;

(c) exercise for the Association all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to this Association and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or the Declaration;

(d) declare the office of a member of the Board of Directors to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors; and

(e) employ a manager, an independent contractor or such other employees as they deem necessary and to prescribe their duties.

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:

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- (a) cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by one-fourth (1/4) of the Class A members who are entitled to vote;
- (b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association and see that their duties are properly performed;
- (c) as more fully provided in the Declaration, to:
 - (i) fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period;
 - (ii) send written notice of each assessment to every Owner subject thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period; and
 - (iii) foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid within thirty (30) days after due date or to bring an action at law against the owner personally obligated to pay the same.
- (d) issue or cause an appropriate officer to issue, upon demand by any person, a certificate setting forth whether or not any assessment has been paid. A reasonable charge may be made by the Board for the issuance of these certificates. If a certificate states an assessment has been paid such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of such payment;
- (e) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned by the Association;
- (f) cause all officers or employees having fiscal responsibilities to be bonded as it may deem appropriate; and
- (g) cause the Common Area to be maintained.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. Enumeration of Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a President and Vice-President who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a Secretary and a Treasurer and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members.

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Section 3. Term. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he/she shall sooner resign, shall be removed or otherwise disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Special Appointment. The Board may elect such other officers as the affairs of the Association may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority and perform such duties as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

Section 5. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time giving written notice to the Board, the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 6. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the officer he/she replaces.

Section 7. Multiple Offices. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any offices except in the case of special offices created pursuant to Section 4 of this Article.

Section 8. Duties. The duties of the officers are a follows:

(a) **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall see that orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; shall sign all leases, mortgages, deeds and other written instruments and shall co-sign all checks and promissory notes.

(b) **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of his/her absence, inability or refusal to act and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of him/her by the Board.

(c) **SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of the members; keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association together with their addresses; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

(d) **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep proper books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting and deliver a copy of each to the members.

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ARTICLE IX**COMMITTEES**

The Association shall appoint two Architectural Review Committees as provided in the Declaration. In addition, the Board of Directors shall appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose.

ARTICLE X**BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The books, records and papers of the Association shall at all times during reasonable business hours be subject to inspection by any member. The Declaration, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association shall be available for inspection by any member at the principal office of the Association where copies may be purchased at reasonable cost.

ARTICLE XI**ASSESSMENTS**

As more fully provided in the Declaration, each member is obligated to pay to the Association annual and special assessments which are secured by a continuing lien upon the property against which the assessment is made. Any assessment which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the assessment shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum and the Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same or foreclose the lien against the property and interest, costs and reasonable attorneys fees of any such action shall be added to the amount of such assessment. No Owner may waiver or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by nonuse of the Common Area or abandonment of his/her Lot.

ARTICLE XII**CORPORATE SEAL**

The Association shall have a seal in circular form having within its circumference the words: **"LAKES AT MILL CREEK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC."**

ARTICLE XIII**AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at a regular or special meeting of the members by a vote of a majority of a quorum of members present in person or by proxy, except that the

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Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration shall have the right to veto amendments while there is Class B membership.

Section 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the Articles shall control and in the case of any conflict between the Declaration and these Bylaws, the Declaration shall control.

ARTICLE IV

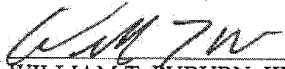
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The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, being all of the directors of **LAKES AT MILL CREEK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** have hereunto set our hands as of the 25th day of May 2017.



LEWIS L. RITTER, IV



WILLIAM T. PYBURN, III



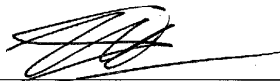
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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of **LAKES AT MILL CREEK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a Florida corporation, and that the foregoing Bylaws constitute the original Bylaws of said Association as duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors thereof held on the 25th day of May 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixing the seal of the Association this 25th day of May 2017.



Lewis L. Ritter, IV, Secretary