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**THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR ABERDEEN AND NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR ABERDEEN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.** ("Declaration") is made as of the \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2007, by **ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT, LLC**, a Florida limited liability company ("**MASTER DEVELOPER**"), **D.R. HORTON, INC.-JACKSONVILLE**, a Delaware corporation ("**HORTON**") and **ABERDEEN OF ST. JOHNS, LLC**, a Florida Limited Liability Company ("**ABERDEEN SJ**") (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Declarants" and individually as "Declarant"), and their respective successors and assigns, and is joined in by **ABERDEEN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**, a Florida corporation not for profit ("Association").

WHEREAS, the Aberdeen Community (as hereinafter defined) is comprised of certain lands in St. Johns County, Florida, owned by MASTER DEVELOPER, HORTON and ABERDEEN SJ, which lands are intended to be developed for residential purposes and are generally described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, MASTER DEVELOPER is the owner of certain real property within the Aberdeen Community that MASTER DEVELOPER contemplates will be subjected to the terms of this Declaration upon acquisition of such property by a third party purchaser or prior to its development but not before;

WHEREAS, the portions of the Aberdeen Community owned by HORTON are described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Horton Property"); and

WHEREAS, the portions of the Aberdeen Community owned by ABERDEEN SJ are described in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Aberdeen SJ Property"); and

WHEREAS, Declarants desires to develop the Aberdeen Community as a planned community and to maintain and preserve the character, quality, aesthetic and architectural standards of such community; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop and maintain the Aberdeen Community as a planned community and to preserve the values and amenities of such community, it is necessary to declare, commit and subject certain portions of the Aberdeen Community and the improvements now or hereafter constructed thereon to certain covenants, restrictions, reservations, regulations, burdens, liens, and easements; and to delegate and assign to the Association certain powers and duties of ownership, administration, operation, maintenance and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Association is joining in this Declaration in order to acknowledge its duties, responsibilities and obligations hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and covenants herein contained, Declarants hereby declare that the Horton Property and the Aberdeen SJ Property (the Horton Property and the Aberdeen SJ Property are sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Property") shall be owned, held, used, transferred, sold, conveyed, demised and occupied subject to the

covenants, restrictions, easements, reservations, regulations, burdens and liens hereinafter set forth, all of which shall run with the Property and any part thereof and such other portions of the Aberdeen Community as may hereafter be subjected to this Declaration and which shall be binding upon all parties having any right, title or interest in the Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns.

## ARTICLE 1.

### DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### 1.1 Definitions.

The following words when used in this Declaration (unless the context shall prohibit) shall have the following meanings:

“Aberdeen” shall mean and refer to that certain master planned mixed-used community, comprising residential, commercial, social and recreational property, being developed by MASTER DEVELOPER in the County in accordance with the mandates and requirements of, among other governmental orders and requirements, the Aberdeen DO and the Aberdeen PUD. Because MASTER DEVELOPER, and not HORTON nor ABERDEEN SJ, is the developer of Aberdeen, MASTER DEVELOPER hereby acknowledges and agrees that, except as may otherwise be provided in those certain agreements between MASTER DEVELOPER, HORTON and ABERDEEN SJ, any requirements or restrictions imposed upon or required of MASTER DEVELOPER as the “developer” of Aberdeen pursuant to the Aberdeen DO and Aberdeen PUD (including but not limited to reporting and development obligations for Aberdeen as therein specified) and any other requirements and restrictions contained in applicable laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over Aberdeen shall not be assigned to or shared by ABERDEEN SJ or HORTON by virtue of being a “Declarant” hereunder, unless and until such obligation or mandate is expressly assumed by such other party pursuant to separate recorded instrument.

“ABERDEEN SJ” shall mean and refer to ABERDEEN OF ST. JOHNS, LLC a Declarant under this Declaration.

“Aberdeen Community” shall mean the land described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto, situated in Aberdeen, which is designated for residential uses and may from time to time be subjected to this Declaration, including without limitation, the Property and the Future Development Property, if any.

“Aberdeen DO” or “Aberdeen DRI” shall mean and refer to, among other governmental development orders and conditions, that certain Development of Regional Impact Order Resolution No. 2003-62, recorded in Official Records Book 2036, Page 1205, as amended, of the Public Records of the County.

“Aberdeen PUD” shall mean and refer to, among other zoning conditions and restrictions applicable to Aberdeen that certain PUD Resolution adopted under Ordinance No. 2004-21, recorded in Ordinance Book R, Page 1332, and Ordinance Book 33, Page 814, of the Public Records of the County, as same may be amended.

"Aberdeen SJ Property" shall mean and refer to the real property owned, and to be developed, by ABERDEEN SJ. A conceptual site plan and legal description of the Aberdeen SJ Property is attached as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference.

"Architectural Control Committee" or "Committee" shall mean and refer to the Horton ARC and/or the Aberdeen SJ ARC, as applicable, responsible for performing the architectural review and approval functions set forth in Article 8 of this Declaration.

"Articles" or "Articles of Incorporation" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of the Association which have been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida on January 23, 2007, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by this reference, as such Articles may be amended from time to time.

"Assessments" shall mean and refer to the various forms of payment to the Association which are the obligation of the Owners, as more particularly defined in Article 7 of this Declaration.

"Assessment Charges" shall mean and refer to all Assessments currently owed by each Owner, together with any late fees, interest and costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

"Association" shall mean and refer to the Aberdeen Owners' Association, Inc. a not-for-profit Florida corporation, its successors and assigns, existing pursuant to the Articles, which Association is responsible for the ownership, administration, operation, maintenance, preservation, enforcement and architectural control of the Aberdeen Community as provided in this Declaration. The "Association" is NOT a condominium association and is not intended to be governed by Chapter 718, the Condominium Act, Florida Statutes.

"Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean and refer to the board of directors or other legally recognized governing body of the Association.

"Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the Bylaws of the Association, which have been or will be adopted by the Board, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E" and incorporated herein by this reference, as such Bylaws may be amended from time to time.

"Common Property" shall mean and refer to those portions of the Property, if any, which are conveyed to the Association, plus all property designated as Common Property in any future recorded Supplemental Declaration or deed of conveyance; together with the landscaping and any improvements thereon, including, without limitation, all of the following if located thereon, any private roadways and pedestrian walkway areas, structures, recreational facilities, walkways, accessways, public plazas, green space, open space, conservation or preservation areas, entrance ways, signage, irrigation systems and street lights, if any, but excluding any public utility installations thereon. Only those lands which are conveyed or dedicated to the Association by instrument recorded in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida, shall be deemed to be Common Property under this Declaration and shall be maintained subject to the terms and conditions hereof and subject to the Assessment provisions set forth in Article 7.

Without limiting the generality of Section 1.2 hereinbelow, in the event that a majority of the Declarants determine that a particular portion of the Property is or is not Common Property hereunder (in the manner provided in said Section 1.2) such determination shall be binding and

conclusive. Provided however, the foregoing list shall not be deemed to be a representation that the Declarants will provide any specific form of Common Property or that any of the improvements listed in the previous paragraph exist or shall exist. In the event that the Association accepts an easement or similar grant over, under, or through any portion of the Property or any property adjacent thereto or in the vicinity thereof, the area subject to such easement shall be deemed Common Property for the purposes of but only for the purposes of, the Association performing whatever duties or obligations are stated in, or implied by law with respect to such easement or other grant. References in this Declaration to Common Property shall mean Common Property, if any.

“Community Development District” or “CDD” shall mean and refer to a uniform community development district known as Aberdeen Community Development District, established pursuant to Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes formed to administer portions of Aberdeen, which has the power to impose taxes or assessments, or both taxes and assessments, on Aberdeen through a special taxing district. These taxes and assessments pay the construction, operation, and maintenance costs of certain public facilities of the district and are set annually by the governing board of the district. These taxes and assessments are in addition to County and all other taxes and assessments provided for by law.

"Community Systems" shall mean and refer to any and all cable television, telecommunication, community intranet, internet, optic cable systems, alarm/monitoring or other lines, conduits, wires, amplifiers, towers, antennae, equipment, materials, installations and fixtures for receiving and transmitting electronic data, signals and audio or video communications, security monitoring systems, utilities (including those based on, containing or serving future technological advances not now known) together with all conduits, wires, amplifiers, towers, antennae and other apparatus and equipment for the provisions thereof, installed pursuant to any grant of easement or authority by MASTER DEVELOPER within the Property and serving more than one Lot or Unit.

“County” shall mean and refer to St. Johns County, Florida.

“Declarant” or “Declarants” shall mean and refer to each of, and collectively, MASTER DEVELOPER, HORTON and ABERDEEN SJ, their successors and such of their assigns as to which the rights of Declarants hereunder are specifically assigned. Declarants, individually or collectively, as applicable, may assign all or a portion of their rights hereunder, or all or a portion of such rights in connection with their respective portions of the Aberdeen Community or the Future Development Property (as hereinafter defined). In the event of any such partial assignment, the assignee shall not be deemed a Declarant hereunder, but may exercise only such rights of a Declarant specifically assigned to it by the assignor. Any such assignment may be made on a nonexclusive basis. The rights of Declarants under this Declaration are independent of the Declarants’ rights to control the Board, and, accordingly, shall not be deemed waived, transferred or assigned to the Owners, the Board or the Association upon the transfer of control of the Association.

"Declaration" shall mean and refer to this instrument, as it may be amended from time to time, together with any Supplemental Declaration or amendments hereto, which may be recorded amongst the Public Records of the County.

"Developer's Agreement" shall mean and refer to that certain Developer's Agreement and Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, dated August 30, 2004, as amended, notice of which is recorded in Official Records Book 2279, Page 1111, in the Public Records of the County as may be amended from time to time.

"Future Development Property" shall mean and refer to the real property within the Aberdeen Community described on Exhibit "F" attached hereto and made a part hereof, any or all of which may, but none which shall be obligated to, be brought within the Property. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN CONTAINED TO THE CONTRARY, THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE DEEMED BURDENED BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS DECLARATION UNLESS AND UNTIL SAME (OR ANY PORTION THEREOF) IS BROUGHT HEREUNDER BY A SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION DULY EXECUTED AND RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE COUNTY.

"HORTON" shall mean and refer to D.R. HORTON INC.-JACKSONVILLE a Declarant under this Declaration.

"Horton Property" shall mean and refer to the real property owned, and to be developed, by HORTON. A conceptual site plan and legal description of the Horton Property is attached as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference.

"Improvements" shall mean and refer to any structures or artificially created conditions and appurtenances thereto of every type and kind located within the Aberdeen Community, including, but not limited to, as and if applicable, buildings, fountains, swimming pools, Jacuzzis, private walls, fences, awnings, shutters, gates, flower boxes, landscaping, exterior lighting, outdoor ornamentation, solar panels, docks and any and all recreational structures and any ancillary structures, creation or alteration of any lake, lagoon, marsh or site grading.

"Limited Common Property" shall mean and refer to such portions of the Common Property which are intended for the exclusive use (subject to the rights, if any, of the County, the Association and/or the public) of the Owners of specific Lots or Units, to the exclusion of others. Unless otherwise provided specifically to the contrary, reference to the Common Property shall include the Limited Common Property, if any.

"Lot" shall mean and refer to these portions of the Property, whether developed or undeveloped, intended for development, use or occupancy as an attached or detached residence for a single family and shall, unless otherwise specified, include within its meaning (by way of illustration, but not limitation) single family lots, attached or detached villas, cluster homes, patio or zero lot line homes, single-family detached houses on one (1) or more separately platted lots, and condominium units, as well as vacant land intended for development as such. The term shall include real property as well as any Unit, or other improvement thereon, unless the context otherwise requires. In the case of a condominium or other structure which contains multiple dwellings, each dwelling shall be deemed to be a separate Lot. Any two (2) or more platted lots which are under common ownership and on which a single Unit has been constructed shall be considered to be two (2) or more separate Lots for purposes of voting, assessment and all other matters hereunder.

"MASTER DEVELOPER" shall mean and refer to ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Declarant under this Declaration and the developer of Aberdeen.

"Member" shall mean and refer to all those Owners who are Members of the Association as hereinafter provided, including, without limitation, the Declarants.

"Member's Permittees" shall mean and refer to the following persons and such persons' families (provided that the Owner or other permitted occupant must reside with his/her family): (i) an individual Owner(s), (ii) an officer, director, stockholder, member or employee of a corporate owner, (iii) a partner in or employee of a partnership owner, (iv) a fiduciary or beneficiary of an ownership in trust, or (v) occupants named or described in a lease or sublease, but only if approved in accordance with this Declaration. As used herein, "family" or words of similar import shall be deemed to include a spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and other persons permanently cohabiting the Unit as or together with the Owner or permitted occupant thereof. As used herein, "guest" or words of similar import shall include only those persons who have a principal residence other than the Unit.

"Mortgage" shall mean and refer to any mortgage held by a Mortgagee on any property within the Aberdeen Community.

"Mortgagee" shall mean and refer to any lending institution owning a first mortgage encumbering any Lot or Unit within the Aberdeen Community, which owner and holder of said mortgage shall either be a bank, life insurance company, federal or state savings and loan association, real estate or mortgage investment trust, building and loan association, mortgage banking company licensed to do business in the State of Florida, or any subsidiary thereof, licensed or qualified to make mortgage loans in the State of Florida or a national banking association chartered under the laws of the United States of America or any "secondary mortgage market institution," including the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") and such other secondary mortgage market institutions as the Board shall hereafter approve in writing; any and all lenders, and the successors and assigns of such lenders, which have loaned money to a Declarant and which hold a mortgage on any portion of the Property securing any such loan; any pension or profit-sharing funds qualified under the Internal Revenue Code; the Veterans Administration ("VA"), the Federal Housing Administration ("FHA") or the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") or such other lender as is generally recognized in the community as an institutional lender; or Declarant(s), its successors and assigns.

"Neighborhood" means a group of Lots or Units or portions of the Property which have as an appurtenance thereto the right to receive additional services or are benefited by Improvements which do not benefit or service other Lots or Units or portions of the Property. The Lots or Units or Property shall be designated as a Neighborhood in a Supplemental Declaration and shall be subject to Neighborhood Assessments to pay for the maintenance, repair or restoration of such Improvements or additional services.

"Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot or Unit within the Aberdeen Community, and includes the

Declarants for as long as any such Declarant owns fee simple title to a Lot or Unit or any individual parcel of land within the Property, but excluding therefrom those having such interest as security for the performance of an obligation.

"Plat" shall mean and refer to the recorded survey of any portion of the Property which is made and recorded in accordance with Chapter 177, Florida Statutes.

"Property" shall mean and refer to the Horton Property and the Aberdeen SJ Property collectively, and all additions thereto, now or hereafter made subject to this Declaration, except such as are withdrawn from the provisions hereof in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Declaration.

"Stormwater Management System" shall mean a system which is designed, constructed or implemented 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 to otherwise affect the quality and quantity of discharge from the system as permitted pursuant to Chapter 40C-4, 40C-40, or 40C-42, Florida Administrative Code.

"Sub-Association" shall mean any association created or to be created to administer specific portions of the Property or common elements lying within such portions pursuant to a declaration of condominium or declaration of covenants and restrictions affecting such portions.

"Supplemental Declaration" shall mean and refer to an instrument executed by the record holder of the land to be subjected to this Declaration and recorded in the Public Records of the County, for the purpose of adding additional land to the Property, withdrawing any portion(s) thereof from the effect of this Declaration, designating a portion of the Property as a Common Property hereunder or for such other purposes as are provided in this Declaration; provided, however, that no land shall be added to or withdrawn from the effect of this Declaration without the consent of MASTER DEVELOPER so long as it owns any of the Future Development Property.

"Unit" shall mean and refer to any dwelling unit constructed on a Lot or any condominium dwelling unit in any condominium which may be created on any parcel of land within the Property.

## 1.2 Interpretation.

The provisions of this Declaration as well as those of the Articles, Bylaws and any rules and regulations of the Association shall be interpreted by the Board. Any such interpretation of the Board which is rendered in good faith shall be final, binding and conclusive if the Board receives a written opinion of legal counsel to the Association, or the counsel having drafted this Declaration or other applicable document, that the interpretation is not unreasonable, which opinion may be rendered before or after the interpretation is adopted by the Board. Notwithstanding any rule of law to the contrary, the provisions of this Declaration and the Articles, Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Association shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes herein expressed with respect to the efficient operation of the Association and the Property, the preservation of the values of the Lots and Units and the protection of Declarants' rights, benefits and privileges herein contemplated. This Declaration is

not intended to and shall not bind any lands designated for commercial purposes under the Aberdeen PUD, as may be amended from time to time.

## ARTICLE 2.

### PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION;

#### ADDITIONS THERETO

##### 2.1 Legal Description.

The Horton Property and the Aberdeen SJ Property which is and shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed and occupied subject to this Declaration is located in the Aberdeen Community in the County, and is more particularly described in Exhibits "B" and "C" attached hereto and made a part hereof, all of which real property (and all improvements thereto), together with additions thereto, but less any withdrawals therefrom, is herein referred to collectively as the "Property" at the time of recording this Declaration.

##### 2.2 Supplements.

Any Declarant may from time to time subject other land within the Future Development Property owned by such Declarant under the provisions of this Declaration by Supplemental Declaration (which shall not require the consent of then existing Owners, the Association or any Mortgagee other than that, if any, of the land intended to be added to the Property) and thereby add to the Property. To the extent that such additional real property shall be made a part of the Property, reference herein to the Property shall be deemed to be reference to all of such additional property where such reference is intended to include property other than that legally described above. Nothing herein, however, shall obligate any of the Declarants to add to the initial portion of the Property, to develop any such future portions under a common scheme, nor to prohibit Declarants from rezoning and changing plans with respect to such future portions. All Owners, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of their Lots or Units, shall be deemed to have automatically consented to any such rezoning, replatting, covenant in lieu of unity of title, change, addition or deletion thereafter made by Declarants (or the applicable Declarant's-affiliated Owner) and shall evidence such consent in writing if requested to do so by Declarants at any time (provided, however, that the refusal to give such written consent shall not obviate the general and automatic effect of this provision). A Supplemental Declaration, including without limitation may vary the terms of this Declaration by addition, deletion or modification so as to reflect any unique characteristics of a particular portion of the Property identified therein; provided, however, that no such variance shall be directly contrary to the uniform scheme of development of the Property, nor shall any such variance be applicable to or effected against any portion of the Property except as directly owned or controlled by the Declarant establishing such variance.

##### 2.3 Withdrawal.

Declarants reserve the right to amend this Declaration at any time, without prior notice and without the consent of any additional person or entity, for the purpose of removing certain

portions of the Property (including, without limitation, Lots, Units, Common Property and/or Limited Common Property) then owned by the Declarants or their affiliates or the Association from the provisions of this Declaration to the extent included originally in error or as a result of any changes whatsoever in the plans for the Property desired to be effected by the Declarants; provided, however, that such withdrawal is not unequivocally contrary to the overall, uniform scheme of development for the Property. In the event the property sought to be removed is Common Property, the decision to amend the Declaration shall be a unanimous decision requiring approval of all Declarants then owning land within the Aberdeen Community. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the property sought to be removed is owned solely by one of the Declarants or its affiliates, then such Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration with respect to that property, so long as such removal does not affect any Common Property or the property of any other Declarant. Further, notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Section 2.3, no land may be added to or removed from the effect of this Declaration without the consent of the MASTER DEVELOPER so long as it shall own any of the Future Development Property.

#### 2.4 Common Property.

In the event of any doubt, conflict or dispute as to whether any portion of the Property is or is not Common Property under this Declaration, the Declarants, by majority decision of such Declarants, may, without the consent of the Association or the then existing Owners, record in the public records of the County, a Supplemental Declaration resolving such issue and such Supplemental Declaration shall be dispositive and binding. After all of the Declarants no longer own any portion of the Property, the Association may, without the consent of the then existing Owners, record the aforesaid Supplemental Declaration, which shall have the same dispositive and binding effect.

#### 2.5 Lands Owned by Others.

From time to time the Declarants, by majority decision of Declarants owning land in the Aberdeen Community, may permit lands to be annexed which are owned by other persons. Any declaration or supplemental declaration which subjects lands owned by other persons, irrespective of whether such lands are part of the Future Development Property may be annexed provided that the owner of such land and the Declarants, by majority decision, consent to such annexation.

### ARTICLE 3.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS IN THE ASSOCIATION

##### 3.1 Membership.

Every person or entity who is a record Owner of a fee interest in any Lot or Unit, or parcel of land subject to this Declaration, shall be a mandatory Member of the Association which membership shall be appurtenant to, and not be separated from title to a Lot or Unit, or parcel of land subject to this Declaration. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary set forth in this

Article, any such person or entity who holds such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation shall not be a Member of the Association.

### 3.2 Voting Rights.

The Association shall have such classes of Voting Members, who shall cast such votes, as are provided in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

### 3.3 Powers of the Association

The Association shall have all the powers, rights and duties as set forth in this Declaration and the Articles. All the powers, rights and duties of the Association shall be exercised by the Board, except that the Board may not act on behalf of the Association to:

1. Amend the Declaration;
2. Terminate the Association or this Declaration;
3. Elect Directors to the Board, except prior to Turnover;
4. Determine the qualifications, powers and duties or terms of office of Directors after Turnover.
5. Mortgage the Common Property.

The forgoing matters shall be subject to the approval of the Voting Members holding the requisite number of votes.

### 3.4 Amplification.

The provisions of this Article are amplified by the Association's Articles and Bylaws, but no such amplification shall alter or amend substantially any of the rights or obligations of the Owners set forth in this Article. Declarants intend the provisions of this Declaration and the Articles and Bylaws to be interpreted and enforced to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results. If any such conflict necessarily results, however, the Declarants intend the provisions of this Declaration to control anything in the Articles and Bylaws to the contrary.

### 3.5 General Matters.

When reference is made herein, or in the Articles, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, management contracts or otherwise, to a majority or specific percentage of Members, such reference shall be deemed to be reference to a majority or specific percentage of the votes of Members represented at a duly constituted meeting of their Voting Members voting for them (i. e., one for which proper notice has been given and at which a quorum exists) and not of the Members themselves or of their Lots or Units.

**ARTICLE 4.****COMMON PROPERTY; CERTAIN EASEMENTS;****COMMUNITY SYSTEMS****4.1 Members' Easements.**

Except for Limited Common Property as herein specified, each Member, and each Member's Permittee, shall have a non-exclusive permanent and perpetual easement over and upon the Common Property, if any, for the intended use and enjoyment thereof in common with all other such Members, Member's Permittees, their agents and invitees, but in such manner as may be regulated by the Association. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such rights of use and enjoyment are hereby made subject to the following:

(a) The right and duty of the Association to levy Assessments against each Lot or Unit for the purpose of maintaining the Common Property, if any, and any facilities located thereon in compliance with the provisions of this Declaration and/or as set forth on the plats of any portion of the Property from time to time recorded.

(b) The right of the Association to suspend the Member's (and his Member's Permittees') right to use the Common Property recreational facilities (if any) for any period during which any Assessment against his Lot or Unit remains unpaid for more than thirty (30) days; and for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days for any infraction of this Declaration or the Association's lawfully adopted rules and regulations.

(c) The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational facilities, owned by the Association, situated on the Common Property.

(d) The right of the Association to adopt at any time and from time to time and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Property and all facilities at any time situated thereon (if any), including the right to fine Members as hereinafter provided. Any rule and/or regulation so adopted by the Association shall apply until rescinded or modified as if originally set forth at length in this Declaration.

(e) The right to the use and enjoyment of the Common Property and facilities thereon (if any) shall extend to all Members' Permittees, subject to regulation from time to time by the Association as set forth in its lawfully adopted and published rules and regulations.

(f) The right of Declarants to permit such persons as Declarants shall designate to use the Common Property and all recreational facilities located thereon (if any).

(g) The right of the Declarants and the Association to have, grant and use blanket and specific easements over, under and through the Common Property, provided that no such easement shall be granted, should they affect the land of the Declarants, without the written consent of such affected Declarant.

(h) The right of the Association to dedicate or convey portions of the Common Property, if any, to any other association having similar functions, or any public or quasi-public agency, the CDD or similar entity under such terms as the Association deems appropriate and to create or contract with the other association, community development and special taxing districts for lighting, roads, recreational or other services, monitoring, or communications and other similar purposes deemed appropriate by the Association (to which such dedication or contract all Owners, by the acceptance of the deeds to their Lots or Units, shall be deemed to have consented, no consent of any other party, except Declarants, being necessary).

(i) The right of the Association to mortgage the Common Property with the consent of the Owners holding two thirds of the votes.

(j) The rights of the Declarants to withdraw portions of the Common Property as provided in Section 2.3 above.

(k) The right of the Board to adopt rules and regulations in connection with the Property and Common Property. The initial rules are set forth in Exhibit "H," attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

(l) The right of the Board to enter into agreements with any community development district to maintain certain facilities or improvements owned by any community development district within the Aberdeen Community or Aberdeen on such terms and conditions as the parties may reasonably agree.

(m) The rights and obligations set forth in any recorded instrument affecting the Property subject to this Declaration.

#### 4.2 Easements Appurtenant.

The easements provided in Section 4.1 shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot or Unit, but shall not be deemed to grant or convey any ownership interest in the Common Property, if any, subject thereto.

#### 4.3 Maintenance.

Subject to the rights of Declarants hereunder, the Association shall maintain in good repair and manage, operate and insure, and shall replace as often as necessary, the Common Property, if any, and, to the extent not otherwise provided for, the paving, drainage structures, landscaping, improvements and other structures (except public utilities and Community Systems, to the extent same have not been made Common Property and except the Limited Common Property to be maintained by Owners or an applicable Sub-Association) situated on the Common Property, if any, all such work to be done as ordered by the Board. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall assume all of Declarants' and their affiliates' responsibilities to the County, the City, and their governmental and quasi-governmental subdivisions and similar entities of any kind with respect to the Common Property, if any, and shall indemnify and hold Declarants and their affiliates harmless with respect thereto in the event of the Association's failure to fulfill those responsibilities. All work pursuant to this Section and all expenses

incurred or allocated to the Association pursuant to this Declaration shall be paid for by the Association through Assessments (either general or special) imposed in accordance herewith. The Association, on behalf of itself and/or all or applicable Sub-Associations, shall have the power to incur, by way of contract or otherwise, expenses general to all or to applicable portions of the Property, or portions thereof, and the Association shall then have the power to allocate portions of such expenses among the Association and/or the Sub-Association, based on such formula as may be adopted by the Association or as otherwise provided in this Declaration or any Supplemental Declaration. The portion of expenses so allocated to the Association or any Sub-Association shall be deemed a general expense thereof, collectible through Assessments. No Owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for Assessments by non-use (whether voluntary or involuntary) of the Common Property, if any, or abandonment of the right to use the Common Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall assume all of Declarants' and their affiliates' responsibility to the City and the County and their governmental and quasi-governmental subdivisions of any kind with respect to the Property and shall fully indemnify and hold Declarants (and their affiliates), the City and the County (and their governmental and quasi-governmental subdivisions of any kind), and the parties joining herein harmless with respect thereto.

#### 4.4 Street Lights.

Except to the extent that street lights are maintained by JEA or its successor or assign, the Association shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair of all replacements of street lighting fixtures, installations and equipment serving the Common Property (solely or primarily), even if same are located within the Common Property, if any, owned or administered by a Sub-Association (and said fixtures, installations and equipment shall be deemed Common Property for the aforesaid purposes). In the event of doubt as to whether any particular street lighting serves the Common Property, solely or primarily, the decision of the Board in such regard shall be final and conclusive. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a Sub-Association requests the Association to maintain, repair or replace any street lighting fixtures, installations or equipment which would not otherwise fall under the Association's responsibilities, then the Association may do so as long as all costs and expenses thereof are paid by the requesting Sub-Association. Charges for electricity used by street lights shall be paid by the Association or Sub-Association, as applicable, depending upon to which Association's account such electricity is metered (as originally established by Declarants or the applicable utility company).

#### 4.5 Easements for Vehicular Traffic.

In addition to the general easements for use of the Common Property reserved herein, there shall be, and Declarants hereby reserve and covenant for themselves and all future Owners of Lots or Units within the Property, that each and every Owner, and Declarants, shall have a non-exclusive easement appurtenant for vehicular traffic over all private streets within the Common Property, if any, subject to the parking restrictions set forth herein.

#### 4.6 Utility and Community Systems Easements.

Use of the Common Property for utilities and Community Systems, as well as use of the other utility easements as shown on any plats for the Property, or a portion thereof, shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Declaration and such plats, if any. Declarants and their affiliates and their designees shall have a perpetual easement over, upon and under the Common Property, if any, and the unimproved portions of such Declarant's respective Lots or Units for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, alteration and expansion of Community Systems and other utilities.

#### 4.7 Public Easements.

Fire, police, health and sanitation and other public service personnel and vehicles shall have a permanent and perpetual easement for ingress and egress over and across the Common Property, if any, in the performance of their respective duties.

#### 4.8 Ownership.

The Common Property, if any, is hereby dedicated non-exclusively to the joint and several use, in common, of Declarants, and the Owners of all Lots and Units that may from time to time constitute part of the Property and all Member's Permittees and Declarants' tenants, guests and invitees, all as provided and regulated herein or otherwise by the Association, subject to Section 2.3 hereof. The Common Property, if any, (or appropriate portions thereof) shall, upon the later of completion of the improvements thereon or the date when the last Lot or Units within the Property (and the Future Development Property if then contemplated to be added to the Property by Declarants, by majority decision of Declarants) has been conveyed to a purchaser (or at any time and from time to time sooner at the majority election of Declarants), be conveyed by quit claim deed (free and clear of monetary liens and encumbrances, but subject to such reserved easements as Declarants, by majority decision, determine are necessary or convenient) to the Association, which shall be deemed to have automatically accepted such conveyance. Beginning from the date this Declaration is recorded, the Association shall be responsible for the maintenance, insurance and administration of such Common Property, if any, (whether or not then conveyed or to be conveyed to the Association), all of which shall be performed in a continuous and satisfactory manner without cost to the general taxpayers of the County. It is intended that any and all real estate taxes and assessments assessed against the Common Property, if any, shall be (or have been, because the purchase prices of the Lots and Units have already taken into account their proportionate shares of the values of the Common Property), proportionally assessed against and payable as part of the taxes of the applicable Lots and Units within the Property. However, in the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any such taxes are assessed directly against the Common Property, the Association shall be responsible for the payment (subject to protest or appeal before or after payment) of same, including taxes on any improvements and any personal property located thereon, which taxes accrue from and after the date this Declaration is recorded, and such taxes shall be prorated between Declarants and the Association as of the date of such recordation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Common Property or property intended or contemplated to be Common Property may, at Declarants' majority discretion, or the Association, as applicable, be assigned, transferred and conveyed to the CDD, subject to the rights if any granted herein to the Owners and subject to the written

acceptance by the CDD and upon such assignment, transfer or conveyance, any obligation of the Association with respect to such property shall cease.

Each respective Declarant and their respective affiliates shall have the right from time to time to enter upon the Common Property, if any, and other portions of such Declarant's portion of the Property (including, without limitation, Lots and Units) for the purpose of the installation, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, operation, expansion and/or alteration of any improvements or facilities on the Common Property, if any, or elsewhere on the Property that Declarants and their affiliates or designees elect to effect, and to use, without charge, the Common Property, if any and other portions of the Property as owned or controlled by such Declarant, respectively, for sales, displays and signs or for any other purpose during the period of construction and sale of any portion thereof or of other portions of adjacent or nearby property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Declarant and their respective affiliates shall have the specific right to maintain, upon any portion of the Property owned or controlled by such Declarant, sales, administrative, construction or other offices and appropriate exclusive and non-exclusive easements of access and use are expressly reserved unto Declarants and their affiliates, and their successors, assigns, employees and contractors, for this purpose. Any obligation (which shall not be deemed to be created hereby) to complete portions of the Common Property, if any, shall, at all times, be subject and subordinate to these rights and easements and to the above-referenced activities. Accordingly, Declarants shall not be liable for delays in such completion to the extent resulting from the need to complete any of the above-referenced activities prior to such completion. There shall be no absolute liability imposed on Owners from damage to Common Property, if any, in the Aberdeen Community.

#### 4.9 Community Systems.

MASTER DEVELOPER reserves for itself and its officers, employees, agents, invitees, contractors and subcontractors, successors and assigns, and grants to the Association and the CDD, a perpetual non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over, across and under the Common Property, if any, and the rights of way of all publicly dedicated streets for the installation, repair, operation and maintenance of all Community Systems. MASTER DEVELOPER further reserves unto itself and any successors or assigns to which it assigns, in whole or in part, the rights as MASTER DEVELOPER, to select, in its sole discretion, the service providers for any and all Community Systems to serve the Property and the Lots or Units as MASTER DEVELOPER may deem appropriate and further reserves the right to assign or grant to such exclusive service providers the exclusive, perpetual right to install, maintain, repair, replace and/or reconstruct all lines, equipment and facilities relating, directly, or indirectly, to such services and Community Systems, as is from time to time permitted by applicable law. The Association and each Owner of a Lot or Unit, subjected to this Declaration, hereby consents to any such determination by MASTER DEVELOPER, the results of which may include payment for such services pursuant to agreement through Assessments levied against the Lots or Units. In addition, MASTER DEVELOPER shall have the right, but not the obligation, to convey, transfer, sell or assign all or any portion of the Community Systems located within the Property, or all or any portion of the rights, duties or obligations with respect thereto, to a service provider, the Association or any other person or entity (including an Owner, as to any portion of a Community System located on/in his Lot or Unit) or to continue to own such portion of the Community Systems itself. Without limiting the generality of any other provision hereof, if and

when any of the aforesaid entities receives such a conveyance, sale, transfer or assignment, such entity shall automatically be deemed vested with such rights of MASTER DEVELOPER with regard thereto as are assigned by MASTER DEVELOPER in connection therewith. Provided, however, that if the Association is the applicable entity, then any Community Systems or portions thereof shall be deemed Common Property hereunder and the Association's rights, duties and obligations with respect thereto shall be the same as those applicable to other Common Property unless otherwise provided by MASTER DEVELOPER. Any conveyance, transfer, sale or assignment made by MASTER DEVELOPER pursuant to this Section, (i) may be made with or without consideration, which consideration may be retained by the MASTER DEVELOPER, (ii) shall not require the consent or approval of the Association or any other Declarant or any Owner and (iii) if made to the Association, shall be deemed to have been automatically accepted (with all rights, duties, obligations and liabilities with respect thereto being deemed to have been automatically assumed, including without limitation the obligation to pay all applicable costs associated therewith). If the assignee is a service provider, the MASTER DEVELOPER shall insure that service provider shall be required to provide competitive Community Services to the Property, at rates comparable or less than market rates and service charges in the aggregate for similar service provided in St. Johns County, Florida. Provided however, the MASTER DEVELOPER shall be entitled to receive, and shall be entitled to retain, any rebate, credit, fee or incentive relation to the installation, operation or provision of any Community System. No Owner shall avoid liability for the charges associated with the Community Systems by electing not to utilize the Community Systems.

#### 4.10 Aberdeen Community Development District.

A uniform community development district known as Aberdeen Community Development District (the "CDD") has been established pursuant to Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes to administer portions of Aberdeen. The CDD will provide certain urban community development services and will have the authority to levy and collect fees, rates, charges, taxes and assessments to pay for, finance and provide such services. The CDD will impose taxes and/or assessments on Aberdeen and the Aberdeen Community which is situated in Aberdeen through a special taxing CDD. These taxes will pay for the construction, operation, and/or maintenance costs of certain public facilities within the CDD and will be set annually by the governing board of the CDD. These taxes and assessments are in addition to county and all other taxes and assessment provided for by law. These fees, rates, charges, taxes and assessments will either appear on the annual real estate tax bill for each Owner in which case they will be payable directly to the St. Johns County Tax Collector or they will appear on a separate bill issued to each Owner by the CDD. All taxes of the CDD shall constitute a lien upon those portions of the Property owned by any Owner. The CDD shall have the power to issue any types of bonds permitted by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, to the extent that any Property encumbered by this Declaration is owned by the CDD, then the Association shall not be obligated to operate or maintain such property unless an agreement to maintain such property is entered into by the Association and the CDD.

4.11 Assignment of Rights and Obligations of Association.

Declarants and Association may, but are not obligated to, assign to the CDD certain rights and duties under this Declaration respecting the Common Property, if any, subject in all events to the written consent by the CDD. Upon such assignment, Declarants and the Association shall record in the public records of the County an assignment of the rights specifying these rights, duties and obligations assigned to the CDD, together with a copy of the CDD's written consent. Further, it is understood and agreed that the Association and the governing board of the CDD may enter into such agreements for maintenance and access of Common Property, if any, as permitted by applicable law.

**ARTICLE 5.**

**MAINTENANCE OF UNITS AND LOTS**

5.1 Obligations.

Unless required to be maintained by a Sub-Association or as more specifically provided in any applicable declaration of condominium or covenants and restrictions of a Sub-Association, the Owner of a Lot shall maintain all exterior surfaces and roofs, fascias and soffits of the structures (including the Unit) and other improvements located on the Lot (including driveway and sidewalk surfaces and the portion of the right of way lying between the extensions of the side Lot lines and the paving of the road as well as any portion of land lying between the Owner's Lot line to the edge of water in any lake) in a neat, orderly and attractive manner. The aforesaid maintenance shall include maintaining screens (including screen enclosures), windows and doors (including the wood and hardware of sliding glass doors). No weeds or other unsightly vegetation shall be permitted to grow or remain on any Lot and no refuse pile or unsightly object shall be allowed to be placed or remain on any Lot. Provided however, until a Lot is cleared such Lot may remain in their natural condition. Both sides of all approved fences shall be maintained by the Owner in good and workmanlike condition. All masonry walls constructed by any Declarant shall be maintained by the Association or the CDD.

The minimum (though not sole) standard for the foregoing shall be consistency with the general appearance of the Property as initially constructed and otherwise improved (taking into account, however, normal weathering and fading of exterior finishes, but not to the point of unsightliness). The Owner shall clean, repaint or restain, as appropriate, the exterior portions of each Unit (with the same colors as initially used on the Unit), as often as is necessary to comply with the foregoing standards.

5.2 Right of Entry.

In addition to such other remedies as may be available under this Declaration, in the event that an Owner fails to maintain a Unit or Lot, the Association shall have the right to enter upon the Unit or Lot in question and perform such duties; provided, however, that such entry shall be during reasonable hours and only after five (5) days' prior written notice. The Owner having failed to perform its maintenance duties shall be liable to the Association for the costs of performing such remedial work and shall pay a surcharge of not more than thirty five percent (35%) of the cost of

the applicable remedial work, all such sums being payable upon demand and to be secured by the lien provided for in Article 7 hereof. No bids need be obtained for any of the work performed pursuant to this Article and the person(s) or company performing such work may be selected by the Association in its sole discretion. There is hereby created an easement in favor of the Association, and its applicable designees over each Lot and Unit for the purpose of entering onto the Lot or Unit in the performance of the work herein described, provided that the notice requirements of this Article are complied with.

## ARTICLE 6.

### CERTAIN USE RESTRICTIONS

#### 6.1 Applicability.

The provisions of this Article 6 shall be applicable to all of the Property but shall not be applicable to Declarants or any of their designees or to any Lots or Units, or other property, owned by Declarants or their designees.

#### 6.2 Uses of Lots and Units.

All Lots and Units (and appurtenant Common Property, if any) shall be used for the general purposes for which they are designed and intended and at all times used, operated and maintained in accordance with applicable zoning and other requirements, conditions and restrictions applicable to same (including, without limitation, any deed or lease of the Lot or Unit from any of the respective Declarants, as same may be amended from time to time) provided, however, a Lot owned by the Declarants may be converted for use as a private or publicly dedicated road to provide access to lands within or without the Property.

#### 6.3 Easements.

Easements for the installation and maintenance of utilities and Community Systems shall be reserved as shown on any recorded plat with respect to the Property, as a separate instrument, and/or as provided herein. The appropriate water and sewer authority, electric utility company, telephone company, the Association, the CDD and each of the respective Declarants and their affiliates, and their respective successors and assigns, shall have a perpetual easement for, but no obligation for, the installation and maintenance of all underground, of water lines, sanitary sewers, storm drains, and electric, telephone and Community System lines, cables and conduits, under and through the utility easements as shown on the Plats.

#### 6.4 Nuisances.

Nothing shall be done or maintained on any Lot or Unit which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the occupants of other Lots or Units. Any activity on a Lot or Unit which interferes with television, cable or radio reception on another Lot or Unit shall be deemed a nuisance and a prohibited activity. In the event of a dispute or question as to what may be or become a nuisance, such dispute or question shall be submitted to the Board, which shall render a decision in writing, which decision shall be dispositive of such dispute or question.

6.5 Oil and Mining Operation.

No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind shall be permitted upon or in the Property, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon or in the Property. No derrick or other structure designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any portion of the Property subject to these restrictions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Declarant, with respect to the portion of the Property owned by such Declarant, reserves the right to assign or convey any mineral or other subsurface rights or interests within such Declarant's portion of the Property.

6.6 Visibility at Intersections.

No obstruction to visibility at street intersections or Common Property intersections, if any, shall be permitted; provided that the Association shall not be liable in any manner to any person or entity, including Owners and Members' Permittees, for any damages, injuries or deaths arising from any violation of this Section.

6.7 Parking and Vehicular Restrictions.

Parking in or on the Common Property, if any, or on any Lot or Unit shall be restricted to the parking areas therein designated for such purpose. No person shall park, store or keep on any portion of the Common Property, Lot or Unit any large commercial type vehicle (for example, dump truck, motor home, trailer, cement mixer truck, oil or gas truck, delivery truck, etc.), nor may any person keep any other vehicle on the Common Property, Lot or Unit which is deemed to be a nuisance by the Board. Any boat, boat trailer or other water craft, camper, trailer or other recreational vehicle must be parked in a garage or be stored in the rear or side yard screened from view from the street by a six (6) foot fence as strictly approved by the applicable architectural review committee on a site specific basis in such committee's sole discretion; provided, however, no boat, boat trailer, watercraft, recreational vehicle or any other type of vehicle may be stored on a Lot where such vehicle is visible from a lake.

No trailer, camper, motor home or recreation vehicle shall be used as a residence, either temporarily or permanently, or parked on the Common Property, Lot or Unit. No person shall conduct major repairs (except in an emergency) or major restorations of any motor vehicle, boat, trailer, or other vehicle upon any portion of the Common Property, Lot or Unit. All vehicles will be subject to height, width and length restrictions and other rules and regulations now or hereafter adopted. The decision of Declarants to assign specific parking spaces within the Common Property, if any, to designated companies or persons, or for specified uses, shall be final, binding and conclusive.

6.8 Exterior Antennas.

To the extent permitted by law, exterior antennas, satellite dishes or similar equipment which are not larger than one (1) meter in diameter shall be permitted on any Lot or Unit thereon, provided that MASTER DEVELOPER and its affiliates shall have the right to install and maintain Community Systems. In all events any antenna, satellite dish or similar equipment shall be subject to architectural control under Article 8, to the extent permitted by law, and shall be

located so as to minimize their visibility from the street to the extent possible and still receive good reception.

6.9 Renewable Resource Devices.

Nothing in this Declaration shall be deemed to prohibit the installation of energy devices based on renewable resources (e. g., solar collector panels); provided, however, that same shall be installed only in accordance with the reasonable standards adopted from time to time by the applicable Architectural Control Committee and with such Committee's approval. Such standards shall be reasonably calculated to maintain the aesthetic integrity of the Property without making the cost of the aforesaid devices prohibitively expensive.

6.10 Signs.

No sign, poster, display, billboard or other advertising device of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any portion of a Lot or Unit or the Common Property, if any, without the prior written consent of the applicable Architectural Control Committee, except signs, regardless of size, used by any of the Declarants, or their successors or assigns, for advertising during the construction, sale and leasing period.

6.11 Animal Restriction.

No animals, livestock, reptiles or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on or in any Common Property, if any, or on any Lot or in any Unit except up to two (2) dogs or two (2) cats or one (1) dog and one (1) cat. No dog, cat or other pet may run loose (unleashed) on Common Property (if any), and pets may be walked only in areas designated for such purpose by the Association, if any. Specific rules and regulations which are more restrictive regarding pets may be adopted by a Sub-Association for the property maintained and operated by such Sub-Association, or pursuant to a Supplemental Declaration.

6.12 Trash.

No rubbish, trash, garbage or other waste material shall be kept or permitted on Common Property, if any, except in containers located in appropriate areas, if any, and no odor shall be permitted to arise therefrom so as to render Common Property, if any, or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to any other property in the vicinity thereof or to its occupants. No lumber, grass, shrub or tree clippings or plant waste, metals, bulk material or scrap or refuse or trash shall be kept, except within an enclosed structure appropriately screened from view erected for that purpose, if any, and otherwise in accordance with the approval of the applicable Architectural Review Committee.

6.13 Temporary Structures.

Except as may be used or permitted by any Declarant with respect to such Declarant's portion of the Property, during periods of construction, renovation, marketing and sales, no structure of a temporary nature (including, without limitation, trailers, tents, shacks or mobile offices) shall be located or used within the Property.

6.14 Mailbox.

No mail box or paper box or other receptacle of any kind for use in delivery of mail, newspapers or magazines may be erected or located on any Lot or Unit without the approval of the applicable Architectural Review Committee.

6.15 Variances.

The Board shall have the right and power to grant variances from the provisions of this Article and from the Association's rules and regulations for good cause shown, as determined in the reasonable discretion of the Board. No variance granted as aforesaid shall alter, waive or impair the operation or effect of the provisions of this Article in any instance in which such variance is not granted.

6.16 Declarant Exemption.

In order that the development of the Property may be undertaken and the Property established as a fully occupied community, no Owner, nor the Association, nor any Sub-Association shall do anything to interfere with Declarants' activities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as the following may pertain to any of the respective Declarant's portion of the Property, nothing in this Declaration shall be understood or construed to:

(a) Prevent any such Declarant, its respective successors or assigns, or its contractors or subcontractors, from doing on any property owned by it whatever it determines to be necessary or advisable in connection with the completion of the development of such Declarant's portion of the Property and the Future Development Property, including without limitation, the alteration of its construction plans and designs as such Declarant deems advisable in the course of development (all models or sketches showing plans for future development of the Property, as same may be expanded, may be modified by the such Declarant at any time and from time to time, without notice); or

(b) Prevent any such Declarant, its respective successors or assigns, or its contractors, subcontractors or representatives, from erecting, constructing and maintaining on any property owned or controlled by such Declarant, or its successors or assigns or its contractors or subcontractors, such structures including sales and/or construction trailers as may be reasonably necessary for the conduct of their business of completing said development and establishing such portion of the Property as a community and disposing of the same by sale, lease or otherwise; or

(c) Prevent any such Declarant, its respective successors or assigns, or its contractors or subcontractors, from conducting on any property owned or controlled by such Declarant, or its successors or assigns, its business of developing, subdividing, grading and constructing improvements in such Declarant's portion of the Property and the Future Development Property and of disposing of Lots and/or Units therein by sale, lease or otherwise; or

(d) Prevent any such Declarant, its respective successors or assigns, from determining in its respective sole discretion the nature of any type of improvements to be initially constructed as a part of such Declarant's portion of the Property; or

(e) Prevent any such Declarant, its respective successors or assigns or its contractors or subcontractors, from maintaining such sign or signs on any property owned or controlled by such Declarant as may be necessary in connection with the operation of any Lots or Units owned by such Declarant (their successors or assigns) or the sale, lease or other marketing of Lots and/or Units, or otherwise from taking such other actions deemed appropriate; or

(f) Prevent any such Declarant, its respective successors or assigns from filing Supplemental Declarations which modify or amend this Declaration, or which add or withdraw additional property as otherwise provided in this Declaration; or

(g) Prevent any Declarants from modifying, changing, re-configuring, removing or otherwise altering any improvements located within such Declarant's portion of the Common Property, if any.

In general, the Declarants shall be exempt from all restrictions set forth in this Declaration to the extent such restrictions interfere in any manner whatsoever with any of the respective Declarants' plans for construction, development, use, sale or other disposition of such Declarant's portion of the Property and the Future Development Property, or any part thereof.

## ARTICLE 7.

### COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

#### 7.1 Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments.

Except as provided elsewhere herein, Declarants (and each party joining in any supplemental declaration), for all Lots and Units now or hereafter located within the Property, hereby covenants and agrees, and each Owner of any Lot or Unit by acceptance of a deed therefor or other conveyance thereof, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or other conveyance, shall be deemed to covenant and agree, to pay to the Association annual Assessments and charges for the operation of, and for payment of expenses allocated or assessed to or through the Association, of and for the maintenance, management, operation and insurance of the Common Property, if any (including, without limitation if delegated to the Association, the Stormwater Management System) and the Association and any applicable Community Systems as provided elsewhere herein, including such reasonable reserves as the Association may deem necessary, capital improvement Assessments, as provided in Section 7.5 hereof, Special Assessments as provided in Section 7.4 hereof, as may be agreed to by and between the Association and the CDD for the maintenance and operation of certain improvements owned by the CDD and all other charges and assessments hereinafter referred to or lawfully imposed by or on the Association, all such Assessments to be fixed, established and collected from time to time as herein provided. In addition, Special Assessments may be levied against particular Owners and Lots or Units for expenses incurred against particular Lots, Units and/or Owners to the

exclusion of others and other charges against specific Lots, Units or Owners as contemplated in this Declaration. The Assessments (annual, special or otherwise), together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot or Unit against which each such Assessment is made. Said lien shall be effective only from and after the time of the recordation amongst the Public Records of the County of a written, acknowledged statement by the Association setting forth the amount due to the Association as of the date the statement is signed. Each such Assessment, together with such interest thereon and costs of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who is the Owner of such property at the time when the Assessment fell due and all subsequent Owners until paid, except as provided in Section 7.12 below. Reference herein to Assessments shall be understood to include reference to any and all of said charges whether or not specifically mentioned.

#### 7.2 Rates of Assessments.

Assessments shall be made at a uniform rate against applicable "Assessment Unit(s)." For the purposes hereof, each Lot or Unit shall constitute one (1) Assessment Unit. In the event of any dispute as to the allocation of Assessments, the determination of the Board shall be binding and dispositive. The Declarants, by majority decision, may modify such formula with respect to future Lots or Units in the Supplemental Declaration bringing such Lots or Units under the provisions hereof in order to account for unforeseen changes in development plans and to maintain an equitable system of Assessment allocation, provided that no change may be made in the allocation of Assessments among residential condominium Units insofar as it is the intent hereof that each such Unit shall be required to bear a proportionate burden of Assessments.

The Board shall budget and adopt Assessments for the Association's general expenses and for those expense items associated with Limited Common Property, if any (which may be declared hereby or in any Supplemental Declaration by the Declarants alone, and the expenses attributable to same shall be borne solely by those persons entitled to use of the Limited Common Property, unless otherwise provided herein or in such Supplemental Declaration).

#### 7.3 Purpose of Assessments.

The regular Assessments levied by the Association shall be used for the purposes expressed in Section 7.1 above and for such other purposes as the Association shall have within its powers and from time to time elect to undertake.

#### 7.4 Special Assessments.

In addition to the regular and capital improvement Assessments which are or may be levied hereunder, the Association (through its Board) shall have the right to levy Special Assessments against an Owner(s) to the exclusion of other Owners (a) for the repair or replacement of damage to any portion of the Common Property, if any (including, without limitation, improvements and landscaping thereon) caused by the misuse, negligence or other action or inaction of an Owner or his Member's Permittee, (b) for the costs of work performed by the Association in accordance with Article 5 of this Declaration (together with any surcharges collectible thereunder), or (c) to obtain funds for a specific purpose(s) which is of a non-recurring nature, for which no reserve

funds (or inadequate reserve funds) have been collected or allocated, and which is not the appropriate subject of a capital improvement Assessment. Any such Special Assessment shall be subject to all of the applicable provisions of this Article including, without limitation, lien filing and foreclosure procedures and late charges and interest. Any Special Assessment levied hereunder shall be due within the time specified by the Board in the action imposing such Assessment or may be of an ongoing nature, as provided in Article 5 hereof.

7.5 Capital Improvements.

Funds which, in the aggregate, exceed the lesser of \$50,000.00 or 10% of the total amount of the current operating budget of the Association in any one fiscal year which are necessary for the addition of capital improvements (as distinguished from repairs and maintenance, including repairs and replacement per Article 11 hereof) relating to the Common Property, if any, and which have not previously been collected as reserves or are not otherwise available to the Association (other than by borrowing) shall be levied by the Association as Assessments only upon approval of a majority of the Board and upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the Members of the Association. The costs of any of the aforesaid work which are less than the above-specified threshold amount shall be collected as general or Special Assessments upon approval of a majority of the Association's Board.

7.6 Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments: Due Dates.

The annual general Assessments provided for in this Article shall commence on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the month next following the recordation of this Declaration and shall be applicable through December 31 of such year. Each subsequent annual Assessment shall be imposed for the year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The annual Assessments shall be payable in advance, in monthly installments, or in annual, semi-or quarter-annual installments if so determined by the Board (absent which determination they shall be payable monthly). The Assessment amount (and applicable installments) may be changed at any time by the Board from that originally stipulated or from any other Assessment that is in the future adopted. The original Assessment for any year shall be levied for the calendar year (to be reconsidered and amended, if necessary, at any appropriate time during the year), but the amount of any revised Assessment to be levied during any period shorter than a full calendar year shall be in proportion to the number of months (or other appropriate installments) remaining in such calendar year. The due date of any Special Assessment or capital improvement Assessment shall be fixed in the Board resolution authorizing such Assessment.

7.7 Neighborhood Assessments.

In the event the Declarants determine to provide Improvements or services which serve some Owners to the exclusion of others and therefore designate a Neighborhood, these benefiting from such additional Improvements or services shall be assessed the cost thereof by the Association. The Board shall prepare a budget for such costs and shall designate the Lots or Units which shall be subject to payment of the Neighborhood Assessments therefore.

7.8 Duties of the Board of Directors.

The Board shall fix the date of commencement and the amount of the Assessment against the Lots and Units subject to the Association's jurisdiction for each Assessment period, to the extent practicable, at least thirty (30) days in advance of such date or period, and shall, at that time, prepare a roster of the Lots and Units and Assessments applicable thereto which shall be kept in the office of the Association and shall be open to inspection by any Owner. Written notice of the Assessment shall thereupon be sent to every Owner subject thereto twenty (20) days prior to payment of the first installment thereof, except as to Special Assessments. In the event no such notice of the Assessments for a new Assessment period is given, the amount payable shall continue to be the same as the amount payable for the previous period, until changed in the manner provided for herein. The Association, through the action of its Board, shall have the power, but not the obligation, to enter into an agreement or agreements from time to time with one or more persons, firms or corporations (including affiliates of any of the respective Declarants) for management services, including the administration of budgets and Assessments as herein provided. The Association shall have all other powers provided in its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

7.9 Effect of Non-Payment of Assessment; the Personal Obligation; the Lien; Remedies of the Association.

If the Assessments (or installments) provided for herein are not paid on the date(s) when due (being the date(s) specified herein or pursuant hereto), then such Assessments (or installments) shall become delinquent and shall, together with late charges, interest and the cost of collection thereof as hereinafter provided, thereupon become a continuing lien on the Lot or Unit which shall bind such property in the hands of the then Owner, his or her heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns. Except as provided in Section 7.10 to the contrary, the personal obligation of an Owner to pay such Assessment shall pass to his successors in title and recourse may be had against either or both. If any installment of an Assessment is not paid within fifteen (15) days after the due date, at the option of the Association, a late charge not greater than the amount of such unpaid installment may be imposed (provided that only one late charge may be imposed on any one unpaid installment and if such installment is not paid thereafter, it and the late charge shall accrue interest as provided herein but shall not be subject to additional late charges. Provided further, however, that each other installment thereafter coming due shall be subject to one late charge each as aforesaid) or the next twelve (12) months' worth of installments may be accelerated and become immediately due and payable in full and all such sums shall bear interest from the dates when due until paid at the highest lawful rate (or, if there is no highest lawful rate, 18% per annum). The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner(s) personally obligated to pay the same, may record a claim of lien (as evidence of its lien rights as herein above provided for) against the Lot or Unit on which the Assessments and late charges are unpaid, may foreclose the lien against the Lot or Unit on which the Assessments and late charges are unpaid, or may pursue one or more of such remedies at the same time or successively. Attorneys' fees and costs actually incurred in preparing and filing the claim of lien and the complaint, if any, and prosecuting same, in such action shall be added to the amount of such Assessments, late charges and interest secured by the lien. In the event a judgment is obtained, such judgment shall include all such sums as above provided and attorneys' fees actually incurred, whether incurred before, or at trial, on appeal, in post judgment collection or in

bankruptcy, together with the costs of the action. In the case of an acceleration of the next twelve (12) months' of installments, each installment so accelerated shall be deemed, initially, equal to the amount of the then most current delinquent installment, provided that if any such installment so accelerated would have been greater in amount by reason of a subsequent increase in the applicable budget, the Owner of the Lot or Unit whose installments were so accelerated shall continue to be liable for the balance due by reason of such increase and special assessments against such Lot or Unit shall be levied by the Association for such purpose. In addition to the rights of collection of Assessments stated in this Section, any and all persons acquiring title to or an interest in a Lot or Unit as to which the assessment is delinquent, including without limitation persons acquiring title by operation of law and by judicial sales, shall not be entitled to the occupancy of such Lot or Unit or the enjoyment of the Common Property, if any, until such time as all unpaid and delinquent Assessments due and owing from the selling Owner have been fully paid. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not be applicable to the mortgagees and purchasers contemplated by Section 7.10 below. All Assessments, late charges, interest, penalties, fines, attorney's fees and other sums provided for herein shall accrue to the benefit of the Association.

Unless delegated to a Sub-Association by the Association, it shall be the legal duty and responsibility of the Association to enforce payment of the Assessments hereunder. Failure of a collecting entity to send or deliver bills or notices of Assessments shall not, however, relieve Owners from their obligations hereunder.

The Association shall have such other remedies for collection and enforcement of assessments as may be permitted by applicable law. All remedies are intended to be, and shall be, cumulative.

Unless provided for in a Mortgage on a Unit or a Lot, failure to pay assessments does not constitute a default under a Mortgage.

#### 7.10 Subordination of the Lien.

The lien of the assessments provided for in this Article shall be subordinate to real property tax liens and the lien of a first Mortgage recorded prior to the date of the recording of a claim of lien in the Public Records of the County; provided, however, that any such Mortgagee when in possession or any receiver, and in the event of a foreclosure, any purchaser at a foreclosure sale, and any such Mortgagee acquiring a deed in lieu of foreclosure, and all persons claiming by, through or under such purchaser or Mortgagee, shall hold title subject to the liability and lien of any Assessment coming due after such foreclosure (or conveyance in lieu of foreclosure). Any unpaid Assessment which cannot be collected as a lien against any Lot or Unit by reason of the provisions of this Section shall be deemed to be an Assessment divided equally among, payable by and a lien against all Lots and Units subject to Assessment by the Association, including the Lots and Units as to which the foreclosure (or conveyance in lieu of foreclosure) took place.

#### 7.11 Collection of Assessments.

In the event that at any time the collection of Assessments levied pursuant hereto is made by an entity other than the Association, all references herein to collection (but not necessarily enforcement) by the Association shall be deemed to refer to the other entity performing such

collection duties and the obligations of Owners to pay Assessments shall be satisfied by making such payments to the applicable collecting entity. No Mortgagee shall be required to collect Assessments.

7.12 Declarants' Assessments.

So long as the Declarants shall own land within the Aberdeen Community, they agree to fund the deficit in the Association's operating expenses pro rata based on the number of Lots and Units authorized for development on the respective properties or such other basis as Declarants shall mutually select; provided, however, that MASTER DEVELOPER's share shall not exceed 10.88% of the total deficit based upon actual operating expenses and provided that MASTER DEVELOPER shall have no further payment obligation upon the sale or transfer of the Future Development Property.

7.13 Association Funds.

The portion of all regular Assessments collected by the Association for reserves for future expenses, and the entire amount of all Special and capital Assessments, shall be held by the Association and may be invested in interest bearing accounts or in certificates of deposit or other like instruments or accounts available at banks or savings and loan institutions, the deposits of which are insured by an agency of the United States.

7.14 Working Capital Contribution.

Each Owner shall be required to make a one-time working capital contribution to the Association in the amount of Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$300.00), which may be used for additional capital improvements or services which were not included in the original budget categories and may be used by the Declarants to fund any operating deficit in the Association's budget. The initial homebuilder shall not be considered the Owner for purposes of this Section, but the initial homebuilder shall collect the initial capital contribution from the buyer of a completed home upon a Lot or Unit and remit same to the Association.

7.15 Exempt Property.

Subject to the terms and provisions of Section 7.12 above, the following property shall be exempt from payment of Assessments and Special Assessments: (i) all Common Property and other portions of the Property which are not Lots or Units; (ii) any property dedicated to and accepted by any governmental authority or public utility including the CDD; and (iii) any property designated in the Aberdeen PUD for commercial uses.

## ARTICLE 8.

### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL; GENERAL POWERS

The following provisions of this Article 8 are subject to those of Article 9 hereof. Accordingly, this Article shall be operative only so long as the Association is performing (subject to later delegation) architectural control duties and powers in the manner provided in Article 9.

### 8.1 Establishment of Architectural Review Committees.

There is hereby established one (1) Architectural Review Committee for the Future Development Property owned by MASTER DEVELOPER ("Master Developer ARC"), one (1) Architectural Review Committee for the portion of the Property owned by HORTON ("Horton ARC"), and one (1) Architectural Review Committee for the portion of the Property owned by ABERDEEN SJ ("Aberdeen SJ ARC"). The Master Developer ARC, Horton ARC and the Aberdeen SJ ARC are sometimes herein referred to as a "Committee" or "Committees," as applicable

### 8.2 Members of Committee.

Each Committee shall consist of three (3) members. The initial members of the Master Developer ARC shall consist of persons designated by MASTER DEVELOPER, the initial members of the Horton ARC shall consist of persons designated by HORTON, and the initial members of the Aberdeen SJ ARC shall consist of persons designated by ABERDEEN SJ. Each of the initial members shall hold office until all Lots, Units and improvements planned for the Property and the Future Development Property over which the applicable Committee has authority have been constructed and conveyed (if appropriate), or sooner at the option of the respective Declarant. Thereafter, each new member of a Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall hold office until such time as he has resigned or has been removed or his successor has been appointed, as provided herein. Members of a Committee (other than those appointed or designated by the respective Declarants) may be removed by the Board at any time without cause. Members of a Committee appointed or designated by any of the respective Declarants may only be removed by the respective Declarant responsible for appointing such member to the respective Committee.

### 8.3 Review of Proposed Construction.

Subject to Section 8.10 below, no building, fence, wall, shed or temporary structure or other structure or improvement (including, but not limited to, landscaping, [including hedges], swimming pools, screen enclosures, hurricane protection, basketball hoops, birdhouses, other pet houses, swales, asphaltting or other improvements or changes of any kind) shall be commenced, altered, painted, erected or maintained in the Property, nor shall any addition, change or alteration (including paint or exterior finishing) visible from the exterior of any Unit be made, nor shall any awning, canopy or shutter be attached to or placed upon outside walls or roofs of buildings or other improvements, until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of the same shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Master Developer ARC for the Future Development Property owned by MASTER DEVELOPER, the Horton ARC for the Horton Property and the Aberdeen SJ ARC for the Aberdeen SJ Property. The applicable Committee shall approve proposals or plans and specifications submitted for its approval only if it deems that the construction, alterations or additions contemplated thereby, in the locations indicated, will not be detrimental to the appearance of the Property as a whole, and that the appearance of any structure affected thereby will be in harmony with the surrounding structures and landscaping and is otherwise desirable. If the proposed construction, alterations or additions are to common elements of a condominium, said approval shall also be subject to the prior approval of the applicable condominium association. A Committee may condition its approval of proposals and plans and specifications

as it deems appropriate, and may require submission of additional plans and specifications or other information prior to approving or disapproving material submitted. Each Committee may charge an approval fee for such services, which may be modified from time to time. Each Committee may require such detail in plans and specifications submitted for its review as it deems proper, including, without limitation, floor plans, site plans, drainage plans, elevation drawings and descriptions or samples of exterior materials and colors. Until receipt by the applicable Committee of all necessary and required plans and specifications, the Committee may postpone review of any plans submitted for approval. Each Committee shall have thirty (30) days after delivery of all required materials to approve or reject any such plans, and if not rejected within such 30 day period, said plans shall be deemed approved. All work done by a Member after receiving the approval of the applicable Committee shall be subject to the inspection by, and final approval of, the Committee in accordance with its procedural rules adopted as herein provided. All changes and alterations shall also be subject to all applicable permit requirements and to all applicable governmental laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders and decrees.

#### 8.4 Meetings of the Committee.

Each Committee shall meet from time to time as necessary to perform its duties hereunder. Each Committee may from time to time, by resolution unanimously adopted in writing, designate a Committee representative (who may, but need not, be one of its members) to take any action or perform any duties for and on behalf of the Committee, except the granting of variances pursuant to Section 8.10 hereof. In the absence of such designation, the vote of any two (2) members of a Committee shall constitute an act of the Committee.

#### 8.5 No Waiver of Future Approvals.

The approval of the applicable Committee of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of the Committee, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings or matters subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.

#### 8.6 Compensation of Members.

The members of each Committee shall receive no compensation for services rendered, other than reimbursement for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder, or unless engaged by the Association in a professional capacity.

#### 8.7 Committee Rules.

Each Committee shall adopt reasonable rules of procedure and standards for the submission and review of any matter to be brought before it and the inspection and final approval of any completed work done pursuant to an approval of the Committee. Such rules shall be (i) subject to the prior approval of the Board, (ii) consistent with the covenants and restrictions set forth in this Declaration, and (iii) published or otherwise made available to all Members and their contractors, subcontractors and other appropriate designees. All rules of a Committee shall be adopted and/or

amended by a majority vote thereof, provided that no amendment shall be applicable to any matter submitted to the Committee prior to the making of such amendment.

#### 8.8 Non-Liability.

Neither the Association, the Board, a Committee, the Declarants nor any member thereof, nor any duly authorized representative of any of the foregoing, shall be liable to any Sub-Association or to any Owner or any other person or entity for any loss, damage or injury arising out of or in any way connected with the performance or non-performance of the Committee's duties hereunder. Each Committee shall review and approve or disapprove all plans submitted to it for any proposed improvement, alteration or addition solely on the basis of aesthetic considerations and the benefit or detriment which would result to the immediate vicinity and to the Property, generally. Each Committee shall take into consideration the aesthetic aspects of the architectural designs, placement of buildings, landscaping, color schemes, exterior finishes and materials and similar features, but shall not be responsible for reviewing, nor shall its approval of any plan or design be deemed approval of, or warranty as to, any plan or design from the standpoint of structural safety or conformance with building or other codes. The approval of any proposed improvements or alterations by a Committee shall not constitute a warranty or approval as to, and neither the Association nor any member or representative of the Committee or the Board shall be liable for, the safety, soundness, workmanship, materials or usefulness for any purpose of any such improvement or alteration nor as to its compliance with governmental or industry codes or standards. By submitting a request for the approval of any improvement or alteration, the requesting Owner shall be deemed to have automatically agreed to hold harmless and indemnify the aforesaid members and representatives, and the Association generally, from and for any loss, claim or damages connected with the aforesaid aspects of the improvements or alterations.

#### 8.9 Specific Provisions.

The Declarants shall each establish specific provisions and guidelines for architectural standards and other rules relating to construction within and applicable to their respective properties.

#### 8.10 Variance.

The Master Developer ARC as to the Future Development Property, Horton ARC as to the Horton Property and the Aberdeen SJ ARC as to the Aberdeen SJ Property may authorize variances from compliance with any of the architectural control provisions of this Declaration when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, aesthetic or environmental considerations require, but only in accordance with its duly adopted rules and regulations. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance shall (i) be effective unless in writing, (ii) be contrary to the restrictions set forth in this Declaration, or (iii) stop the applicable Committee from denying a variance in other circumstances.

#### 8.11 Exemptions.

Declarants and their affiliates, successors and designated assigns shall be exempt from the provisions hereof with respect to any Improvements of any type which they construct on their respective portions of the Property and shall not be obligated to obtain Committee approval for

any construction or Improvements which any of them may elect to make at any time. Further, the CDD is hereby exempt from having to comply with the requirements of this Article 8 in their entirety for any portion of the Property encumbered by this Declaration that is owned or maintained by the CDD.

8.12 General Powers of the Association.

The Association, in conjunction with the applicable Committee, shall have the absolute power to veto any action taken or contemplated to be taken which is or would be governed by this Article 8, and the Association shall have the absolute power to require specific action to be taken, by any Sub-Association in connection with applicable portions of the Property in that regard. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association, in conjunction with the applicable Committee, may veto any decision of any Sub-Association (or architectural control board or other committee thereof) which is or would be governed by this Article 8, and the Association may require specific maintenance or repairs or aesthetic changes to be effected, require that a proposed budget include certain items and that expenditures be made therefor, veto or cancel any contract providing for maintenance, repair or replacement of the Property governed by such Sub-Association and otherwise require or veto any other action as the Association deems appropriate from time to time. Any action required by the Association in a written notice to be taken by a Sub-Association shall be taken within the time frame set by the Association in such written notice. If the Sub-Association fails to comply with the requirements set forth in such written notice, the Association shall have the right to effect such action on behalf of the Sub-Association and shall assess the Lots and Units governed by such Sub-Association for their pro-rata share of any expenses incurred by the Association in connection therewith, together with an administrative charge to be determined by the Association under the circumstances (to cover the Association's administrative expenses in connection with the foregoing and to discourage the Sub-Association from failing to comply with the requirements of the Association). Such assessments may be collected as special assessments hereunder and shall be subject to all lien rights provided for herein.

**ARTICLE 9.**

**ASSOCIATION AND SUB-ASSOCIATIONS**

9.1 Preamble.

In order to ensure the orderly development, operation and maintenance of the Property, including the Property subject to the administration of any Sub-Association as integrated parts of the Property, this Article has been promulgated for the purposes of (a) giving the Association certain powers to effectuate such goal, (b) providing for intended (but not guaranteed) economies of scale, and (c) establishing the framework of the mechanism through which the foregoing may be accomplished. The provisions of this Article are specifically subject, however, to Section 16.9 of this Declaration.

9.2 Cumulative Effect: Conflict.

The covenants, restrictions and provisions of this Declaration shall be cumulative with those of a Sub-Association and the Association may, but shall not be required to, enforce the latter;

provided, however, that in the event of conflict between or among such covenants, restrictions and provisions, or any articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules and regulations, policies or practices adopted or carried out pursuant thereto, those of any Sub-Association shall be subject to and subordinate to this Declaration. The foregoing priorities shall apply, but not be limited to, the liens for assessments created in favor of the Association and any Sub-Association as provided for herein. As to any Sub-Association which is a condominium association, no duties of same hereunder shall be performed or assumed by the Association if same are required by law to be performed by the condominium Sub-Association or if the performance or assumption of such duties would be contrary to the purpose and intent of Section 16.9 of this Declaration.

### 9.3 Architectural Control.

All architectural control, Lot and Unit maintenance requirements and use restrictions provided for in or pursuant to this Declaration shall, initially, be exercised and enforced by the Association. However, the Association may delegate to a Sub-Association(s) all or any part of such rights/duties, on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis, upon written notice recorded in the Public Records of the County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such control exercised by the Association shall be maintained only until such time as the applicable Committee has been created as to each portion of the Property; at such time, the Association (and any designated Sub-Association, as necessary) shall promptly record written notice of such in the Public Records of the County.

As long as the Association performs architectural control functions, no Sub-Association shall do so unless such functions are specifically delegated to it by the Association; provided, however, that a Sub-Association for a condominium may perform such functions to the extent required by its declaration of condominium or by applicable law.

### 9.4 Collection of Assessments.

The Association shall bill and collect all Assessments and other sums due the Association from any applicable Sub-Association. Receipt of a notice of Assessment or statement by the Sub-Association shall constitute notice of such Assessment to the members of the Sub-Association. The Sub-Association shall be responsible for billing and collecting such Assessments from its members and will remit the Assessments to the Association. Each Sub-Association shall serve as collections agent for the Association and shall be responsible for assessing, billing and collecting from its owners and members any amounts due the Association.

The Association shall be entitled to record liens or take any other actions against the property of any owner or member of a Sub-Association for non-payment of such owner's or member's share of Assessments due to the Association.

To the extent lawful, the Association may delegate, or contract for the performance of any duties performed by it pursuant hereto to/with a management company approved by the Association.

The Association may, from time to time, by sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the affected Sub-Association(s), change the procedures set forth in this Section 9.4 in whole or in part. Such change may include, without limitation, the assignment by the Sub-Association of all or some of the collection functions. In the event of any change in Assessment collection procedures elected

to be made by the Association, the relative priorities of assessment remittances and liens (i. e., the Association first and the applicable Sub-Association second) shall nevertheless still remain in effect, as shall the Association's ability to modify or revoke its election from time to time.

#### 9.5 Delegation of Other Duties.

The Association shall have the right to delegate to a Sub-Association, on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis, such additional duties not specifically described in this Section as the Association shall deem appropriate, provided that such duties have a reasonable relationship (by virtue of function or location) to the Sub-Association or its respective property. Such delegation shall be made by written notice to the Sub-Association, which shall be effective no earlier than thirty (30) days from the date it is given. Any delegation made pursuant hereto may be modified or revoked by the Association at any time.

#### 9.6 Acceptance of Delegated Duties.

Whenever the Association delegates any duty to a Sub-Association pursuant to this Section, the Sub-Association shall be deemed to have automatically accepted same and to have agreed to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Association for all liabilities, losses, damages and expenses (including attorneys' fees actually incurred and court costs, through all appellate levels) arising from or connected with the Sub-Association's performance, non-performance or negligent performance thereof. All Sub-Associations shall be responsible to the Association for maintaining adequate liability and other insurance covering injuries, deaths, losses or damages arising from or connected with the Sub-Association's performance or nonperformance of its duties hereunder.

#### 9.7 Expense Allocations.

The Association may, by written notice given to the affected Sub-Association at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the Sub-Association's fiscal year, allocate and assess to the Sub-Association a share of the expenses incurred by the Association which are reasonably allocable to the Sub-Association and/or the portion of the Property within its jurisdiction (e. g., for utilities which are billed to the Association, but serve in certain instances, only a Sub-Association, and street lighting systems). In such event, the expenses so allocated shall thereafter be deemed common expenses of the Sub-Association payable by it (with assessments collected from its members) to the Association.

In the event of a failure of a Sub-Association to budget or assess its members for expenses allocated as aforesaid or under this Article 9, the Association shall be entitled to pursue all available legal and equitable remedies against the Sub-Association or, without waiving its right to the foregoing, specially assess the members of the Sub-Association and their Lots or Units for the sums due (such special assessments, as all others, to be secured by the lien provided for in this Declaration).

#### 9.8 Non-Performance of Sub-Association Duties.

In addition to the specific rights of the Association provided in Section 9.7 above, and subject to the limitations set forth in Sections 9.2 and 16.9 of this Declaration, in the event that a Sub-

Association fails to perform any duties delegated to, or required of, it under this Declaration or to otherwise be performed by it pursuant to its own declaration, articles of incorporation, bylaws or related documents, which failure continues for a period in excess of thirty (30) days after the Association's giving notice thereof, then the Association may, but shall not be required to, assume such duties. In such event, the Sub-Association shall not perform such duties unless and until such time as the Association directs it to once again do so.

9.9 Conflict.

In the event of conflict between this Article 9, as amended from time to time, and any of the other covenants, restrictions or provisions of this Declaration or the Articles, Bylaws or rules and regulations of the Association all as may be amended from time to time, the provisions of this Article 9 shall supersede and control.

**ARTICLE 10.**

**RULES; ENFORCEMENT**

10.1 Compliance by Owners.

Every Owner and Member's Permittee shall comply with the restrictions and covenants set forth herein and any and all rules and regulations which from time to time may be adopted by the Board.

10.2 Enforcement.

Failure of an Owner or his Member's Permittee to comply with such restrictions, covenants or rules and regulations shall be grounds for immediate action which may include, without limitation, an action to recover sums due for damages, injunctive relief, or any combination thereof. The Association shall have the right to suspend the use rights of Common Property (except for legal access) of defaulting Owners. The offending Owner shall be responsible for all costs of enforcement including attorneys' fees actually incurred and court costs.

10.3 Fines.

In addition to all other remedies, and to the maximum extent lawful, in the sole discretion of the Board, a fine or fines may be imposed upon an Owner for failure of an Owner or his Member's Permittees to comply with any covenant, restriction, rule or regulation, provided the following procedures are adhered to:

(a) The Association may levy reasonable fines, not to exceed \$100 per violation, against any Member or Member's Permittee. A fine may be levied on the basis of each day of a continuing violation, with a single notice and opportunity for hearing, except that no such fine shall exceed \$1,000 in the aggregate.

(b) A fine may not be imposed without notice of at least 14 days to the person sought to be fined or suspended and an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of at least three members appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors or employees

of the Association or the spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of any officer, director or employee. If the committee, by majority vote, does not approve the proposed fine, it may not be imposed.

(c) The requirements of this subsection do not apply to the imposition of fines upon any Member or Member's Permittee because of failure to pay Assessments or other charges.

(d) These fines shall not be construed to be exclusive, and shall exist in addition to all other rights and remedies to which the Association may be otherwise legally entitled; provided, however, any penalty paid by the offending Owner shall be deducted from or offset against any damages which the Association may otherwise be entitled to recover by law from such Owner.

(e) Fines shall be paid not later than five (5) days after notice of the imposition or assessment of the penalties.

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

#### 10.4 Initial Rules and Regulations.

Attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "G" are the initial rules and regulations of the Association which are incorporated into this Declaration by this reference and which may be modified, in whole or in part, at any time by the Board without the necessity of recording such new or modified rules and regulations in the public records, provided that the Board shall notify each Sub-Association and the owners of the Lots or Units which are not within a Sub-Association of all modifications of rules and regulations as aforesaid. Receipt by a Sub-Association of such notice shall constitute notice to its members.

### ARTICLE 11.

#### DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION TO COMMON PROPERTY

##### 11.1 Damage or Destruction.

Damage to or destruction of all or any portion of the Common Property, if any, shall be addressed in the following manner, notwithstanding any provision in this Declaration to the contrary:

(a) In the event of damage to or destruction of the Common Property, if any, if the insurance proceeds are sufficient to effect total restoration, then the Association shall cause such portions of the Common Property to be repaired and reconstructed substantially as it previously existed.

(b) If the insurance proceeds are within One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or less of being sufficient to effect total restoration of the Common Property, then the Association shall cause such portions of the Common Property to be repaired and reconstructed substantially as it previously existed and the difference

between the insurance proceeds and the actual cost shall be levied as a capital special (and not capital improvement) assessment against each of the Owners in equal shares in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of this Declaration.

(c) If the insurance proceeds are insufficient by more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to effect total restoration of the Common Property, then by written consent or vote of a majority of the Members, they shall determine, subject to Article 13 hereof, whether (1) to rebuild and restore the Common Property in substantially the same manner as they existed prior to damage and to raise the necessary funds over the insurance proceeds by levying capital improvement assessments against all Members, (2) to rebuild and restore in a way which is less expensive than replacing the Common Property in substantially the same manner as they existed prior to being damaged, or (3) subject to the approval of the Board, to not rebuild and to retain the available insurance proceeds.

(d) Each Member shall be liable to the Association for any damage to the Common Property not fully covered by collected insurance which may be sustained by reason of the negligence or willful misconduct of any Member or his Member's Permittees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Association reserves the right to charge such Member an assessment equal to the increase, if any, in the insurance premium directly attributable to the damage caused by such Member. In the case of joint ownership of a Unit or Lot, the liability of such Member shall be joint and several. The cost of correcting such damage shall be an assessment against the Member and may be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments.

## ARTICLE 12.

### INSURANCE

#### 12.1 Common Property.

The Association shall keep all improvements, facilities and fixtures located within the Common Property, if any, insured against loss or damage by fire or other casualty for the full insurable replacement value thereof (with reasonable deductibles and normal exclusions for land, foundations, excavation costs and similar matters), and may obtain insurance against such other hazards and casualties as the Association may deem desirable. The Association may also insure any other property, whether real or personal, owned by the Association, against loss or damage by fire and such other hazards as the Association may deem desirable, with the Association as the owner and beneficiary of such insurance for and on behalf of itself and all Members. The insurance coverage with respect to the Common Property shall be written in the name of, and the proceeds thereof shall be payable to, the Association. Insurance proceeds shall be used by the Association for the repair or replacement of the Common Property for which the insurance was carried. Premiums for all insurance carried by the Association are common expenses included in the Assessments made by the Association.

To the extent obtainable at reasonable rates, the insurance policy(ies) maintained by the Association shall contain provisions, or be accompanied by endorsements, for agreed amount and

inflation guard, demolition costs, contingent liability from operation of building laws and increased costs of construction.

All insurance policies shall contain standard mortgagee clauses, if applicable.

The Association shall also maintain flood insurance on the insurable improvements on the Common Property in an amount equal to the lesser of 100% of the replacement costs of all insurable improvements (if any) within the Common Property or the maximum amount of coverage available under the National Flood Insurance Program, in either case if the insured improvements are located within an "A" flood zone.

#### 12.2 Replacement or Repair of Common Property.

In the event of damage to or destruction of any portion of the Common Property, if any, the Association shall repair or replace the same from the insurance proceeds available, subject to the provisions of Article 12 of this Declaration.

#### 12.3 Waiver of Subrogation.

As to each policy of insurance maintained by the Association which will not be voided or impaired thereby, the Association hereby waives and releases all claims against the Board, the Members, Declarants and the agents and employees of each of the foregoing, with respect to any loss covered by such insurance, whether or not caused by negligence of or breach of any agreement by said persons, but only to the extent that insurance proceeds are received in compensation for such loss.

#### 12.4 Liability and Other Insurance.

The Association shall have the power to and shall obtain comprehensive public liability insurance, including medical payments and malicious mischief, with coverage of at least \$1,000,000.00 (if available at reasonable rates and upon reasonable terms) for any single occurrence, insuring against liability for bodily injury, death and property damage arising from the activities of the Association or with respect to property under its jurisdiction, including, if obtainable, a cross liability endorsement insuring each Member against liability to each other Member and to the Association and vice versa and coverage for legal liability resulting from lawsuits related to employment contracts shall also be maintained. The Association may also obtain Worker's Compensation insurance and other liability insurance as it may deem desirable, insuring each Member and the Association and its Board and officers, from liability in connection with the Common Property, the premiums for which shall be Common Expenses and included in the assessments made against the Members. The Association may also obtain such other insurance as the Board deems appropriate. All insurance policies shall be reviewed at least annually by the Board and the limits increased in its discretion. The Board may also obtain such errors and omissions insurance, indemnity bonds, fidelity bonds and other insurance as it deems advisable, insuring the Board or any management company engaged by the Association against any liability for any act or omission in carrying out their obligations hereunder, or resulting from their membership on the Board or any committee thereof. At a minimum, however, there shall be blanket fidelity bonding of anyone (compensated or not) who handles or is responsible for funds held or administered by the Association, with the Association to be an obligee thereunder. Such

bonding shall cover the maximum funds to be in the hands of the Association or management company during the time the bond is in force.

12.5 "Blanket" Insurance.

The requirements of this Article may be met by way of the Association being an insured party under any coverage carried by the Declarants or under coverage obtained by the Association as long as such coverage is in accordance with the amounts and other standards dated in this Article.

**ARTICLE 13.**

**MORTGAGEE PROTECTION**

13.1 Mortgagee Protection.

The following provisions are added hereto (and to the extent these added provisions conflict with any other provisions of the Declaration, these added provisions shall control):

(a) The Association shall be required to make available to all Owners and Mortgagees, and to insurers and guarantors of any first Mortgage, for inspection, upon request, during normal business hours or under other reasonable circumstances, current copies of this Declaration (with all amendments) and the Articles, Bylaws and rules and regulations and the books and records of the Association. Furthermore, such persons shall be entitled, upon written request, to (i) receive a copy of the Association's financial statement for the immediately preceding fiscal year, (ii) receive notices of and attend the Association meetings, (iii) receive notice from the Association of an alleged default by an Owner in the performance of such Owner's obligations under this Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Association, which default is not cured within thirty (30) days after the Association learns of such default, and (iv) receive notice of any substantial damage or loss to the Common Property, if any.

(b) Any holder, insurer or guarantor of a Mortgage on a Unit or Lot shall have, if first requested in writing, the right to timely written notice of (i) any condemnation or casualty loss affecting a material portion of the Common Property, if any (ii) a sixty (60) day delinquency in the payment of the Assessments on a mortgaged Lot or Unit, (iii) the occurrence of a lapse, cancellation or material modification of any insurance policy or fidelity bond maintained by the Association, and (iv) any proposed action which requires the consent of a specified number of Mortgage holders.

(c) Any holder, insurer or guarantor of a Mortgage on a Lot or Unit shall have the right to pay, singly or jointly, taxes or other charges that are delinquent and have resulted or may result in a lien against any portion of the Common Property, if any, and receive immediate reimbursement from the Association.

(d) Any holder, insurer or guarantor of a Mortgage on a Lot or Unit shall have the right to pay, singly or jointly, any overdue premiums on any hazard insurance policy covering the Common Property, if any, or obtain, singly or jointly, new hazard insurance

coverage on the Common Property, if any, upon the lapse of a policy and, in either case, receive immediate reimbursement from the Association.

## ARTICLE 14.

### ENCROACHMENTS; EASEMENTS

#### 14.1 Encroachment.

If (a) any portion of the Common Property, if any (or improvements constructed thereon) encroaches upon any other portion of a Lot or upon any Unit; (b) any portion of a Lot (or improvements constructed thereon) encroaches upon the Common Property, or (c) any encroachment shall hereafter occur as the result of (i) construction of any improvement, (ii) settling or shifting of any improvement, (iii) any alternation or repair to the Common Property (or improvements thereon) after damage by fire or other casualty or any taking by condemnation or eminent domain proceedings of all or any portion of any improvement or portion of the Common Property, then, in any such event, a valid easement is granted and shall exist for such encroachment and for the maintenance of the same so long as the structure causing said encroachment shall stand.

#### 14.2 Pipes, Wires, Ducts, Cables, Conduits, Public Utility Lines, Etc.

Each portion of the Lot, the Units and the Common Property, if any, shall have an easement in common with all other portions thereof to use, maintain, repair, alter and replace all pipes, wires, ducts, vents, cables, conduits, utility lines, and similar or related facilities located in the Lots, Units and Common Property, if any, and serving such portion thereof. Each portion of the Lots, Units and Common Property shall be subject to an easement in favor of all other portions thereof to use, maintain, repair, alter and replace the pipes, wires, ducts, vents, cables, conduits, utility lines and other similar or related facilities located in such portion of the Lots and Units and Common Property and serving other portions thereof.

#### 14.3 Easements of Support.

Whenever any structure included in the Common Property adjoins any structure included in any other portion of the Property, each said structure shall have and be subject to an easement of support and necessity in favor of the other structure.

#### 14.4 Construction and Sales.

The respective Declarants (and their agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers) shall have an easement of ingress and egress over and across the Common Property, if any, for construction purposes and to erect, maintain, repair and replace, from time to time, one or more signs on the Common Property for the purposes of advertising the sale or lease of Units.

#### 14.5 Easements.

All easements shown on any recorded plat and not dedicated therein are and shall remain private easements and the sole and exclusive property of the applicable Declarant, its successors and

assigns. In addition, such Declarant reserves an easement 10 foot (10') in width along the front and back of each Lot, and five foot (5') in width along the side of each Lot for drainage and utilities and for access. The Owners of the Lots and Units subject to easements shown on any recorded plat shall acquire no right, title or interest in and to any wires, cables, conduits, pipes, mains, lines or other equipment placed on, over or under the property which is subject to said easements. The Owner of any Lot or Unit subject to any easement or easements shall not construct any improvements or structures upon said easements. In the event any Owner constructs any improvements or structures on the easement shown on any recorded plat, the Owner of the Lot subject to said easement shall remove said improvements or structures upon written request of the applicable Declarant, its successors, trustees, or assigns.

## ARTICLE 15.

### SPECIAL COVENANTS

#### 15.1 Preamble.

In recognition of the fact that certain special types of platting and/or construction require special types of covenants to accurately reflect the maintenance and use of the affected Lots and Units, the following provisions of this Article 15 shall apply in those cases where the below-described types of improvements are constructed within the Property, subject, however, to variance pursuant to Section 2.2 of this Declaration. However, nothing herein shall necessarily suggest that Declarants will or will not, in fact, construct such types of improvements nor shall anything herein contained be deemed an obligation to do so.

#### 15.2 Condominiums and Cooperatives.

In the event that any portion of the Property is submitted to the condominium or cooperative form of ownership, then the following special provisions shall apply:

(a) The condominium or cooperative association shall be deemed a Sub-Association hereunder.

(b) For the purposes of complying with and enforcing the standards of maintenance contained herein, the condominium/cooperative building and any appurtenant facilities shall be treated as a Unit and any other portion of the condominium/cooperative shall be treated as an unimproved portion of the Lot, with the condominium/cooperative association to have the maintenance duties of an Owner as set forth herein.

(c) As distinguished from maintenance duties, Assessments hereunder shall be levied against, and shall be secured by lien upon, each individual condominium or cooperative unit and shall be the direct and personal obligation of the Owner thereof; provided, however, that such condominium or cooperative association as the Sub-Association shall serve as collections agent for the respective Sub-Association and therefore shall assess and collect such Assessments from each condominium or cooperative unit owner subject to its jurisdiction and on behalf of the Association.

(d) With respect to architectural control: (i) no condominium or cooperative association shall make any improvements or alterations on or to the Property under its jurisdiction without first having secured the approval of the applicable Architectural Control Committee as provided herein and (ii) in the event that an individual Owner of a condominium or cooperative Unit(s) desires to make alterations to the exterior thereof, a request for the approval thereof shall be submitted to the applicable Architectural Control Committee as required by this Declaration, but such request shall be accompanied by evidence that the condominium or cooperative association having jurisdiction thereover has already approved same, absent which approval the applicable Architectural Control Committee shall not consider the submission and same shall be considered timely disapproved.

## ARTICLE 16.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 16.1 Duration.

The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Property, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Association, the Architectural Control Committee(s), Declarants (at all times) and the Owner of any land subject to this Declaration, and their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, for a term of ninety-nine (99) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years each unless an instrument signed by the then Owners of 75% of all the Lots and Units subject hereto and of 100% of the Mortgagees thereof has been recorded, agreeing to revoke said covenants and restrictions; provided, however, that no such agreement to revoke shall be effective unless made and recorded three (3) years in advance of the effective date of such revocation, and unless written notice of the proposed agreement is sent to every Owner at least ninety (90) days in advance of any signatures being obtained.

#### 16.2 Notice.

Any notice required to be sent to any Member or Owner under the provisions of this Declaration shall be deemed to have been properly sent when personally delivered or mailed, postpaid, to the last known address of the person who appears as Member or Owner on the records of the Association at the time of such mailing.

#### 16.3 Enforcement.

Without limiting the generality of Article 10, enforcement of these covenants and restrictions shall be accomplished by any proceeding at law or in equity brought by the Association, one or more of the Declarants or any Owner against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant or restriction, either to restrain violation or to recover damages, and against the Lots and Units to enforce any lien created by these covenants; and failure to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter.

16.4 Interpretation.

The Article and Section headings have been inserted for convenience only, and shall not be considered or referred to in resolving questions and interpretation or construction. Unless the context requires a contrary construction, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular, and the masculine, feminine and neuter genders shall each include the others.

16.5 Severability.

Invalidation of any one of these covenants or restrictions or any part, clause or word hereof, or the application thereof in specific circumstances, by judgment or court order shall not affect any other provisions or applications in other circumstances, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

16.6 Effective Date.

This Declaration shall become effective upon its recordation in the Public Records of the County.

16.7 Amendment.

In addition, but subject to any other manner herein provided for the amendment of this Declaration, prior to Turnover (as defined in the Articles), the covenants, restrictions, easements, charges and liens of this Declaration may be amended, changed or added to at any time and from time to time upon the execution and recordation of an instrument executed by a majority of the Declarants, for so long as either HORTON or ABERDEEN SJ or their representative affiliates hold title to any Lot or Unit affected by this Declaration, provided that MASTER DEVELOPER shall have consented thereto if MASTER DEVELOPER at such time owns any property within Aberdeen and such amendment adversely affects MASTER DEVELOPER as reasonably determined by MASTER DEVELOPER; or, after Turnover, by an instrument signed by the President of the Association, attested to by its Secretary and certifying that the amendment set forth in the instrument was adopted by a vote of at least 66-2/3% of the Members represented at a duly called meeting thereof, provided that so long as any of the Declarants or their affiliates are the Owners of any Lot or Unit, or parcel of land, affected by this Declaration, the consent of the Declarant that owns the Lot or Unit, or parcel of land, affected must be obtained if such amendment, in the sole opinion of the Declarant, affects its interest.

Further, notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Declarants may, by majority decision, without the consent of any Owners or the Association (and subject to FHA or VA approvals as set forth in Section 16.19 of this Declaration), file any amendments to this Declaration which may be required by a Mortgagee for the purpose of satisfying such Mortgagee's development criteria or such other criteria as may be established by such mortgagee's secondary mortgage market purchasers, including, without limitation, the FNMA and the FHLMC; provided, however, any such Declarants' filed amendments must be in accordance with any applicable rules, regulations and other requirements promulgated by HUD.

#### 16.8 Conflict.

This Declaration shall take precedence over conflicting provisions in Exhibit "G" hereto and in the Articles and Bylaws of the Association and said Articles shall take precedence over the Bylaws and the provisions set forth on Exhibit "G" and the Bylaws shall take precedence over the provisions set forth on Exhibit "G". Additionally, in the event of a conflict between the terms and provisions of this Declaration and the terms and conditions of Section 5(l) of the Developer's Agreement, the terms and provisions of this Declaration shall control to the extent of such conflict, but otherwise the terms of the Developer's Agreement shall control.

#### 16.9 Limitation on Association.

Anything in this Declaration to the contrary notwithstanding, the existence or exercise of any easement, right, power, authority, privilege or duty of the Association as same pertains to any condominium located within the Property which would cause the Association to be subject to Chapter 718, Florida Statutes, or any related administrative rules or regulations, shall be null, void and of no effect to the extent, but only to the extent, that such existence or exercise is finally determined by a court or administrative hearing officer of competent jurisdiction (after all appellate rights have been exercised or waived) to subject the Association to said Chapter 718. It is the intent of this provision that the Association not be deemed to be a condominium association, nor the Common Property, if any, be deemed to be common elements of any such condominium.

#### 16.10 Standards for Consent.

Except for the specific right of MASTER DEVELOPER to approve or consent to various matters as set forth in this Declaration, which approval or consent shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld, whenever this Declaration shall require the consent, approval, completion, substantial completion, or other action by the Declarants or their affiliates, the Association or any Architectural Control Committee, such consent, approval or action may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the party requested to give such consent or approval or take such action, and all matters required to be completed or substantially completed by the Declarants or their affiliates or the Association shall be deemed so completed or substantially completed when such matters have been completed or substantially completed in the reasonable opinion of the majority of the Declarants or Association, as appropriate.

#### 16.11 Easements.

Should the intended creation of any easement provided for in this Declaration fail by reason of the fact that at the time of creation there may be no grantee in being having the capacity to take and hold such easement, then any such grant of easement deemed not to have been so created shall nevertheless be considered as having been granted directly to the Association as agent for such intended grantees for the purpose of allowing the original party or parties to whom the easements were originally intended to have been granted the benefit of such easement and the Owners designate hereby the Declarants, jointly and severally, and the Association (or either of them) as their lawful attorney-in-fact to execute any instrument on such Owners' behalf as may hereafter be required or deemed necessary for the purpose of later creating such easement as it

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

16.12 No Public Right or Dedication.

Nothing contained in this Declaration shall be deemed to be a gift or dedication of all or any part of the Common Property to the public, or for any public use.

16.13 Constructive Notice and Acceptance.

Every person who owns, occupies or acquires any right, title, estate or interest in or to any Lot and/or Unit or other property located on or within the Property, shall be conclusively deemed to have consented and agreed to every limitation, restriction, easement, reservation, condition, lien and covenant contained herein, whether or not any reference hereto is contained in the instrument by which such person acquired an interest in such Lot, Unit or other property.

16.14 Notices and Disclaimers as to Community Systems.

Declarants, the Association, or their successors, assigns or franchisees and any applicable cable telecommunications system operator (an "Operator"), may enter into contracts for the provision of security services through any Community Systems. DECLARANTS, THE ASSOCIATION, OPERATORS AND THEIR FRANCHISEES, DO NOT GUARANTEE OR WARRANT, EXPRESSLY OR IMPLIEDLY, THE MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR USE OF ANY SUCH SECURITY SYSTEM OR SERVICES, IF ANY, OR THAT ANY SYSTEM OR SERVICES WILL PREVENT INTRUSIONS, FIRES OR OTHER OCCURRENCES, OR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH OCCURRENCES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SYSTEM OR SERVICES ARE DESIGNED TO MONITOR SAME; AND EVERY OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF PROPERTY SERVICED BY THE COMMUNITY SYSTEMS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DECLARANTS, THE ASSOCIATION OR ANY SUCCESSOR, ASSIGN OR FRANCHISEE OF THE DECLARANTS OR ANY OF THE OTHER AFORESAID ENTITIES AND ANY OPERATOR, ARE NOT INSURERS OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT'S PROPERTY OR OF THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS LOCATED ON THE PREMISES AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR LOSSES, INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTING FROM SUCH OCCURRENCES. It is extremely difficult and impractical to determine the actual damages, if any, which may proximately result from a failure on the part of a security service provider to perform any of its obligations with respect to security services and, therefore, every owner or occupant of property receiving security services agrees that Declarants, the Association or any successor, assign or franchisee thereof and any Operator assumes no liability for loss or damage to property or for personal injury or death to persons due to any reason, including, without limitation, failure in transmission of an alarm, interruption of security service or failure to respond to an alarm because of (a) any failure of the Owner's security system, (b) any defective or damaged equipment, device, line or circuit, (c) negligence, active or otherwise, of the security service provider or its officers, agents or employees, or (d) fire, flood, riot, war, act of God or other similar causes which are beyond the control of the security service provider. Every owner or occupant of property obtaining security services through the Community Systems further agrees for himself, his grantees, tenants, guests, invitees,

licensees, and family members that if any loss or damage should result from a failure of performance or operation, or from defective performance or operation, or from improper installation, monitoring or servicing of the system, or from negligence, active or otherwise, of the security service provider or its officers, agents, or employees, the liability, if any, of Declarants, the Association, any franchisee of the foregoing and the Operator or their successors or assigns, for loss, damage, injury or death sustained shall be limited to a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 (\$250.00) U. S. Dollars, which limitation shall apply irrespective of the cause or origin of the loss or damage and notwithstanding that the loss or damage results directly or indirectly from negligent performance, active or otherwise, or non-performance by an officer, agent or employee of Declarants, the Association or any franchisee, successor or designee of any of same or any Operator. Further, in no event will Declarants, the Association, any Operator or any of their franchisees, successors or assigns, be liable for consequential damages, wrongful death, personal injury or commercial loss. In recognition of the fact that interruptions in cable television and other Community Systems services will occur from time to time, no person or entity described above shall in any manner be liable, and no user of any Community System shall be entitled to any refund, rebate, discount or offset in applicable fees, for any interruption in Community Systems services, regardless of whether or not same is caused by reasons within the control of the then-provider(s) of such services.

16.15 Certain Reserved Rights of MASTER DEVELOPER with Respect to Community Systems.

Without limiting the generality of any other applicable provisions of this Declaration, and without such provisions limiting the generality hereof, MASTER DEVELOPER hereby reserves and retains to itself:

(a) the title to any Community Systems located on the Property and a perpetual easement for the placement and location thereof;

(b) the right to connect, from time to time, the Community Systems to such receiving or intermediary transmission source(s) as MASTER DEVELOPER may in its discretion deem appropriate including, without limitation, companies licensed to provide CATV service in the County, for which service MASTER DEVELOPER shall have the right to charge any users a reasonable fee (which shall not exceed any maximum allowable charge provided for in the Ordinances of the County); and

(c) the right to offer from time to time monitoring/alarm services through the Community Systems.

Neither the ABERDEEN SJ, HORTON, the Association nor any officer, director, employee, committee member or agent (including any management company) thereof shall be liable for any damage to property, personal injury or death arising from or connected with any act or omission of any of the foregoing during the course of performing any duty or exercising any right privilege (including, without limitation, performing maintenance work which is the duty of the Association or exercising any remedial maintenance or alteration rights under this Declaration) required or authorized to be done by the Association, or any of the other aforesaid parties, under this Declaration or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

16.16 No Representations or Warranties.

NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, HAVE BEEN GIVEN OR MADE BY DECLARANTS OR THEIR AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PORTION OF THE COMMON PROPERTY, IF ANY, THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION, ZONING, COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, MERCHANTABILITY, HABITABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUBDIVISION, SALE, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, COST OF MAINTENANCE, TAXES OR REGULATION THEREOF, EXCEPT (A) AS SPECIFICALLY AND EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS DECLARATION OR IN DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BE FILED BY DECLARANTS FROM TIME TO TIME WITH APPLICABLE REGULATORY AGENCIES, AND (B) AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW. AS TO SUCH WARRANTIES WHICH CANNOT BE DISCLAIMED, AND TO OTHER CLAIMS, IF ANY, WHICH CAN BE MADE AS TO THE AFORESAID MATTERS, ALL INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING THEREFROM ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED. ALL OWNERS, BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE LOTS AND/OR UNITS (WHETHER FROM THE DECLARANTS OR ANOTHER PARTY) SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AUTOMATICALLY WAIVED ALL OF THE AFORESAID DISCLAIMED WARRANTIES AND INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

16.17 Assurance of Development.

The Property is subject to a planned unit development ordinance and certain other governmental or quasi-governmental regulations. Declarants, jointly and severally, make no assurance to any Owner or Mortgagee that the Property will be developed in strict compliance with any such regulations. All site plans, development plans, advertising material and similar material developed or produced in connection with the marketing and sale of the Property is subject to change in each Declarant's sole discretion as it may pertain to such Declarant's portion of the Property. Owners hereby waive any and all rights they have to object to changes in the plans which may be made by Declarants pursuant to this Section.

16.18 Covenants Running With The Land.

Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding and without limiting the generality (and subject to the limitations) of Section 16.1 hereof, it is the intention of all parties affected hereby (and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns) that these covenants and restrictions shall run with the Property and with title to the Property. Without limiting the generality of Section 16.5 hereof, if any provision or application of this Declaration would prevent this Declaration from running with the Property as aforesaid, such provision and/or application shall be judicially modified, if at all possible, to come as close as possible to the intent of such provision or application and then be enforced in a manner which will allow these covenants and restrictions to so run with the Property; but if such provision and/or application cannot be so modified, such provision and/or application shall be unenforceable and considered null and void in order that the paramount goal of the parties (that these covenants and restrictions run with the Property as aforesaid) be achieved.

16.19 Approval by Mortgagees.

In the event that any of the Lots or Units are subject to a Mortgage which is guaranteed by FHA or VA, then, for so long as there is a Class B Membership in the Association, the respective Declarant shall obtain approval of FHA or VA for annexation of additional properties (other than the Future Development Property), dedication of Common Property, if any, and amendments of this Declaration.

16.20 Tax Deeds and Foreclosure.

All provisions of the Declaration relating to a Lot which has been sold for taxes or special assessments survive and are enforceable after the issuance of a tax deed or upon a foreclosure of an Assessment, a certificate or lien, a tax deed, tax certificate or tax lien, to the same extent that they would be enforceable against a voluntary grantee of title before such transfer.

**ARTICLE 17.**

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY OF ASSOCIATION**

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN OR IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT GOVERNING OR BINDING THE ASSOCIATION (COLLECTIVELY, THE "ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS"), THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR, OR IN ANY MANNER A GUARANTOR OR INSURER OF, THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY OWNER, OCCUPANT OR USER OF ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, GUESTS, INVITEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS OR FOR ANY PROPERTY OF ANY SUCH PERSONS. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING:

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

(b) THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT EMPOWERED, AND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED, TO ACT AS AN ENTITY WHICH ENFORCES OR ENSURES THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, STATE OF FLORIDA, THE COUNTY, THE CITY AND/OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION OR THE PREVENTION OF TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES AND

(c) ANY PROVISIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS SETTING FORTH THE USES OF ASSESSMENTS WHICH RELATE TO HEALTH, SAFETY AND/OR WELFARE SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND APPLIED ONLY AS LIMITATIONS ON THE USES OF ASSESSMENT FUNDS AND NOT AS

CREATING A DUTY OF THE ASSOCIATION TO PROTECT OR FURTHER THE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF ANY PERSON(S), EVEN IF ASSESSMENT FUNDS ARE CHOSEN TO BE USED FOR ANY SUCH REASON.

EACH OWNER (BY VIRTUE OF HIS ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO HIS LOT OR UNIT) AND EACH OTHER PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR MAKING ANY USE OF, ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY (BY VIRTUE OF ACCEPTING SUCH INTEREST OR LIEN OR MAKING SUCH USES) SHALL BE BOUND BY THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AUTOMATICALLY WAIVED ANY AND ALL RIGHTS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST THE ASSOCIATION ARISING FROM OR CONNECTED WITH ANY MATTER FOR WHICH THE LIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED IN THIS ARTICLE.

AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, "ASSOCIATION" SHALL INCLUDE WITHIN ITS MEANING ALL OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS (INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COMPANIES), SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL ALSO INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF DECLARANTS, WHICH SHALL BE FULLY PROTECTED HEREBY.

## ARTICLE 18.

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

#### 18.1 Blanket Easement.

The plan for the development of the Property includes the construction of a Stormwater Management System, which may include, without limitation, retention lakes, swales, conduits, weirs, pipes, pumps, and berms across the rear of certain Lots and access easements to the Stormwater Management System as shown on any recorded plat for the Property (or a portion thereof). Declarants hereby reserve for themselves, their successors and assigns as to each Declarant's portion of the Property, and grant to the CDD, the Association and their designees, a perpetual, nonexclusive easement over and across all areas of the Stormwater Management System for the drainage of stormwater from the Property. Portions of the Stormwater Management System may be located entirely within Lots. The CDD and the Association is hereby granted an easement over any Lots or Units which is necessary or convenient for the Association to perform its maintenance obligations hereunder, provided however, such easement shall be released with respect to any portion of the Lots on which an approved Improvement is constructed and located.

#### 18.2 Maintenance Easement.

The Declarants hereby reserve for themselves, their successors and assigns as to each Declarant's portion of the Property and grant to the CDD, the Association and their successors and assigns a perpetual, nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress, at all reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, over and across the Stormwater Management System and over any portion of a Lot which is a part of the Stormwater Management System, or upon which a portion of the

Stormwater Management System is located to operate, maintain, and repair the Stormwater Management System as required by the St. Johns River Water Management District ("SJRWMD") permit. Such right expressly includes the right to cut any trees, bushes or shrubbery, to make any gradings of soil, construct or modify any berms placed along the rear of any Lots as part of the Stormwater Management System, or take any other action reasonably necessary, following which the affected property shall be restored to its original condition as nearly as practicable; provided, however, that Declarants, CDD or the Association shall not be required to replace or repair fences, walks, structures, landscaping, or other improvements which are removed or damaged. Declarants, CDD or the Association shall give reasonable notice of its intent to take such action to all affected Owners, unless, in the opinion of Declarants, CDD or the Association, an emergency exists which precludes such notice. The right granted herein may be exercised at the sole option of Declarants, CDD or the Association and shall not be construed to obligate Declarants, CDD or the Association to take any affirmative action in connection therewith. The Owners of Lots adjacent to or containing a portion of the retention areas are granted a perpetual, nonexclusive easement for ingress and egress over and across the Stormwater Management System for the purpose of providing maintenance and erosion control to the embankments of such retention areas.

### 18.3 Maintenance.

Except as specifically set forth herein to the contrary and to the extent the Stormwater Management System is the maintenance obligation of the Association and not the CDD, the Association shall be responsible for the maintenance, operation, and repair of the Stormwater Management System. Such maintenance shall include the exercise of practices which allow the Stormwater Management System to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance, or other capabilities in accordance with all the permits, statutes, rules, and regulations pertaining to surface water management, drainage, and water quality promulgated by the SJRWMD, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and all other local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction. Maintenance of the Stormwater Management System shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the Stormwater Management System to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance and other stormwater management capabilities as permitted by the SJRWMD.

To the extent not maintained by the CDD, the Association shall maintain and control the water level and quality of the Stormwater Management System; the bottoms of any retention lakes or drainage easements which retain or hold stormwater on a regular basis. To the extent the Stormwater Management System is the maintenance obligation of the Association, the Association shall have the power, as may be required by any applicable governmental entity, to control and eradicate plants, fowl, reptiles, animals, fish, and fungi in and on any portion of the retention lakes or drainage easements. The Owners of Lots adjacent to or containing any portion of the Stormwater System, shall maintain all shoreline vegetation and the grade and contour of all embankments to the water's edge (as it may rise and fall from time to time) irrespective of ownership of such land, keep the grass, plantings, and other lateral support of the embankments in a clean and safe manner and to prevent erosion and shall remove trash and debris as it may accumulate in the System, from time to time. Maintenance of the Stormwater Management System shall mean the exercise of practices which allow the Stormwater Management System to provide drainage, water storage, conveyance or other surface water capabilities as permitted by the SJRWMD. Any repair or reconstruction of the Stormwater Management System shall be

consistent with the Permit as originally issued or any modification that may be approved by the SJRWMD. To the extent the Stormwater Management System is the maintenance obligation of the Association, in order to provide adequate assurance that the Stormwater Management System will adequately function, the following maintenance procedures shall be followed:

- (a). The Association shall inspect or cause to be inspected all inlets and control structures for vandalism, deterioration or accumulation of sand and debris.
- (b). The Association shall assure that all debris or sand shall be removed from the inlets and control structures and any orifice system.
- (c). The Association shall inspect and repair or cause to be inspected and repaired all skimmer boards around control structures as necessary.

#### 18.4 Improvements.

No docks, bulkheads, or other structures, permanent or temporary, shall be constructed on, over, or under any portion of the Stormwater Management System without the prior written consent of the Association or the CDD, as applicable, and the approval of the respective Committee or Declarant, which consent or approval may be withheld for any reason. Any improvements to the Stormwater Management System permitted by the Association or the CDD, as applicable, and installed by the Owner shall be maintained by such Owner in accordance with the maintenance provisions of this Declaration. All improvements to the Stormwater Management System may also require the prior written approval of the SJRWMD. After receiving the approval of the Committee, Owner shall be solely liable for obtaining all governmental permits necessary or convenient to construct such Improvements.

#### 18.5 Use and Access.

Declarants, the CDD or the Association, as applicable, 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 portion of the Stormwater Management System, and shall have the right to deny such use to any person who, in the opinion of the majority of the Declarants, the CDD or the Association, as applicable, may create or participate in a disturbance or nuisance on any part of the Stormwater Management System. The use of such surface waters by the Owners shall be subject to and limited by the rules and regulations of the respective Declarants, the CDD, and the Association, as applicable, all permits issued by governmental authorities, and any rights granted to other persons pursuant to the rules and regulations of the respective Declarants, the CDD and the Association, as applicable. Only the CDD or the Declarants, as applicable, as to any portion of the Property owned or controlled by them, and the Association shall have the right to pump or otherwise remove any water from any part of the Stormwater Management System for purposes of irrigation or any other use.

#### 18.6 Liability.

NEITHER THE CDD, ANY OF THE DECLARANTS NOR THE ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE ANY LIABILITY WHATSOEVER TO OWNERS, GUESTS, TENANTS, OR INVITEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETENTION LAKES AND DRAINAGE EASEMENTS OR ANY PART OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. EACH

OWNER, FOR ITSELF AND ITS GUESTS, TENANTS, OR INVITEES, RELEASES DECLARANTS AND THE ASSOCIATION FROM ANY LIABILITY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

NEITHER THE CDD, THE DECLARANTS, THE ASSOCIATION, NOR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AGENTS, CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "LISTED PARTIES") SHALL BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING OR ASSURING THE WATER QUALITY OR LEVEL IN ANY LAKE, POND, RETENTION AREA, CANAL, CREEK, MARSH AREA, STREAM OR OTHER WATER BODY WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY, EXCEPT AS SUCH RESPONSIBILITY MAY BE SPECIFICALLY IMPOSED BY AN APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL OR QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR ENTITY AS REFERENCED HEREIN. FURTHER, ALL OWNERS AND USERS OF ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO OR HAVING A VIEW OF ANY OF THE AFORESAID AREAS SHALL BE DEEMED, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO, OR USE OF, SUCH PROPERTY, TO HAVE AGREED TO HOLD HARMLESS THE LISTED PARTIES FROM ALL LIABILITY RELATED TO ANY CHANGES IN THE QUALITY AND LEVEL OF THE WATER IN SUCH BODIES.

18.7 Conservation Areas.

"Conservation Area" or "Conservation Areas" shall mean and refer to all of such areas designated as such on any recorded plat of the Property, or portion thereof and such portions of the Property which are subjected to a conservation easement recorded in the public records of St. Johns County, Florida.

The Conservation Areas are established for the purpose of retaining and maintaining such areas in their predominantly natural condition as a wooded water recharge, detention and percolation and environmental conservation area. In furtherance of this, each of the following uses of the Conservation Areas are hereby prohibited and restricted without the prior written consent of the SJRWMD, to-wit:

- (a). The construction, installation or placement of signs, buildings, fences, walls, road or any other structures and improvements on or above the ground of the Conservation Areas; and
- (b). The dumping or placing of soil or other substances or materials as landfill or the dumping or placing of trash, waste or unsightly or offensive materials; and
- (c). The removal or destruction of trees, shrubs or other vegetation from the Conservation Areas; and
- (d). The excavation, dredging or removal of loam, peat, gravel, rock, soil, or other material substances in such a manner as to affect the surface of the Conservation Areas; and

- (e). Any use which would be detrimental to the retention of the Conservation Areas in their natural condition; and
- (f). Acts or uses detrimental to such retention of land or water areas.

The Declarants and their successors and assigns, as to their respective portions of the Property, and the St. Johns River Water Management District shall have the right to enter upon the Conservation Areas at all reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, to assure compliance with the aforesaid prohibitions and restrictions.

The Declarants, as to their respective portions of the Property, and all subsequent owners of any land upon which there is located any Conservation Area shall be responsible for the periodic removal of trash and other debris which may accumulate on such parcel.

#### 18.8 Upland Vegetative Natural Buffers.

There shall be set aside a permanent vegetative buffer designated on any recorded plat in varying widths as "Upland Vegetative Natural Buffers." All such areas are part of the Stormwater Management System permitted by the St. Johns River Water Management District and must be maintained in a natural state. No trees or other vegetation can be removed unless approved by the applicable Committee and the SJRWMD. The purpose of the Upland Vegetative Natural Buffer is to detain and treat stormwater prior to draining offsite; therefore, the area must be maintained in its natural state. Filling and placement of impervious surfaces (other than fencepost) are prohibited within the Upland Vegetative Natural Buffers.

#### 18.9 Rights of the SJRWMD.

Notwithstanding any other provisions contained elsewhere in this Declaration, the SJRWMD shall have the rights and powers enumerated in this paragraph. The SJRWMD shall have the right to enforce, by a proceeding at law or in equity, the provisions contained in this Declaration which relate to the maintenance, operation, and repair of the Stormwater Management System. Any repair or reconstruction of the Stormwater Management System shall be as permitted, or if modified, as approved by the SJRWMD. No person shall alter the drainage flow of the Stormwater Management System, including any buffer areas, swales, treatment berms or swales, without the prior written approval of the SJRWMD. Any amendment to this Declaration which alters the Stormwater Management System, beyond maintenance in its original condition, including the water management portions of the Common Property, must have prior written approval of the SJRWMD. In the event that the Association is dissolved, prior to such dissolution, all responsibility relating to the Stormwater Management System must be assigned to and accepted by an entity approved by the SJRWMD.

#### 18.10 Indemnity.

The Association agrees that subsequent to the recording of this Declaration, it shall hold Declarants harmless from all suits, actions, damages, liabilities and expenses in connection with loss of life, bodily or personal injury or property damage arising out of any occurrence in, upon, at or from the maintenance of the Stormwater Management System occasioned in whole or in part by any action, omission of the Association or its agents, contractor, employees, servants, or

licensees but not excluding any liability occasioned wholly or in part by the acts of the Declarants, their successors or assigns. Upon completion of construction of the Stormwater Management System or drainage system, Declarants shall be entitled to assign all their rights, obligations and duties thereunder to the Association or to the CDD. The Association and/or the CDD, subject to laws regulating indemnities by community development districts and subject to the written approval and acceptance by the CDD, shall assume all such rights, duties and liabilities and shall indemnify and hold Declarants harmless therefrom if requested by Declarants.

#### 18.11 Permits.

THIS PROPERTY WAS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF PERMIT NUMBERS 4-109-92681, 4-109-92681-2 AND 4-109-92681-3 ISSUED BY THE SJRWMD AND PERMIT NUMBER SAJ-200308968199800714 ISSUED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ("ACOE"). ANY OWNER OWNING A LOT OR UNIT WHICH CONTAINS OR IS ADJACENT TO JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ACOE OR SJRWMD, SHALL, BY ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO THE LOT OR UNIT BE DEEMED TO HAVE ASSUMED ALL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FOREGOING PERMITS AS SUCH RELATES TO ITS LOT OR UNIT AND SHALL AGREE TO MAINTAIN SUCH JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS IN THE CONDITION REQUIRED UNDER THE PERMITS AND TO OTHERWISE COMPLY THEREWITH. IN THE EVENT THAT AN OWNER VIOLATES THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH PERMITS AND FOR ANY REASON THE DECLARANTS IS CITED THEREFOR, THE OWNER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE DECLARANTS HARMLESS FROM ALL COSTS ARISING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COST AND ATTORNEYS' FEES AS WELL AS ALL COSTS OF CURING SUCH VIOLATION.

#### 18.12 Declarants' Rights.

Except as may otherwise be restricted or limited in the Developer's Agreement or separate agreements between MASTER DEVELOPER and HORTON and ABERDEEN SJ, Declarants, their successors and assigns, as to their respective portions of the Property, each shall have the unrestricted right, without approval or joinder of any other person or entity: (i) to designate the use of, alienate, release, or otherwise assign the easements shown in any recorded plat of the Property or described herein, (ii) to plat or replat all or any part of the Property owned by Declarants, respectively, and (iii) to widen or extend any right of way shown on any recorded plat of the part of the Property owned by each a Declarant or convert a Lot to use as a right of way, provided that the Declarant own the lands affected by such change. Owners of Lots subject to easements shown on any recorded plat of the Property shall acquire no right, title, or interest in any of the cables, conduits, pipes, mains, lines, or other equipment or facilities placed on, over, or under the easement area. The Owners of Lots subject to any easements shall not construct any improvements on the easement areas, alter the flow or drainage, or landscape such areas with hedges, trees, or other landscape items that might interfere with the exercise of the easement rights. Any Owner who constructs any improvements or landscaping on such easement areas shall remove the improvements or landscape items upon written request of the applicable Declarant, the Association, or the grantee of the easement.

18.13 Transfer to CDD.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article 18, in the event MASTER DEVELOPER, Declarants or the Association, as applicable, shall transfer and assign the Stormwater Management System or any part thereof to the CDD as contemplated in Section 4.10 above, then, subject to the prior written consent and approval by the CDD, all references in this Article 18 or in relation to the Stormwater Management System to the Association shall be deemed to be references to the CDD and all obligations of the Association shall be assumed and performed by the CDD.

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