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DECLARATION
OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS
FOR
LAKESTONE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION

Prepared by and return to: Alison R. Cayton of Manning, Fulton & Skinner, P. A. (Box 133)

THIS DECLARATION, made on the date hereinafter set forth by Lakestone Partners LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company with its principal office located at Post Office Box 1779, Apex, Wake County, North Carolina, 27502 hereinafter referred to as "Declarant";

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of certain property in or near Fuquay-Varina, County of Wake, State of North Carolina, commonly referred to as "Lakestone Village Subdivision", which is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto;

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intention of Declarant (as defined herein) to impose on that Property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto restrictions, conditions, easements, covenants and agreements under a general plan or scheme of improvement for the benefit of all Property herein described and the future owners thereof; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the necessity of the Declarant or other developer authorized by Declarant to create an owners association and an additional set of covenants, conditions and restrictions for any townhome project, condominium project or other single-family detached subdivision or commercial development constructed within the Property or Additional Property as defined herein, ("Additional Covenants"), this Declaration and the covenants, conditions restrictions and easements, to the extent applicable, shall apply to the owners of all townhome lots, condominium parcels and any other single-family detached subdivision or commercial

development constructed within the Property or Additional Property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the Property described on Exhibit "A" shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants and conditions, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the title to, the Property and be binding on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described Property or any part thereof, their heirs, successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. "Articles" shall mean the Articles of Incorporation of the Association as filed with the Secretary of State, State of North Carolina, as the same may be from time to time amended.

Section 2. "Association" shall mean and refer to Lakestone Village Community Association, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit corporation, its successors and assigns.

Section 3. "Board" or "Board of Directors" shall mean those persons elected or appointed and acting collectively as the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 4. "Bylaws" shall mean the document for governance of the Association as adopted initially by the Board and as amended by the Members.

Section 5. "Common Properties" shall mean all real property and any improvements constructed thereon, if any, owned or leased by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners or members or designated classes of members of the Association, including Limited Common Properties as may be designated on any subdivision map of the Property or by the Association. The Common Properties to be owned by the Association at the time of the conveyance of the first Lot is all of that Property other than the Lots.

Common Properties shall include, but shall not be limited to: a pool and bathhouse and associated parking lot, all open space areas, lakes and dams, private roads and alleys as designated on recorded plats of the Property, and a community café and meeting space.

Section 6. "Common Expenses" shall mean and include, as applicable:

- (a) All sums lawfully assessed by the Association against its members;
- (b) Expenses for maintenance of the roads, streets, rights of way, open space areas, and any amenities as provided in this Declaration;
- (c) Expenses of administration, rental, maintenance, repair, or replacement of the Common Properties and Limited Common Properties;
- (d) Expenses declared to be common expenses by the provisions of this Declaration or the Bylaws;

(e) Hazard, liability, or such other insurance premiums as the Declaration or the Bylaws may require the Association to purchase; or as the Association may deem appropriate to purchase;

(f) Ad valorem taxes and public assessment charges lawfully levied against Common Properties;

(g) The expense of the maintenance of lakes and ponds and the dams and other appurtenances associated therewith, private drainage and utility easements and facilities located therein which are within the boundaries of the Property, cross Common Properties of the Property and serve both the Property and lands adjacent thereto;

(h) The expense of maintenance of any alleys, roads, streets, easements, amenities, taxes or any other expense item associated with any Common Element not located on the Property but permitted to be used by the members of this Association by any adjoining landowner, association or other entity pursuant to any cross-easement, cross-access or other agreement by the Association with the adjoining land owner;

(i) Expenses for maintenance of security devices or personnel;

(j) Expenses for the maintenance of pedestrian easements as shown on any recorded map of the Property, and as may be required by this Declaration;

(k) Expenses of assessments of any other owners association which by virtue of this Declaration or any agreement between the Association and any other owners association may be imposed on the Association or the members of the Association for maintenance of any of the Common Properties within the Property by the other association or for security or maintenance of roads, streets and Common Areas outside the bounds of the Property, including security installations and security personnel so long as the same benefits the members of this Association; and,

(l) Expenses of insurance for protection of the Officers and Directors of the Association acting in their capacity as Officers and Directors of the Association.

(m) Any other expenses determined by the Board or approved by the members to be common expenses of the Association.

Section 7. "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Lakestone Partners LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, its successors and assigns, to whom the rights of Declarant hereunder are expressly transferred, in whole or in part, and subject to such terms and conditions as Declarant may impose.

Section 8. "Limited Common Properties" shall mean those portions of the Common Properties that serve only a single Lot or a limited number of Lots, and which may include, but specifically is not limited to, driveways, walkways, parking areas or areas serving only specified Lots, and such other similar areas as may be designated by a recorded plat of the Property or by the Association.

Section 9. "Lot" shall mean and refer to any plot or Tract of land shown upon any recorded subdivision map of the Property, as such map or maps may be from time to time amended or modified.

Section 10. "Member" shall mean and refer to every person or entity who holds membership in the Association.

Section 11. "Notice" required to be given herein shall be in writing and mailed by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, first class to the address of any Member on the records of the Association or shall be hand delivered to the Member.

Section 12. "Owner" or "Lot Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more persons or entities, of a fee simple title to any Lot which is a part of the Property, including contract sellers, but excluding those having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

Section 13. "Person" shall mean and refer to any individual, corporation, partnership, association, trustee or other legal entity.

Section 14. "Property" shall mean and refer to that certain real property hereinbefore described on Exhibit "A" hereto attached, and such additions thereto as may hereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Association.

ARTICLE II

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. Owners' Easements of Enjoyment. Every Owner shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Properties together with and including the right of access, ingress and egress, both pedestrian and vehicular, on and over the drives, walkways and parking areas of the Common Properties, all of which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to every Lot, subject to the following provisions:

(a) the right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any recreational or other similar facility situated upon the Common Properties;

(b) the right of the Association to suspend the voting rights and the right to use the recreational or other Common Element facilities, if any, by an Owner for any period during which any assessment against his Lot remains unpaid, and for a period not to exceed 60 days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations;

(c) the right of the Association to dedicate, sell, lease or transfer all or any part of the Common Properties, or any interest therein, to any public agency, authority, or utility, or to any other person for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon by the members. No such dedication, sale, lease or transfer shall be effective unless it has been approved by two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members and if the property involved is Open Space, the approval of all applicable governmental authorities, and an instrument of dedication, sale, lease, or transfer properly executed by the Association has been recorded. On such instrument the Secretary of the Association shall certify that two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members have approved the dedication, sale, lease or transfer, and if necessary approved by the applicable governmental authorities, and that certificate may be relied upon by any third party without inquiry and shall be conclusive as to any grantee, its successors or assigns; provided, however, conveyances for general utility purposes, as specified herein, may be made by the Association without consent of the members;

- (d) the right of the Association to limit the number of guests of members;
- (e) the right of the Association, in accordance with its Articles and Bylaws, to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Properties and facilities and in aid thereof to mortgage the Common Properties, and the rights of such mortgagee in the Common Properties shall be subordinate to the rights of the members hereunder;
- (f) the right of the Association in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws to impose rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of the Common Properties and improvements thereon, which rules and regulations may further restrict the use of the Common Properties and to create Limited Common Properties.
- (g) the right of Owners of Lots on additional lands annexed to the Property initially, or subsequently, to the easements of enjoyment and rights of ingress, egress and access, as specified above, to the initial Property and all lands included in subsequent phases.

Section 2. Delegation of Use. Any Owner may delegate, in accordance with the By-Laws, his right of enjoyment to the Common Properties and facilities to the members of his family, his tenants, or contract purchasers who reside on the Property, but may not delegate or assign responsibility for the actions of those to whom such right is delegated.

Section 3. Title to the Common Properties. The Declarant hereby covenants for itself, its heirs and assigns, that it will convey fee simple title to the Common Properties located within the Property to the Association, free and clear of all encumbrances and liens, prior to the conveyance of the first Lot, except for encumbrances of utility, service, access, storm drainage and other similar service or utility easements. The Association shall be deemed to accept such Common Properties for ownership and maintenance as necessary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Declarant shall convey the Recreation Area and lease the community center at such time as Declarant chooses in its sole discretion.

Section 4. Ponds. The Declarant hereby declares an easement in favor of the Association for use, maintenance and repair of the Ponds located on the Property.

a) Pond Maintenance: The Association shall be responsible for construction, maintenance, repair, replacement and reconstruction of all ponds, appurtenances and vegetation upon receipt of all applicable governmental approvals. The Association will perform the maintenance as outlined above and in the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Manual and Budget attached as Exhibit __ hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The ponds and all other stormwater control structures shall at all times perform as designed and shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and directives of governmental authorities. Docks or other improvements located on, in or near the pond and the surrounding Common Area shall be maintained, repaired and replaced by the Association as necessary to keep a neat and orderly appearance.

b) Pond Rules: Boats of any kind are prohibited in the ponds unless necessary for pond or dam repair or maintenance as determined by the Board in its sole discretion. The Association may drain either of the ponds only as necessary for maintenance purposes upon receipt of all applicable governmental approvals. Fill material may not be deposited in and about the Pond for any reason without prior approval of the Association and any governmental body required to give such approval. Owners of Lots surrounding the Pond shall maintain their respective property surrounding the Pond in a neat and orderly manner free of trash and debris in the interest of maintaining a clean neighborhood appearance. Docks or other improvements located on, in, or

near the pond and the surrounding Common Area, other than those installed by the Declarant at the time of the initial development of the Property, shall be permitted only upon the prior approval of the Association and receipt of applicable governmental approvals.

Section 5. TV Antennas, Cablevision, Music. The Association may provide one or more central television or radio antennas for the convenience of the members and may supply cablevision and piped-in music, and the cost of these may be included in annual or special assessments. The Association may regulate or prohibit the erection of television, radio or other disks or antennas on individual Lots.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Every record Owner of a Lot which is subject to assessment shall be a member of the Association. Membership shall be appurtenant to, and may not be separated from, ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment. The voting Members of the Association shall be the Class A Members and the Class B Members defined below.

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

Class A. The Class A Members shall be every person or entity who or which is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot which is subject by covenants of record to assessment by the Association, except Declarant during the period Declarant is a Class B Member as defined below. The foregoing is not intended to include persons or entities who hold an interest in a Lot merely as security for the performance of an obligation. Such membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot which is subject to assessment by the Association. Class A Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one person holds an interest in any Lot, all such persons shall be Members. The vote for such Lot shall be exercised as they among themselves determine, but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any Lot. Provided however, Class A Members shall not have a vote until such time as the Class B membership shall cease as provided herein.

Class B. The Class B Member shall be the Declarant and Declarant shall be entitled to five (5) votes for each lot as may be developed within Phases 1 through 4 of Lakestone Village as approved by the Town of Fuquay-Varina. The Class B membership shall cease and be converted to Class A membership on the happening of either of the following events, whichever occurs earlier:

(i) when the total votes outstanding in the Class A membership equal or exceed the total votes outstanding in the Class B membership; however, the Class B membership shall be reinstated if thereafter, and before the time stated in subparagraph (b) below, additions are made to the Properties sufficient to give the Class B membership a total number of votes to exceed those of the Class A membership; or,

(ii) Ten (10) years from the date this Declaration is recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Wake County, North Carolina.

Section 3. The right of any member to vote may be suspended by the Board of Directors for just cause pursuant to its rules and regulations and the Articles and Bylaws of the Association and according to the provisions of Article II, Section 1(b) herein.

ARTICLE IV

COVENANT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation of Assessments. The Declarant, for each Lot owned within the Property, hereby covenants, and each Owner of any Lot by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, is deemed to covenant, and agree to pay to the Association: (1) annual assessments or charges which are Common Expenses, and (2) special assessments for extraordinary maintenance and capital improvements, (3) special assessments for purchase, construction or reconstruction of improvements; and (4) to the appropriate governmental taxing authority, a pro rata share of assessments for public improvement to the Common Properties and public roads if the Association shall default in payment thereof. The annual and special assessments, together with interest and costs, and reasonable attorney's fees for collection, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with interest, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for the delinquent assessments shall not pass to his successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

The Association shall also have the authority, through the Board of Directors to establish, fix and levy a special assessment on any Lot to secure the liability of the Owner thereof to the Association arising from breach by such Owner of any of the provisions of this Declaration which breach shall require the expenditure of time and money or both, by the Association for repair or remedy.

Each Owner covenants for himself, his heirs, successors and assigns, to pay each assessment levied by the Association on the Lot described in such conveyance to him within ten (10) days of the due date as established by the Board, and further covenants that if said assessment shall not be paid within thirty (30) days of the due date, the payment of such assessment shall be in default and the amount thereof become a lien upon said Owner's Lot as provided herein and shall continue to be such lien until fully paid.

Section 2. Purpose of Assessments. The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the paying of Common Expenses; and, in particular, but not limited to, for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of Property, services, amenities and facilities, and for the use and enjoyment of the Common Properties, including but not limited to, the cost of repairs, replacements and additions, the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision, the payment of taxes and public assessments assessed against the Common Properties, the providing for security to the Property, the procurement and maintenance of insurance in accordance with the Bylaws or as deemed appropriate by the Board, the payment of common antenna or cable service, the employment of counsel, accountants and other professionals for the Association when necessary, and such other needs as may arise.

Section 3. Amount of Assessment.

(a) Initial Maximum Assessment. To and including December 31, 2004, the maximum annual assessment shall not exceed Four Hundred and Eighty and no/100 Dollars (\$480.00) per Lot plus that amount, if any, that may be imposed on each Lot through the Association for the assessment imposed by any other association to which the Association has contracted maintenance of its Common Properties.

(b) Increase by Association. From and after December 31, 2004, the annual assessment imposed by this Association (and exclusive of that amount of assessment imposed on the Association and thereby allocated to each Lot Owner by any other association through which the Association has contracted maintenance of its Common Properties), initially \$480.00, effective for any year (including 2004) may be increased effectively from and after January 1 of the succeeding year by the Board of Directors, without a vote of the membership, by a percentage which may not exceed the greater of twelve (12%) percent or the percentage increase reflected in the Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) - South Urban Area Average (1982-84 = 100) (published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.), or such other Index as may succeed that Index, for that twelve-month period ending the immediately preceding October 1. Any budget increasing assessments by less than twelve percent (12%), is ratified unless ninety percent (90%) of the total vote of each class of Members vote to reject the budget at a duly called meeting. The Board of Directors, at its option may declare that a special Refurbishment Assessment be levied against all Lots, unless ninety percent (90%) of the total vote of each class of Members vote to reject it. The Refurbishment Assessment shall be in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00) per Lot and may be levied no more than once every five (5) years from the date of the recording of this Declaration. The Refurbishment Assessment shall be used to pay for the cost of enhancing, refurbishing or repairing portions of the Common Properties such as, but not limited to entryway features, lighting and landscaping and the like.

(c) Increase by Members. From and after December 31, 2004, the annual assessment may be increased by a percentage greater than permitted by this Article by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called for such purpose. The limitations herein set forth shall not apply to any increase in assessments undertaken as an incident to a merger or consolidation in which the Association is authorized to participate under its Articles of Incorporation.

(d) Criteria for Establishing Annual Assessment. In establishing the annual assessment for any assessment year, the Board of Directors shall consider all current costs and expenses of the Association, any accrued debts, and reserves for future needs, but it may not fix the annual assessment in an amount in excess of twelve (12%) percent or the sums derived by application of the Consumer Price Index formula provided in Subsection (b) without the consent of members required by Subsection (c) of this Section 3.

(e) Board Authority. The Board of Directors may fix the annual assessment at an amount not in excess of the maximum.

(f) Declarant Expenses. Until such time as Declarant shall no longer control the Board, Declarant shall pay any Association expenses not otherwise covered by the assessment hereunder.

(g) Attorney's Fees. There shall be an approval by the majority of the votes of the members prior to making a special assessment for attorneys fees or prior to incorporating attorneys fees (other than those typically incurred in the normal management of the Subdivision) into the annual budget on which the annual assessment is based.

Section 4. Special Assessments for Capital Improvements. In addition to the annual assessments authorized above, the Association may levy, in any assessment year, a special

assessment applicable to that year only for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of any construction, reconstruction, restoration, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common Properties, any extraordinary maintenance, including vegetation, fixtures and personal property related thereto and any property for which the Association is responsible, provided that any such assessment shall have the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of each class of members who are voting in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose. Provided, however, the Board of Directors, at its option may declare that a Special Capital Assessment be levied against all Lots, unless ninety percent (90%) of the total vote of each class of Members vote to reject it. The Special Capital Assessment shall be in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$500.00) per Lot and may be levied in emergency situations only, no more than once every five (5) years from the date of the recording of this Declaration. The Special Capital Assessment shall be used to defray the cost of any construction, reconstruction, restoration, repair or replacement of a capital improvements upon the Common Properties. This assessment may not be used for any other purposes including litigation involving the Association.

Section 5. Replacement Reserve. Out of the Common Expenses assessment, the Board shall create and maintain a reserve fund for the periodic maintenance, repair, and replacement of improvements to the Common Properties and any Limited Common Properties which the Association may be obligated to maintain.

Section 6. Notice and Quorum for Any Action Authorized Under Section 3 and 4. Written notice of any meeting called for the purpose of taking any action authorized under this Article shall be sent to all members not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days in advance of the meeting. At the first such meeting called, the presence of members or of proxies entitled to cast forty percent (40%) of all the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not present, another meeting may be called subject to a minimum seven (7) day, maximum twenty-one (21) day notice requirement, and the required quorum at the subsequent meeting shall be one-half (1/2) of the required quorum at the preceding meeting. If at a second meeting, the requirement of one-half of the required quorum is not met, then in a subsequent meeting the requirement shall be one-fourth (1/4) of the required quorum and successive meetings may be held until a quorum is maintained by successively halving the quorum requirement of the prior meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting.

Section 7. Uniform Rate of Assessment. Both annual and special assessments must be fixed at a uniform rate for all Lots and may be collected on a monthly basis or other periodic basis established by the Board; provided, however, that there shall be no assessment levied against any Lot that does not contain a finished dwelling and is owned by either the Declarant or a builder of the dwelling. A Lot shall cease to enjoy the benefit of the reduced assessment at such time as it is sold by a builder of the dwelling to the consumer-occupant.

Section 8. Date of Commencement of Annual Assessments; Due Dates; Initial Working Capital. The annual assessments provided for herein shall commence as to each Lot at the time of recording of a deed from the builder of the initial improvements on the Lot ("Builder") to a consumer-occupant Lot Owner or the date of rental of a Lot from a builder to a consumer-occupant Lot Owner. A consumer-occupant Lot owner shall pay the pro-rata amount of the full annual assessment from the date of closing on any Lot until the first day of the first calendar year following closing of that sale or until the end of such period as the Association chooses to collect the Assessments. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months remaining in the calendar year. The Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual assessment against each Lot at least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual assessment period. Written notice of the annual assessment shall be sent to every Owner

subject thereto. The due dates shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, upon demand, and for a reasonable charge if it deems appropriate, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a Lot is binding upon the Association as of the date of issuance.

In addition to the regular assessments to be charged and paid hereunder, each Builder shall be required to pay the amount of \$1,200.00 as a Capitalization Fee at the Lot Closing from the Declarant to the Builder. The Capitalization Fee shall be used only to fund fixed asset capital improvements for the Property. In addition to the regular assessments to be charged and paid hereunder, each purchaser of a Lot shall, at the time of the initial sale of each Lot by the builder to a consumer-occupant, pay to the Association the sum of two (2) months of the annual assessments as additional working capital of the Association. These amounts need not be segregated but may be commingled with regular assessment funds.

Section 9. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessment or fine not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be delinquent, in default, and shall bear interest from the due date at the highest rate then permitted by North Carolina law not to exceed ten (10%) per annum. The Association may bring an action at law against the Owner personally obligated to pay the same plus interest, costs, late payment charges and reasonable attorneys' fees, or foreclose the lien against the Lot. No owner may waive or otherwise escape liability for the assessments provided for herein by non-use of the Common Properties or abandonment of his Lot.

The lien herein granted unto the Association shall be enforceable pursuant to Article 2A of Chapter 45 of the General Statutes from and after the time of recording a Claim of Lien in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court in the County in which the Property is located in the manner provided therefore by Article 8 of Chapter 44 of the North Carolina General Statutes, which claim shall state the description of the Lot encumbered thereby, the name of the record owner, the amount due and date when due. The claim of lien shall be recordable any time after thirty (30) days after the due date of the assessment or any installment thereof and the lien shall continue in effect until all sums secured by said lien as herein provided shall have been fully paid. Such claims of lien shall include all assessments which are due and payable when the claim of lien is recorded, plus interest, costs, attorneys' fees, advances to pay taxes and prior encumbrances and interest thereon, all as above provided. Such claims of lien shall be signed by an officer or agent of the Association. Upon full payment of all sums secured by such claim of lien, the same shall be satisfied of record.

Section 10. Subordination of the Lien to Mortgages and Ad Valorem Taxes. The lien of the assessments provided for herein shall be subordinate to the lien of any institutional first mortgage and ad valorem taxes on said Lot. Sale or transfer of any Lot shall not affect the assessment lien. However, the sale or transfer of any Lot pursuant to mortgage or tax foreclosure or any proceeding in lieu thereof, shall extinguish the lien of such assessments as to payments which became due prior to such sale or transfer, but shall not abate the personal obligation of the prior owner. No sale or transfer shall relieve such Lot from liability for any assessments thereafter becoming due or from the lien thereof.

Section 11. Exempt Property. Any portion of the Property dedicated to, and accepted by, a local public authority and any portion of the Property owned by a charitable or non-profit organization exempt from taxation by the laws of the State of North Carolina shall be exempt from the assessments created herein. However, no land or improvements devoted to dwelling use shall be exempt from said assessments.

Section 12. Responsibility for Maintenance of Private Streets and Driveways; Responsibility for Maintenance of the Grounds of Each Lot (Excluding Improvements Thereon).

The maintenance responsibility of any private streets and driveways as shown on the subdivision map recorded shall rest with the Association. In no case shall any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Property be responsible for failing to provide any emergency or regular fire, police, or other public service to the Property and/or occupants when the failure is due to inadequate design or construction, blocking of access routes, or any other factor within the control of the Declarant, the Association, or Owners.

The maintenance responsibility of the grounds surrounding the improvements on each Lot shall rest with the Lot Owner. This maintenance responsibility shall include, without limitation, grounds care such as maintaining grass in grassed areas, neat cutting of grass and maintenance of shrubs, trees and flowers, with replacement of diseased or dead vegetation as necessary to maintain the grounds surrounding the improvements on each Lot in a neat and attractive manner. Each Lot Owner is responsible for the maintenance of the property located between the rear of the curb and the front Lot Line.

In the event an Owner fails to keep and maintain the grounds surrounding the improvements on his Lot in a neat and attractive manner, then the Association may maintain, repair, replace or generally keep up, the ground surrounding the improvements on the Lot if such has been approved in advance by a vote of two-thirds of each class of members present and voting in person or by proxy at a meeting of members duly called for the purpose of making this determination or at any annual meeting at which this matter is announced as an agenda item.

In the event the Association must do any maintenance, repair, replacement or upkeep on any Lot, each Lot Owner hereby gives to the Association, and the same is hereby reserved unto the Association, its agents, servants or independent contractors, the right and easement for unobstructed access in, over and on each Lot at all reasonable times to perform such repair or replacement by the Association. The cost of such maintenance and repair shall be assessed against the Lot Owner and the Association shall have all remedies set out in Section 9 of this Article IV against the Lot Owner for non-payment of said costs.

Section 13. Exterior Improvement Maintenance Responsibility. Each Lot Owner, at his sole cost and expense, shall continuously provide exterior upkeep and maintenance of the improvements on the Lot. Such improvements shall always be maintained in a neat and attractive manner and in keeping with the quality or standard of maintenance of other Lot Owners in the Property. Such maintenance and upkeep shall include, and without limitation, exterior building surface care such as painting, staining, cleaning, repair and replacement of roofs, shingles or siding, repair and replacement of gutters, downspouts, moldings, doors, screens and glass surfaces, and shall further include repair and maintenance of fences, screens, walks, driveways or exterior lighting and lighting fixtures.

In the event an Owner fails to keep and maintain the improvements on his Lot in a neat and attractive manner, then the Association may maintain, repair, replace or generally keep up, including painting, staining and other repairs to the improvements on the Lot if such has been approved in advance by a vote of two-thirds of each class of members present and voting in person or by proxy at a meeting of members duly called for the purpose of making this determination or at any annual meeting at which this matter is announced as an agenda item.

In the event the Association must do any maintenance, repair, replacement or upkeep on any Lot, each Lot Owner hereby gives to the Association, and the same is hereby reserved unto the Association, its agents, servants or independent contractors, the right and easement for unobstructed access in, over and on each Lot at all reasonable times to perform such repair or

replacement by the Association. The cost of such maintenance and repair shall be assessed against the Lot Owner and the Association shall have all remedies set out in Section 9 of this Article IV against the Lot Owner for non-payment of said costs.

ARTICLE V

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

No site preparation (including, but not limited to grading, elevation work, landscaping, sloping or tree work) or initial construction, erection or installation of any improvements, including but not limited to, buildings, fences, playground equipment (including trampolines), driveway and parking areas, signs, walls, bulkheads, screens, landscaping, plantings, equipment, or other structures shall be commenced, erected, placed, altered or maintained upon any lot, until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, exterior colors, siding, location and elevations of the proposed improvements, landscaping or plantings shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, as to harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures and topography, an Architectural Committee be composed of at least three (3) but not more than eleven (11) Members of the Association, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Architectural Committee will be formed at such time as architectural approval authority is delegated to the Association by the Declarant. The Declarant shall delegate the approval authority to the Architectural Committee no later than the time at which the Declarant conveys all of its interest in all of the Lots within the Properties. Prior to the time the architectural approval authority is delegated to the Association by the Declarant, all Architectural reviews and approvals shall be made by the Declarant. In the event the Declarant or Architectural Committee fails to approve such submission made by any Lot Owner within thirty (30) days after said plans and specifications have been received by the Committee, approval will be deemed to have been denied. Any plans and specifications that contain inaccurate or missing data or information when submitted shall not be deemed to be approved notwithstanding any prior approval by the Declarant or Committee.

Upon request, the Association, on behalf of the Declarant or Architectural Committee, shall provide any Owner with a letter stating that any such work, plans and specifications, landscaping or plantings have been approved, and the letter may be relied upon by third parties.

Approval or disapproval by the Declarant or Architectural Committee of such plans, location or specifications may be based upon any grounds, including purely aesthetic and environmental, which in the sole discretion of the Declarant or Committee, it shall deem sufficient. Neither the Association, Board, Declarant, nor the Architectural Committee shall be responsible for any defects in the plans and specifications submitted to it or in any structure erected or improvements made on any Lot.

The Board, Declarant and the Architectural Committee, or their appointed agents, shall have the right, at their election, but shall not be so required, to enter upon any of the Lots during site preparation or construction, erection, or installation of improvements to inspect the work being undertaken and to determine that such work is being performed in conformity with the approved plans and specifications.

The Declarant or the Architectural Committee shall have the power to grant, and may allow, variances of, and adjustments of, the restrictions established herein in order to overcome practical difficulties and prevent unnecessary hardships in application of the restrictions contained herein; provided, however, that variances or adjustments are done in conformity with the intent and purposes hereof; and, provided also, that in every instance such variance or

adjustment will not be materially detrimental or injurious to other Lots in the immediate neighborhood. Variances and adjustments may be of the height, size, and setback requirements, but shall not be limited thereto. No variance shall be permitted if it violates governmental minimum standards.

In the event of the grant of any variance in the restrictions established herein, the Association on behalf of the Declarant or Architectural Committee shall execute a document acceptable in substance to the Association attesting to such grant and the specific nature thereof in form suitable for recording, so that the Lot Owner may record the document in the Registry of the County in which the Lot is located. Such document shall be prepared at the cost of the Lot Owner and shall be binding upon the Association, its successors and assigns, and other Lot Owners and may be relied upon by third parties to evidence the variance approval.

Any purchaser of a lot or institution financing a lot shall rely on the foregoing statement.

ARTICLE VI

ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

Section 1. Annexation of additional property, except as provided in Section 2 of this Article VI, shall require the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A membership and two-thirds (2/3) of the Class B membership, if any, present in person or by proxy at a meeting duly called for this purpose, written notice of which shall be sent to all Members not less than 15 days nor more than 30 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the purposes of the meeting. The presence of Members or of proxies entitled to cast forty percent (40%) of the votes of each class of membership shall constitute a quorum. If the required quorum is not forthcoming at any meeting, another meeting may be called subject to a notice requirement of a minimum of seven (7) days and a maximum of twenty-one (21) days and the required quorum shall be one-half (½) of the required quorum of the preceding meeting. No such subsequent meeting shall be held more than 60 days following the preceding meeting. In the event that two-thirds (2/3) of the Class A membership or two-thirds (2/3) of the Class B membership are not present in person or by proxy, Members not present may give their written assent to the action taken thereat. Subsequent meetings may be held reducing the quorum requirement by one-half at each meeting until a quorum is attained.

Section 2. If within ten (10) years of the date of conveyance by Declarant of the first Lot, the Declarant or a Member of Declarant should develop additional land which Declarant or a Member of Declarant owns or may hereafter acquire, which land is contiguous to the boundaries of the Property or located across a street or other right of way from the boundaries of the Property, or such other land as Declarant or member of Declarant may hereafter acquire contiguous to the additional land, which additional land has been subjected to this Declaration, such land may be annexed by the Declarant without the consent of members; and, in doing so, Declarant may file and record such amendments to this Declaration as are necessary without the consent of the members in order to subject such additional lands to the terms of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association.

Section 3. Annexation of additional lands shall be accomplished by recording in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the county in which the Property is located, a Declaration of Annexation, duly executed by the Declarant, if the Declarant has the right to annex pursuant to Section 2 above, (and by the Association if pursuant to Section 1 above), describing the lands annexed and incorporating the provisions of this Declaration, either by reference or by fully setting out said provisions of this Declaration. The additional lands shall be deemed annexed to the Property on the date of recordation of the Declaration of Annexation, and in the case of an

annexation by the Declarant, no action or consent on the part of the Association or any other person or entity shall be necessary to accomplish the annexation except any local governmental authority if required by its ordinances.

Section 4. Subsequent to recordation of the Declaration of Annexation by the Declarant, and prior to the conveyance of the first Lot therein, the Declarant shall deliver to the Association one or more deeds conveying any Common Properties within the lands annexed as such Common Properties is developed.

Section 5. So long as there is Class B membership, Declarant may, at Declarant's option, and upon the recording in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the county where the Property is located, a "Release from Declaration", release from the Declaration, property which is still in Declarant's name and has been subjected to the Declaration.

ARTICLE VII

USE RESTRICTIONS

Section 1. Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the power to formulate, publish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of the Common Properties. Such rules and regulations may provide for imposition of fines or penalties for the violation thereof, or for the violation of any of the covenants and conditions contained in this Declaration.

Section 2. Use of Property. No portion of the Property except for (a) a temporary office of the Declarant and building models used by Declarant, and (b) those portions of the property designated by the Declarant as suitable for commercial use at the time such property is initially developed, shall be used except for single-family residential purposes, townhome or condominium purposes and for purposes incidental or accessory thereto.

Section 3. Quiet Enjoyment. No obnoxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon the Property, nor shall anything be done which may be, or may become, a nuisance or annoyance to the neighborhood.

Section 4. Animals. No animals, birds, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on any Lot or in any dwelling except that dogs, cats, pet birds or other household pets may be kept or maintained provided that they are not kept or maintained for commercial purposes and are controlled in accordance with applicable governmental ordinances and are not a nuisance to other Owners.

Section 5. Insurance. Nothing shall be kept, and no activity shall be conducted, on the Property which will increase the rate of insurance applicable to use for the Property or any Lots. No Owner shall do or keep anything, nor cause or allow anything to be done or kept, on his Lot or on the Common Properties which will result in the cancellation of insurance on any portion of the Property, or Lots therein, or which will be in violation of any law, ordinance, or regulation. No waste shall be committed on any portion of the Common Properties.

Section 6. Offensive Behavior. No immoral, improper, offensive, or unlawful use shall be made of the Property, or any part thereof. All laws, orders, rules, regulations, ordinances, or requirements of any governmental agency having jurisdiction thereof, relating to any Lot or any portion of the Property, shall be complied with, by and at the sole expense of the

Owner or the Association, whichever shall have the obligation to maintain such portion of the Property.

Section 7. Structural Integrity. Nothing shall be done in, to, or upon any of the Common Properties which will impair the structural integrity of any building, or other improvement or portion of the Common Properties or which would impair or alter the exterior of any building, improvement or portion thereof, except in the manner provided in this Declaration.

Section 8. Business. No industry, business, trade, occupation, or profession of any kind, whether commercial or otherwise, shall be conducted, maintained, or permitted on any Lot, except that the Declarant or its agents may use any unsold Lots for sales or display purposes, Declarant may maintain a sales or rental office on the Property and Declarant may maintain marinas or other amenities to the Property.

Section 9. Signs. No Lot Owner shall display, or cause, or allow to be displayed, to public view any sign, placard, poster, billboard, or identifying name or number upon any Lot, or any portion of the Common Properties, except as allowed by the Association pursuant to its Bylaws or regulations or as required by local governmental authority; provided, however, that the Declarant, or its respective agents, may place "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs on any Lots for sale and in suitable places on the Common Properties approved by the Association; provided, however, that during the development of the Property and the initial marketing of Lots, the Declarant may maintain a sales office and may erect and display such signs as the Declarant deems appropriate as aids to such development and marketing, provided that such signs do not violate any applicable laws. Such permitted signs shall be placed in the approximate center of a Lot and six feet from the road curb. No sign shall be nailed to trees.

Section 10. Alterations. No person shall undertake, cause, or allow any alteration or construction in or upon any portion of the Common Properties except at the direction or with the express written consent of the Association.

Section 11. Common Properties Use. The Common Properties shall be used only for the purposes for which they are intended and reasonably suited and which are incident to the use and occupancy of the Property, subject to any rules or regulations that may be adopted by the Association pursuant to its Bylaws.

Section 12. Parking. Cars or other passenger vehicles shall be parked only on the paved driveway located on a Lot unless otherwise permitted by the Rules and Regulations of the Association. No boats, trailers, campers, motorhomes, trucks or tractors shall be parked on any Lot or on the Common Properties except inside an enclosed garage or in a specified storage area established by the Association or except as otherwise may be permitted by Rules and Regulations of the Association. No cars or other passenger vehicles, boats, trailers, campers, motorhomes, trucks or tractors shall be parked on any right of way of any roads or streets within the Property or adjoining the Property by any Lot Owner, its family members, tenants or contract purchasers except as otherwise may be permitted by Rules and Regulations of the Association. Delivery and maintenance vehicles are permitted to park on the streets within the Property provided it is only for a temporary period while the driver of the vehicle completes its activities on the Property. Guests of Lot Owners are permitted to park on the streets within the Property for periods of no longer than one (1) week, unless a longer period of time is permitted by the Association in its sole discretion.

Section 13. Trailers, etc. No trailer, tent, mobile home, modular home or other structure of a temporary character shall be placed upon any Lot at any time, provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to shelters or storage units used by the contractor during the

construction of a dwelling, garage or accessory building, it being clearly understood that these latter temporary shelters may not, at any time, be used as residences or permitted to remain on the Lot after completion of construction. This prohibition shall not apply to the trailer which will be used as the temporary sales office, and which shall be located on a Lot chosen by the Declarant.

Section 14. Fuel Tanks. No fuel tanks or similar storage receptacles may be exposed to view. Any such receptacles may be installed only within an accessory building or within a screened area, or buried underground; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall prevent the Declarant or Association from erecting, placing or permitting the placing of tanks, or other apparatus, on the Property for uses related to the provision of utility or other service.

Section 15. Guest Facility. A guest apartment or guest facility may be included as part of a main detached single family dwelling or accessory building.

Section 16. Subdividing. No Lot shall be subdivided, or its boundary lines changes except with the prior written consent of the Declarant during the period of Declarant control of the Association and thereafter by the Board. However, the Declarant hereby expressly reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, the right to replat any two (2) or more Lots shown on the plat of any subdivision of the Property in order to create one or more modified Lots; to recombine one or more Lots to create a larger Lot; to eliminate from this Declaration Lots that are not otherwise buildable or are needed for access to any area of the Property or are needed for use as private roads or access areas, and to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to make such replatted Lots suitable and fit as a building site or access area or roadway, said steps to include, but not to be limited to the relocation of easements, walkways, and rights-of-way to conform to the new boundaries of the said replatted Lots.

Section 17. Mineral Extraction. No oil drilling, oil development operations, oil refining, quarrying or mining operations of any kind, nor oil, gas or mineral exploratory activity, shall be permitted upon or in any Lot, nor shall oil wells, tanks, tunnels, mineral excavations or shafts be permitted upon, or in, or under, any Lot. No derrick or other structures designed for use in boring for oil or natural gas shall be erected, maintained or permitted upon any Lot; nor shall sand, clay, or other materials be mined or removed from any Lot for use elsewhere.

Section 18. Delivery Receptacle. No mail box, paper box or other receptacle of any kind for use in the delivery of mail, newspapers, magazines or similar material shall be erected or located on any Lot unless and until the size, location, design and type of material for the receptacle shall have been approved by the Board or the architectural committee.

Section 19. Antennae. Exterior radio and television antennae, aerials, disks and dishes for reception of commercial broadcasts shall not be permitted on any Lot and no other aerials, disks and dishes (for example, without limitation, amateur short wave or ship to shore) shall be permitted on any Lot without permission of the Board as to design, appearance and location or pursuant to Regulations issued for that purpose.

Section 20. Construction Limitations. During construction, all vehicles involved, including those delivering supplies, must enter the Lot on a driveway only as approved by the Board so as not to damage unnecessarily trees, street paving and curbs. During construction, builders must keep the homes, garages, and building sites clean and free of debris. All building debris, stumps, trees, etc., must be removed from each Lot by builder as often as necessary to keep the house and Lot attractive. Such debris will not be dumped in any area of the Property.

Section 21. Firearms; Hunting Prohibited. There shall be no discharging of firearms, guns or pistols of any kind, caliber, type, or method of propulsion; and no hunting of any type shall be carried on or conducted on the Property.

Section 22. Drying Areas & Play Structures. Clotheslines or drying yards shall not be located upon any Lot without the prior written consent of the Board, which consent may be conditioned or withheld in the sole discretion of the Board, or as set forth in Regulations established for that purpose. Play structures or playground equipment shall not be located on any portion of a Lot that is visible from a right-of-way without the prior written consent of the Board, which consent may be conditioned or withheld in the sole discretion of the Board, or as set forth in Regulations established for that purpose.

Section 23. Irrigation Systems. No individual water supply system shall be permitted on any Lot except a non-potable lawn irrigation system not connected to any building. A shallow well may be permitted for such water supply, but drilling or construction for such shallow well must have prior written approval by the Board. The pump, pressure tank, and pump house, if any, shall be considered structures requiring prior architectural approval. This provision does not prohibit an irrigation system connected to a municipal water system.

Section 24. Unsightly Growth. No weeds, underbrush or other unsightly growth shall be permitted to grow or remain on any Lot, and no refuse pile or unsightly objects shall be allowed to be placed or suffered to remain thereon, including vacant parcels.

Section 25. Independent Covenants. Each and every covenant and restriction contained herein shall be considered to be an independent and separate covenant and agreement, and in the event any one or more of said covenants or restrictions shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, or unenforceable, all remaining covenants and restrictions shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

Section 26. Additional Restrictions. Declarant may include in any additional declaration, contract or deed hereafter made any additional covenants and restrictions that are not inconsistent with and which do not diminish the covenants and restrictions set forth herein.

ARTICLE VIII

BUILDING RESTRICTIONS

The restrictions set forth in this Article VIII shall only apply to detached single-family residential Lots. Building Restrictions for townhomes, condominiums or commercial properties developed within the Property shall be as set out in additional declarations pertaining specifically to those properties or as determined pursuant to Article V hereinabove.

Section 1. Square Footage. Any dwelling erected on a detached single-family residential Lot shall contain a minimum enclosed dwelling area of 1800 square feet for single level dwelling and 1900 square feet for all dwellings of two or more levels. In addition thereto, and unless a variance is granted therefor as provided herein, all dwellings shall have an enclosed two car garage. The term "enclosed dwelling area" as used in this Section 1 shall mean the total enclosed area within a dwelling subject to heating and cooling; provided, that the term specifically does not include garages, terraces, open porches, decks, stoops and like areas regardless of heating or cooling.

Section 2. Setback Lines. No building shall be located on any Lot nearer to the front or rear Lot line, or to any side Lot line, than shall be permitted under the applicable subdivision

ordinances of the Town of Fuquay-Varina or any other governmental entity in effect at the time such building is to be constructed.

Section 3. Height and Accessory Building. No structure, except as hereinafter provided, shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any detached single-family residential Lot other than a detached single family dwelling not to exceed two (2) stories in height, unless the Board approves in writing a variance permitting a structure of more than two stories, and a garage and small accessory building (which may include a pool house, servants' quarters, or guest facilities), provided, the use of such dwelling or accessory building does not in the opinion of the Board or Architectural Committee overcrowd the site. Such accessory building may not be constructed prior to the construction of the primary dwelling. All garages must be attached to the main dwelling, unless the Association approves in writing a variance permitting a detached garage. Structures to be constructed on commercial, townhome or

Section 4. Multi-Family Use Prohibited. No multiplex residence or apartment house shall be erected or placed on, or allowed to occupy, any detached single-family residential Lots, and no dwelling once approved and constructed shall be altered or converted into a multiplex residence or apartment house.

Section 5. Remedies. If the finished dwelling, garage, accessory building or other structure does not comply with the submitted and approved plans and specifications, the Board retains the right to make the necessary changes at owner's expense to comply with the approved plans and specifications, the right to treat such charge or cost as an assessment, the right to file under the North Carolina lien laws a notice of liens for any costs incurred, and the further right to resort to all remedies provided under the laws of North Carolina for the recovery of such costs and the expenses of collection, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees. Any changes in plans or specifications must first be reapproved by the Company in accordance with the procedure herein specified for architectural control.

Section 6. Trash Receptacles. Each Lot Owner shall provide receptacles for garbage in a screened area not generally visible from the road, or provide underground receptacles or similar facilities in accordance with standards established by the Association.

Section 7. Parking Spaces. Each Lot Owner shall provide space for parking two automobiles off the street prior to the occupancy of any dwelling constructed on said Lot in accordance with standards established by the Association.

Section 8. Trees and Shrubs. The Declarant encourages the planting of flowering shrubs and trees; however, no trees, bushes, shrubs, grasses or other vegetation whatever, may be removed, planted or installed from or on any Lot without prior written approval of the Board, based upon a site plan, landscaping plan or planting plan submitted to the Board or Architectural Committee.

ARTICLE IX

EASEMENTS

Section 1. Utility Easements. All of the Property, including Lots and Common Properties, shall be subject to such easements for driveways, walkways, parking areas, water lines, sanitary sewers, storm drainage, gas lines, telephone and electric power line and other public utilities as shall be established by the Declarant or by his predecessors in title, prior to the subjecting of the Property to this Declaration; and the Association shall have the power and authority to grant and establish upon, over, under and across the Common Properties conveyed to it, such further easements as are requisite for the convenient use and enjoyment of the Property without approval of the membership as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and this Declaration.

Section 2. Easement for the Benefit of Governmental Authorities. An easement is hereby established for the benefit of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Property, or other governmental agency, over all Common Properties for the setting, removing and reading of water meters (which shall be separate for each Lot), maintaining and replacing water, sewage and drainage facilities, for police protection, fire fighting and garbage collection and the rendering of such other services as are appropriate and necessary for the use and enjoyment of the Property. In no case shall the governmental authority or other responsible agency, be responsible for failing to provide any emergency or regular fire, police, or other public service to the Property or to any of its occupants when such failure is due to the lack of access to such area due to inadequate design or construction, blocking of access routes, or any other factor within the control of the Declarant, the Association, the Owners or occupants. All conveyances of any portion of the Property shall be subject to these limitations on the governmental authorities responsibilities.

Section 3. Specific Utility Easements. There is hereby reserved an easement five (5') feet in width along the side property lines and five (5') feet along the front and the rear property lines of each Lot all of which are designated for detached single-family residential use for the purpose of installation, repair, maintenance, erection, construction and inspection of water lines, sewer lines, gas lines, electric lines, telephone lines, cablevision lines or other such utility or service lines and for drainage cuts and storm sewer lines; provided, that if both sanitary sewer and storm sewer lines are located within the same easement, the easement reserved herein along the rear property line shall be ten (10') feet in width.

Section 4. Recorded Easements. There are hereby reserved easements as shown on the recorded map or maps of the subdivision. In the event of a conflict in the width of any easement reserved herein or on the recorded map, the wider easement shall prevail.

Section 5. Drainage Easement. In addition to the foregoing reserved specific easements, the Declarant so long as it controls the Association, and thereafter the Association, may cut and create drains and drainways both above ground and underground for the purpose of facilitating the removal of surface water whenever such action may appear to be necessary in order to maintain reasonable standards of health, safety and appearance along, over or across any Lot.

Section 6. Access Easements. There is hereby reserved over those areas identified as "Access Easement" and shown on a subdivision map of the Property as referenced in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, an easement for pedestrian and vehicular access for ingress, egress and regress to and from the Lots abutting those easements.

Each easement shall be maintained by the Owners of those Lots abutting the easement and who use the easement for access. If a Lot abuts an easement, but has direct access to a road or street and does not use the easement, then that Lot Owner shall have no maintenance responsibility with respect to the easement, and the maintenance responsibility shall fall upon those Lot Owners using the easement for access.

Notwithstanding the requirement above of using abutting Lot Owners to maintain the access easements, the Association may prescribe the standard frequency and quality of maintenance to be observed by those Lot Owners and the surface or surface standard of the easement to provide a solid base for vehicular traffic. Further, the Association, should it elect, may take over maintenance of the easements and charge back to the using Lot Owners the cost thereof as an assessment.

Section 7. Ground Disturbance. These reservations of easements expressly include the right to cut any trees, bushes, shrubs or growth, the grading, cutting or ditching of the soil and any other action necessary to complete installation.

Section 8. Priority of Easements. Each of the easements hereinabove referred to shall be deemed to be established upon the recordation of this Declaration and shall henceforth be deemed to be covenants running with the land for the use and benefit of the Lots, and the Common Properties, as the case may be, superior to all other encumbrances which may hereafter be applied against or in favor of the Property or any portion thereof.

Section 9. Declarant Easement. If any encroachment shall occur subsequent to subjecting the Property to this Declaration, there is hereby created and shall be a valid easement for such encroachment and for the maintenance of the same. Every Lot shall be subject to an easement for entry and encroachment by the Declarant for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months following conveyance of a Lot to an Owner for the purpose of correcting any problems that may arise regarding utilities, grading and drainage. The Declarant, upon making entry for such purpose, shall restore the affected Lot or Lots to as near the original condition as practicable.

Section 10. Emergencies. Every Lot shall be subject to an easement for entry by the Association for the purpose of correcting, repairing, or alleviating any emergency condition which arises upon any Lot that endangers any building or any portion of the Common Properties.

ARTICLE X

INSURANCE

Section 1. Insurance to be Maintained by the Association. The following insurance coverage shall be maintained in full force and effect by the Association:

(a) Public liability and property damage insurance in such amounts and in such forms as shall be required by the Association.

(b) All liability insurance shall contain cross-liability endorsements to cover liability of the Owners as a group to an individual Owner.

(c) Such other insurance coverage as it may determine to be desirable and necessary, including fire and hazard insurance covering all improvements located on the Common Properties.

(d) Insurance for protection of the officers and directors of the Association acting in their capacity as officers and directors of the Association, and fidelity bonds for those officers or employees having control over Association funds.

(e) Other insurance required by law.

Section 2. Premiums. Premiums for insurance policies purchased by the Association shall be paid by the Association and charged ratably to Owners as an assessment according to the applicable provisions of this Declaration.

Section 3. Insurance Beneficiaries. All such insurance policies shall be purchased by the Association for the benefit of the Association and the Owners.

Section 4. Insurance to be Maintained by the Owners. Every Owner shall maintain in full force and effect at all times fire and hazard insurance in an amount equal to the full insurable value of his improvements except that the amount shall not be required to exceed the replacement cost of the improvements. An Owner shall exhibit to the Board, upon request, evidence that such insurance is in effect. If any Owner shall fail to maintain such insurance, the Board is authorized to obtain such insurance in the name of the Owner from an insurer selected by the Board, and the cost of such insurance shall be included in the annual assessment of the Owner and shall constitute a lien against his Lot until paid as a result of enforcement by the Association or otherwise.

ARTICLE XI

RIGHTS OF INSTITUTIONAL LENDERS

Section 1. Rights Reserved to Institutional Lenders. "Institutional Lender" or "Institutional Lenders", as the terms are used herein, shall mean and refer to banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, insurance companies, U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal Housing Authority, Federal National Mortgage Association and other reputable mortgage lenders and guarantors and insurers of such first mortgages. So long as any Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders shall hold any mortgage upon any Lot, or shall be the Owner of any Lot, such Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders shall have the following rights:

A. To be furnished with at least one copy of the Annual Financial Statement and Report of the Association, including a detailed statement of annual carrying charges or income collected and operating expenses, such Financial Statement and Report to be furnished by April 15 of each calendar year.

B. To be given notice by the Association of the call of any meeting of the membership to be held for the purpose of considering any proposed Amendment to the Declaration, or the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Association, which notice shall state the nature of the amendment being proposed, and to be given permission to designate a representative to attend all such meetings.

C. To be given notice of default in the payment of assessments by any Owner of a Lot encumbered by a mortgage held by the Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders, such notice to be given in writing and to be sent to the principal office of such Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders, or to the place which it or they may designate in writing to the Association.

D. To inspect the books and records of the Association and the Declaration, Bylaws and any Rules and Regulations during normal business hours, and to obtain copies thereof.

E. To be given notice by the Association of any substantial damage to any part of the Common Properties.

F. To be given notice by the Association if any portion of the Common Properties, is made the subject matter of any condemnation or eminent domain proceeding or is otherwise sought to be acquired by a condemning authority.

Whenever any Institutional Lender, guarantor or insurer desires the benefits of the provisions of this section requiring notice to be given or to be furnished a financial statement, such Lender shall serve written notice of such fact upon the Association by Registered Mail or Certified Mail addressed to the Association and sent to its address stated herein, or to the address of the Property, identifying the Lot upon which any such Institutional Lender or Institutional Lenders hold any mortgage or mortgages, or identifying any Lot owned by them, or any of them, together with sufficient pertinent facts to identify any mortgage or mortgages which may be held by it or them, and which notice shall designate the place to which notices are to be given by the Association to such Institutional Lender.

ARTICLE XII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Enforcement. The Association, or any Owner, shall have the right to enforce, by any proceeding at law or in equity, all restrictions, conditions, covenants, reservations, liens and charges now or hereafter imposed by the provisions of this Declaration. Failure by the Association or by any Owner to enforce any covenant or restriction herein contained shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The prevailing party shall be entitled to collect costs and reasonable attorneys' fees from the non-prevailing party.

Section 2. Severability. Invalidity of any one of these covenants or restrictions by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. General Amendments. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the land, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date this Declaration is recorded, after which time they shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years. This Declaration may be amended during the first twenty (20) year period by an instrument signed by not less than sixty-six and 2/3rds percent (66 2/3%) of the Lot Owners, and thereafter by an instrument signed by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Lot Owners.

Section 4. Amendments Permitted Without Membership Approval. The following amendments may be effected by the Declarant, or the Board, as the case may be, without consent of the members:

- (A) Prior to the sale of the first Lot, this Declaration may be amended by the Declarant.
- (B) The Declarant, so long as it shall retain control of the Association, shall have the right to amend this Declaration to conform to the requirements of any law or governmental agency having legal jurisdiction over the Property or to qualify the

Property or any Lots and improvements thereon for mortgage or improvement loans made, insured or guaranteed by a governmental agency or to comply with the requirements of law or regulations of any corporation or agency belonging to, sponsored by, or under the substantial control of, the United States Government or the State of North Carolina, regarding purchase or sale in such lots and improvements, or mortgage interests therein, as well as any other law or regulation relating to the control of Property, including, without limitation, ecological controls, construction standards, aesthetics, and matters affecting the public health, safety and general welfare. A letter from an official of any such corporation or agency, including, without limitation, the Veterans Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Corporation, or the Federal National Mortgage Association, requesting or suggesting an amendment necessary to comply with the requirements of such corporation or agency shall be sufficient evidence of the approval of such corporation or agency, provided that the changes made substantially conform to such request or suggestion.

- (C) The Declarant, for so long as it shall retain control of the Association, and, thereafter, the Board of Directors, may amend this Declaration as shall be necessary, in its opinion, and without the consent of any Owner, to qualify the Association or the Property, or any portion thereof, for tax-exempt status.
- (D) The Declarant for so long as it has control of the Board may amend this Declaration to include any platting change of the Property as permitted herein.

Section 5. Governmental Authority Amendments. No amendment which would change or delete any provision herein required by any governmental authority shall become effective until submitted to and approved by that authority; provided, however, if that authority fails to approve or disapprove such amendment within thirty (30) days after the same has been submitted to it, such approval shall not be required and this covenant shall be deemed to have been fully complied with.

Section 6. FHA/VA Approval. As long as there is a Class B membership, and if Declarant determines to qualify this Property for Federal Housing Administration or U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs approval, the following actions will require the prior written approval of the Federal Housing Administration or the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Annexation of additional property, dedication of Common Properties, and amendment of this Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Section 7. Recordation. No amendment shall be effective until recorded in the County in which the Property is situate.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Declarant herein, has hereunto set its hand and seal this 4 day of August, 2004.

LAKESTONE PARTNERS LLC, a North Carolina
limited liability company (SEAL)

By: [Signature] (SEAL)
Louis A. Iannone, Manager

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF WAKE)

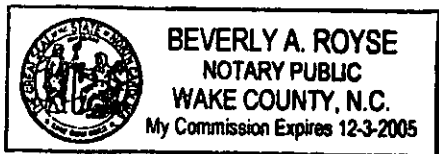
I, a Notary Public, certify that Louis A. Iannone personally came before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument, acting in his own name and for and on behalf of LAKESTONE PARTNERS LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, as Manager.

Witness my hand and notarial stamp or seal, this 4th day of August, 2004.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

12-03, 2005



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EXHIBIT "A"

Description

BEING all of that 46.335 acre tract shown on that plat entitled "Final Plat Lakestone Village Phase One" dated June 21, 2004 by Bass, Nixon & Kennedy, Inc. Consulting Engineers and recorded in Book of Maps 2004, pages 1177-1182 Wake County Registry.

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The foregoing certificate _____ of Beverly A. Bouye

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