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PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

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MARGOT'S POND

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**DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS
FOR
MARGOT'S POND**

This **DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR MARGOT'S POND** is made on this the ____ day of _____, 2003, by D.R. Horton, Inc., doing business as D. R. Horton, Inc. ("Declarant").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the real property described on Exhibit "A;" and

WHEREAS, Declarant desires to subject the real property described on Exhibit "A," and possibly other property, to the provisions of this Declaration to create a residential community of single-family housing.

NOW THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the real property described on Exhibit "A" of this Declaration, including any improvements which may be (but are not required to be) constructed on that property, is subjected to the provisions of this Declaration. Such real property shall be held, sold, transferred, conveyed, used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, assessments, and liens, contained in this Declaration. The provisions of this Declaration shall run with the title to the property subjected to this Declaration. This Declaration shall be binding on all persons having any right, title, or interest in all or any portion of the property now or hereafter made subject hereto, their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of each and every owner of all or any portion thereof.

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

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

"Area of Common Responsibility" shall mean the Common Property, together with such other areas, if any, for which the Association has responsibility pursuant to this Declaration, any

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"By-Laws" shall refer to the By-Laws of the Association, attached as Exhibit "C."

"Common Property" shall mean, if any, the real property, interests in real property, and personal property, easements, and other interests, together with improvements located on that property (if any) which are now or are hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of some or all of the Owners.

"Community" and/or "Property" shall mean the real property and interests described on Exhibit "A" and such additions to that property as may be made by Declarant or by the Association pursuant to this Declaration.

"Community-Wide Standard" shall mean the standard of conduct, maintenance, or other activity generally prevailing in the Community. Such standard may be more specifically determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Such determination must be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.

"Declarant" shall mean and refer to D.R. Horton, Inc. - Torrey, doing business as Torrey Homes, as well as its successors and assigns pursuant to an express assignment or conveyance of any special Declarant rights hereunder to such successor or assign, all of which rights, including Declarant's voting, easement and development rights, shall be assignable and may be apportioned on a lot-by-lot basis. Any such assignment shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county in which the Community is located.

"Declarant's Development Period" shall mean and refer to the period of time commencing on the date this Declaration is recorded in the Register of Deeds for the County in which the Community is located, and continuing until the later of: (i) one (1) year after Declarant shall cease to own any property within the Community; or (ii) for so long as Declarant shall have the unilateral right to subject additional property to this Declaration.

"Declaration" shall include this Declaration of Protective Covenants for Margot's Pond, as the same may be supplemented or amended pursuant to any Supplementary Declaration or any amendment to this Declaration in accordance with its terms.

"Lot" shall mean any plot of land within the Community, whether or not improvements are constructed on that land, which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single-family dwelling site as shown on a plat recorded in the land records of the county where the Community is located. The ownership of each Lot shall include, and there

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“Occupant” shall mean any Person occupying all or any portion of a Lot or other property located within the Community for any period of time, regardless of whether such Person is a tenant of the Owner of such property.

“Owner” shall mean the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot located within the Community; excluding any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.

“Person” means a natural person, corporation, joint venture, partnership (general or limited), association, trust, or other legal entity.

“Supplementary Declaration” means an amendment or supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein, or both.

“Total Association Vote” means all of the votes attributable to members of the Association. If the Total Association Vote is taken during a time while Declarant has the right to appoint members of the Board of Directors, a Total Association Vote approving some item or proposition must contain the affirmative vote of Declarant or the item or proposition will be deemed not to have been approved.

ARTICLE II. PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS DECLARATION

2.1. Property Subjected To This Declaration. The real property which is subject to the covenants and restrictions contained in this Declaration is the real property described in Exhibit “A.”

2.2. Other Property. Only the real property described in Section 2.1 is made subject to this Declaration. However, Declarant may subject all or portions of the additional real property described in Exhibit “B” by recording one or more Supplementary Declarations.

ARTICLE III. ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

3.1. Membership. Every Owner shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. If a Lot is owned by more than one Person, there shall be only one (1) membership per Lot, and the votes and rights of use and enjoyment shall be as provided in this Declaration and in the By-Laws. Membership shall be appurtenant to and may not be separated from ownership of any Lot. The rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote and

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until such time as the first of the following events shall occur: (a) five years from the date the Declaration was recorded; (b) the date on which 75% of the lots developed or to be developed as part of the Community (including all present and future phases) pursuant to development plans maintained by the Declarant, as such plans may be revised and amended from time-to-time, have been conveyed to Persons other than Builders; or (c) the surrender by Declarant in writing of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot, vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. The directors selected by the Declarant need not be Owners or residents in the Community.

ARTICLE IV. ASSESSMENTS

4.1. Purpose of Assessment. The assessments provided for in this declaration shall be used for the general purposes of promoting the recreation, health, safety, welfare, common benefit, and enjoyment of the Owners and occupants of Lots, as may be authorized from time to time by the board, and in particular for the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of properties, services and facilities devoted to such purposes and related to the use and enjoyment of the Common Property or the Lots, including but not limited to, the costs of repairs, replacements and additions, the cost of labor, equipment, materials, management and supervision, the payment of any taxes assessed against the Common Property; the maintenance of open spaces and streets which have not been accepted for dedication by a public authority, roadway medians and islands (including medians and islands located in dedicated rights-of-way within the Property), drives and parking areas within the Common Property; the procurement and maintenance of insurance in accordance with this Declaration; the maintenance of stormwater drainage facilities, dams and ponds, including retention or detention ponds, or other bodies of water, if any, located within the Common Property; the erection, maintenance and/or repair of signs, entranceways, landscaping, perimeter wall, irrigation and lighting within the Common Property, road medians and islands; the cost of operating, maintaining and repairing any street lights erected by the Association or the Declarant within the Common Property or in the rights-of-way of streets (whether public or private) or in any other easement provided therefor within the Property; the payment of charges for garbage collection and municipal water and sewer services furnished to the Common Property; the employment of attorneys and other agents to represent the Association when necessary; the provision of adequate reserves for the replacement of capital improvements including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, paving, and any other major expense for which the Association is responsible; and such other needs as may arise

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incurred. The assessments and charges shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made, and shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment fell due.

4.4. Personal Liability. Each Owner shall be personally liable for the portion of each assessment coming due while the Owner of a Lot, and each grantee of an Owner shall be jointly and severally liable for the assessments which are due at the time of conveyance; however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of its grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgagee taking title through foreclosure proceedings.

4.5. Certificate of Payment. The Association shall, within ten (10) business days after receiving a written request, furnish a certificate signed by an officer of the Association setting forth whether the assessments, other charges, and fines on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate shall be binding upon the Association, the Board, and the Owner as of the date of issuance. The Board shall have the right to impose a reasonable charge for providing this certificate.

4.6. Annual Assessments. Annual assessments shall be levied equally on all similarly situated Lots and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board. The Board may allow annual assessments to be paid through periodic payments, and the Board shall have the right to accelerate any unpaid annual installments in the event an Owner is delinquent. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the assessment shall be paid in quarterly installments.

4.7. Computation of Annual Assessments. The Board shall prepare a proposed budget covering the estimated costs of operating the Association during the coming year, which may include a capital contribution or reserve. The Board shall set a date for a meeting of the Owners to consider ratification of the budget, such meeting to be held not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days after the mailing of the notice. The Board shall cause the proposed budget, the assessments, and a notice of the meeting to consider ratification of the budget, including a statement that the budget may be ratified without a quorum, to be mailed or delivered to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the current fiscal year. Quorum need not be present at the meeting. The budget and the assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at such meeting by the Owners entitled to cast at least eighty percent (80%) of the votes of the Association. In the event the membership disapproves the proposed budget, or the Board fails to establish a budget for the succeeding year, the budget in effect for the then current year shall

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4.9. Lien for Assessment. All assessments and charges provided for herein, together with interest, and late fees, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each such assessment is made when a claim of lien is filed of record in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Wake County, North Carolina.

4.10. Personal Obligation. Each such assessment and charge, together with interest, any late fees, fines, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, shall also be the personal obligation of the Owner(s) of such Lot at the time when the assessment fell due. The personal obligation for delinquent assessments shall not pass to successors in title unless expressly assumed by them.

4.11. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessment. Any assessments (or installments) which are not paid when due shall be delinquent. Any assessment (or installment) which is delinquent for a period of more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in an amount set by the Board. If the Assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days, a lien shall attach upon filing a claim of lien in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county in which the Lot is located. The lien shall set forth the name and address of the Association, the name of the Owner of the Lot, a description of the Lot, and cover all assessments then due or which come due until the lien is canceled of record, and any other amounts provided in this Declaration or permitted by law. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after thirty (30) days, the Association may institute suit to collect such amounts and foreclose its lien. The Association shall have the right to foreclose its lien by any method allowed by law. The Association shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale or to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the same.

4.12. No Setoff or Deduction. No Owner may waive or otherwise exempt himself from liability for the assessments provided for in this Declaration. No setoff, diminution, or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs or improvements which are the responsibility of the Association, or from any action taken by the Association to comply with any law, ordinance, or with any order or directive of any municipal or other governmental authority. The obligation to pay assessments is a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner and is not subject to setoff.

4.13. Application of Payments. All payments shall be applied first to costs, then to late charges, then to interest, and then to delinquent assessments.

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Owners for the following Association expenses (except for expenses incurred for maintenance and repair of items which are the Association's maintenance responsibility):

a. Expenses of the Association which benefit less than all of the Lots may be specifically assessed equitably among all of the Lots which are benefited according to the benefit received; and

b. Expenses of the Association which benefit all Lots, but which do not provide an equal benefit to all Lots, may be assessed equitably among all Lots according to the benefit received.

4.16. Budget Deficits During Declarant Control. For so long as the Declarant has the authority to appoint the directors and officers of the Association, Declarant may (but shall not be required to):

a. Advance funds to the Association sufficient to satisfy the deficit, if any, between the actual operating expenses of the Association and the sum of the annual, special, and specific assessments collected by the Association in any fiscal year. Such advances shall, upon request of Declarant, be evidenced by promissory notes from the Association in favor of the Declarant. The failure of Declarant to obtain a promissory note shall not invalidate the debt; or

b. Cause the Association to borrow such amount, or a general borrowing, from a third party at the then prevailing rates for such a loan in the local area of the Community. Declarant, in its sole discretion, may guarantee repayment of such loan, if required by the lending institution, but no Mortgage secured by the Common Property or any of the improvements maintained by the Association shall be given in connection with such loan; or

c. Acquire property for, or provide services to, the Association or the Common Property. Declarant shall designate the value of the property or the services provided and such amounts, at the request of the Declarant, be evidenced by a promissory note. Failure to obtain a promissory note shall not invalidate the obligation referred to in this Section.

**ARTICLE V. MAINTENANCE & CONVEYANCE OF COMMON PROPERTY
TO ASSOCIATION**

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a. The Association shall also maintain all entry features, and common areas, operate and maintain street lights (if not maintained and operated by a governmental entity) for the Community including the expenses for water and electricity, if any, provided to all such entry features; all storm water detention facilities and easements serving the Community (to the extent such facilities and easements are not maintained by a governmental entity).

b. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, within the Community, where the Board has determined that such maintenance would benefit the Owners.

c. In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement of property described in (a) or (b) above is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, or the family, guests, lessees, or invitees of any Owner, and is not covered or paid for by insurance, in whole or in part, then the Association may perform such maintenance, repair, or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs thereof shall be an assessment against such Owner subject to the Association's lien and collection rights provided for in this Declaration. Such Owner may request a hearing by the Board of Directors, or an adjudicatory panel appointed by the Board, to determine responsibility for the damages if the monetary amounts involved are less than or equal to the jurisdictional amount established for small claims under North Carolina law. The hearing shall afford notice of the charge to the Owner, an opportunity for the Owner to be heard and to present evidence, and a notice of decision by the Board. The Board of Directors or its appointees may not assess liability in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional amount established for small claims under North Carolina law.

d. The maintenance shall be performed consistent with the Community-Wide Standard.

e. The Association shall be responsible for the payment of any taxes or special assessments levied against the Common Property and any such payments by the Association shall constitute a common expense of the Association. Any provisions in this Declaration to the contrary notwithstanding, if the Association believes that any tax assessed against the Association is invalid, excessive or unenforceable in whole or in part, the Association may protest against and contest the validity, amount or

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the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repairs, or replacement deemed necessary. The Owner shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such notice within which to complete such maintenance, repair, or replacement, or, in the event that such maintenance, repair, or replacement is not capable of completion within a ten (10) day period, to commence such work which shall be completed within a reasonable time. If any Owner does not comply with the provisions hereof, the Association may provide any such maintenance, repair, or replacement at such Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs shall be an assessment against the Owner.

5.3. Conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to Association. The Declarant may convey to the Association any personal property, any improved or unimproved real property, leasehold, easement, or other property interest located within or adjacent to the Community. Such conveyance shall be accepted by the Association, and the property shall thereafter be Common Property to be maintained by the Association for the benefit of all or a part of its members. Declarant shall not be required to make any improvements whatsoever to property to be conveyed and accepted pursuant to this Section. Declarant in recording any plat of the Property may identify thereon certain areas of land as "Open Space," "Common Area," "Common Property," or similar designation. Such designated properties, unless otherwise expressly provided, are expressly not dedicated to the public, but are intended to be conveyed by Declarant to the Association as Common Property. Declarant, however, reserves the right to reconfigured, in accordance with any applicable local governmental ordinances and regulations, all such areas and all Lots shown on any recorded subdivision plat at any time prior to the conveyance of such property by recording a revised subdivision plat of the property and thereby increase or decrease the area of any "Open Space," "Common Area," "Common Property," or similarly designated property and/or increase or decrease the number or size of the Lots shown thereon. Any "Open Space," "Common Area," "Common Property," or similarly designated property conveyed to the Association shall be conveyed subject to all easements and restrictions then of record.

ARTICLE VI. USE RESTRICTIONS AND RULES

6.1. General. This Section sets out certain use restrictions that must be complied with by all Owners and Occupants. These use restrictions may only be amended as provided in this Declaration. In addition, the Board may, from time to time, without consent of the members, promulgate, modify, or delete other use restrictions and rules and regulations applicable to the

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regulations and otherwise is determined by the Association not to create a nuisance and conforms to all rules and regulations from time to time promulgated by the Association concerning same. Leasing of a Lot shall not be considered a business or business activity. However, the Board may permit a Lot to be used for business purposes so long as such business, in the sole discretion of the Board, does not otherwise violate the provisions of the Declaration or By-Laws, does not create a disturbance and does not unduly increase traffic flow or parking congestion. The Board may issue rules regarding permitted business activities. The Declarant shall have the right to operate a sales office and a construction office from one or more Lots within the Community.

6.3. Architectural Standards. No exterior construction, alteration, addition, or erection of any nature whatsoever shall be commenced or placed upon any part of the Community, except such as is installed by the Declarant, or as is approved in accordance with this Section, or as is otherwise expressly permitted herein. Except as provided above, no exterior construction, addition, erection, or alteration shall be made unless and until plans and specifications showing at least the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, and location shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by an Architectural Review Committee to be established by the Board.

a. The Architectural Review Committee may be established such that it is divided into two (2) subcommittees, with one (1) subcommittee having jurisdiction over modifications and the other having jurisdiction over new construction.

b. The Board may employ architects, engineers, or other persons as it deems necessary to enable the Architectural Review Committee to perform its review.

c. The Architectural Review Committee may, from time to time, delegate any of its rights or responsibilities hereunder to one (1) or more duly licensed architects or other qualified Persons, which shall have full authority to act on behalf of the committee for all matters delegated.

d. Written design guidelines and procedures shall be promulgated for the exercise of this review, which guidelines may provide for a review fee.

e. During Declarant's Development Period, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint all members of the Architectural Review Committee. Upon the expiration or earlier surrender in writing of such right, the Board shall appoint the members of the Architectural Review Committee.

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such Owner and such Owner's successors-in-interest. The Architectural Review Committee shall be the sole arbiter of such plans and may withhold approval for any reason, including purely aesthetic considerations, and it shall be entitled to stop any construction commenced in violation of these restrictions. Any member of the Board or its representatives shall have the right, during reasonable hours and after reasonable notice, to enter upon any property to inspect for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not these Persons shall not be deemed guilty of trespass by reason of such entry. In addition to any other remedies available to the Association, in the event of noncompliance with this Section, the Board may, as provided in this Declaration, record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation naming the violating Owner.

g. Plans and specifications are not approved for engineering or structural design or quality of materials, and by approving such plans and specifications neither the Architectural Review Committee, the members thereof, nor the Association assumes liability or responsibility therefor, nor for any defect in any structure constructed from such plans and specifications. Neither Declarant, the Association, the Architectural Review Committee, the Board, nor the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans and specifications to any of them for approval, or to any owner of property affected by these restrictions by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve or disapprove any such plans or specifications. Every Person who submits plans or specifications and every Owner agrees that such Person or Owner will not bring any action or suit against Declarant, the Association, the Architectural Review Committee, the Board, or the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any board, or the officers, directors, members, employees, and agents of any of them to recover any damages and hereby releases, remises, quitclaims, and covenants not to sue for all claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with any judgment, negligence, or nonfeasance and hereby waives the provisions of any law which provides that a general release does not extend to claims, demands, and causes of action not known at the time the release is given.

h. Signs. No sign of any kind shall be erected by an Owner or Occupant within the Community without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board and the Declarant shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs. "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs and

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The following activities are prohibited within the Community unless expressly authorized by, and then subject to such conditions as may be imposed by, the Board of Directors:

- i. Parking of any vehicles on streets or thoroughfares within the Community, or parking of commercial vehicles or equipment, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, boats and other watercraft, trailers, stored or inoperable vehicles in places other than enclosed garages; provided, construction, service, and delivery vehicles shall be exempt from this provision during daylight hours for such period of time as is reasonably necessary to provide service or to make a delivery to a Lot or the Common Areas;
- ii. Garage doors shall be kept closed at all times, except during times of ingress and egress from the garage;
- iii. Any boat, motorhome, trailer, or recreational vehicle left upon any portion of the Community for longer than five consecutive days is subject to removal upon written notice from the Association to the Owners of such boat, motorhome, trailer, or recreational vehicle, and the costs of such removal shall be an assessment against such Owner.
- iv. Trucks with mounted campers which are an Owner's or Occupant's primary means of transportation shall not be considered recreational vehicles, provided they are used on a regular basis for transportation and the camper is stored out of public view upon removal.
- j. Off Road. No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on pathways or unpaved Common Property except for public safety vehicles and vehicles authorized by the Board.
- k. Leasing. Lots may be leased for residential purposes. All leases shall have a minimum term of at least twelve (12) months. All leases shall require, without limitation, that the tenant acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Declaration, By-Laws, use restrictions, and rules and regulations of the Association. The lease shall also obligate the tenant to comply with the foregoing and shall provide that in the event of noncompliance, the Board, in addition to any other remedies available to it, may evict the tenant on behalf of the Owner and specifically assess all costs associated therewith against the Owner and

m. Animals and Pets. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind may be raised, bred, kept, or permitted on any Lot, with the exception of dogs, cats, or other usual and common household pets in reasonable number, as determined by the Board, provided such pets are kept in accordance with applicable local governmental ordinances, rules and regulations. No pets shall be kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. Dogs which are household pets shall be kept on a leash when outside of an Owner's residence. No pet which has caused any damage or injury shall be walked in the community, whether on a leash or otherwise. All pets shall be registered, licensed, and vaccinated as required by law. Pets which endanger health, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners or Occupants must be removed by their owner upon request of the Board.

n. Nuisance. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner and Occupant to prevent the development of any unclean, unhealthy, unsightly, or unkempt condition on his or her property. No property within the Community shall be used, in whole or in part, for the storage of any property or thing that will cause such Lot to appear to be in an unclean or untidy condition or that will be obnoxious to the eye; nor shall any substance, thing, or material be kept that will emit foul or obnoxious odors or that will cause any noise or other condition that will or might disturb the peace, quiet, safety, comfort, or serenity of the occupants of surrounding property. No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on within the Community, nor shall anything be done tending to cause embarrassment, discomfort, annoyance, or nuisance to any Person using any property within the Community. There shall not be maintained any plants or animals or device or thing of any sort whose activities or existence in any way is noxious, dangerous, unsightly, unpleasant, or of a nature as may diminish or destroy the enjoyment of the community. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no speaker, horn, whistle, siren, bell, amplifier, or other sound device, except such devices as may be used exclusively for security purposes or as approved by the ARC, shall be located, installed, or maintained upon the exterior of any Lot unless required by law.

o. Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including, without limitation, the assembly and disassembly of motor vehicles and other mechanical devices, which might tend to cause disorderly, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, shall not be pursued or undertaken in any part of the Community.

p. Antennas. No satellite dishes, antennas, and similar devices for the

the rear of the Lot) at which an acceptable quality signal can be received and is not visible from the street, Common Area, or neighboring property or is screened from the view of adjacent Lots in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and any design guidelines.

q. Tree Removal. No trees that are more than four (4) inches in diameter at a point two (2) feet above the ground shall be removed without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee. However, no flowering trees, including, without limitation, dogwood trees, regardless of their diameter, shall be removed without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee. Notwithstanding all of the above, no consent or approval is required for the removal of any trees, regardless of their diameter, that are located within ten (10) feet of a drainage area, septic field, sidewalk, residence, driveway, or the line formed by the highest normal pool elevation of any lake.

r. Drainage. Catch basins and drainage areas are for the purpose of natural flow of water only. No obstructions or debris shall be placed in these areas. No Owner or Occupant may alter, obstruct, or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains, the right to alter same being expressly reserved to Declarant.

s. Sight Distance at Intersections. All property located at street intersections shall be landscaped so as to permit safe sight across the street corners. No fence, wall, hedge, or shrub planting shall be placed or permitted to remain where it would create a traffic or sight problem.

t. Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Etc. All garbage cans, woodpiles, hot tubs, spas, and related equipment, and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring streets and property. All rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate. Declarant reserves the right to dump and bury rocks on property within the Community as needed for efficient construction and to allow developers and builders within the Community to bury rocks removed from a building site. Trash, garbage, debris, or other waste matter of any kind may not be burned within the Community except that Declarant may maintain a "burn pit" during development and construction of the Community.

u. Subdivision of Lot. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines

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w. Fences. No fence or fencing type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any Lot without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee. Under no circumstances shall any fence be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any Lot closer to the street than the rear one-third (1/3) of the residence located on the Lot. (Generally, only shadow-box style privacy fencing constructed of six (6) foot maximum height, dog-eared, unpainted, cedar or four (4) foot maximum height rough sawn open board or split rail, unpainted, cedar fencing shall be approved by the Architectural Review Committee.) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Declarant shall have the right to erect fencing of any type, at any location, on any Lot during the period that such Lot is being used by Declarant as a model home. The Board of Directors shall have the right to erect fencing of any type considered appropriate or desirable by the Board at any location on the Common Property.

x. Utility Lines. No overhead utility lines, including lines for cable television, shall be permitted within the Community, except for temporary lines as required during construction, and lines installed by or at the request of Declarant.

y. Air Conditioning Units. No window air conditioning units may be installed.

z. Lighting. Except as may be permitted by the Architectural Review Committee, exterior lighting visible from the street shall not be permitted except for (a) approved lighting as originally installed on a Lot; (b) one (1) decorative post light, (c) street lights in conformity with an established street lighting program for the Community; (d) seasonal decorative lights; or (e) front house illumination of model homes.

aa. Artificial Vegetation, Exterior Sculpture, and Similar Items. No artificial vegetation shall be permitted on the exterior of any property. Exterior sculpture, fountains, flags, and similar items must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

bb. Energy Conservation Equipment. No solar energy collector panels or attendant hardware or other energy conservation equipment shall be constructed or installed unless they are an integral and harmonious part of the architectural design of a structure, as determined in the sole discretion of the Architectural Review Committee.

cc. Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs. No swimming pool shall be constructed

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poles, permanently mounted, not visible from the street, and the Architectural Review Committee approves the location, height, and type of goal and post.

ee. Mailboxes. All mailboxes located on Lots shall be of a similar style approved by the Architectural Review Committee. Replacement mailboxes may be installed after the type has been approved in writing by the Architectural Review Committee.

ff. Exteriors. Any change to the exterior color of any improvement located on a Lot, including, without limitation, the dwelling, must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

gg. Clothesline. No exterior clotheslines of any type shall be permitted upon any Lot.

hh. Exterior Security Devices. No exterior security devices, including, without limitation, window bars, shall be permitted on any residence or Lot. Signs less than 6" by 6" placed on the Lot or the exterior of the residence stating that such residence is protected by a security system shall not be deemed to constitute an exterior security device.

ii. Entry Features. Owners shall not alter, remove, or add improvements to any entry features constructed by the Declarant on any Lot, or any part of any easement area associated therewith without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee.

jj. Storage Sheds and Garages. Construction, installation, or placement of a storage shed, tree house, play house, detached garage, or a building separate from the main house on the Lot is not permitted without the prior written consent of the Architectural Review Committee, in its sole discretion. All plans (which must include the length, width, height, materials, colors, and location) must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for written approval prior to obtaining building permits or starting construction. The structure must be constructed, installed, or placed in a location inconspicuous as much as possible from public view. No two story structures of this nature are permitted on any Lot within the Community. All materials used in the construction of such buildings must match the main dwelling located on the Lot.

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athletic equipment, boats or boating equipment, pools, fences, clothes drying equipment, dog houses, dog runs or other pet enclosures, signs, retaining walls, or any other structure or thing which, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, tends to detract from the appearance of the Community, and especially any lake, shall be permitted on any Lot which abuts or is appurtenant to any lake within the Community or any lake made available for the use of all Owners and Occupants within the Community, without the prior written consent of the Architecture Review Committee or its designee.

ARTICLE VII. INSURANCE AND CASUALTY LOSSES

7.1. Insurance on Common Property. The Board of Directors or the duly authorized agent of the Association shall have the authority to and shall obtain insurance for all insurable improvements whether or not located on the Common Property which the Association is obligated to maintain. This insurance shall provide, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage, including vandalism and malicious mischief, and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. Alternatively, the Board may purchase "all-risk" coverage in like amounts.

7.2. Liability Insurance. The Board shall obtain a general commercial liability policy applicable to the Common Property covering the Association and its members for all damage or injury caused by the negligence of the Association or any of its members or agents, and, if reasonably available, directors' and officers' liability insurance. The public liability policy shall have a combined single limit of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). If available, the Board is authorized to obtain directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage.

7.3. Declarant. The Board is authorized to obtain the insurance coverage required hereunder through the Declarant and to reimburse Declarant for the cost thereof. The Board shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this Section if the Board has contracted for or otherwise arranged to obtain the required insurance coverage through the Declarant.

7.4. Premiums. Premiums for all insurance shall be common expenses of the Association. The policies may contain a reasonable deductible, and the amount thereof shall not be subtracted from the face amount of the policy in determining whether the insurance at least equals the full replacement cost.

7.5. Miscellaneous. All such insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be maintained in full force and effect. Subject to the provisions of this Section, the Board

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c. In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association be brought into contribution with insurance purchased by individual Owners, Occupants, or their Mortgagees, and the insurance carried by the Association shall be primary.

d. All casualty insurance policies shall have an inflation guard endorsement and an agreed amount endorsement if these are reasonably available and all insurance policies shall be reviewed annually.

e. The Association's Board of Directors shall be required to make every reasonable effort to secure insurance policies that will provide for the following:

i. A waiver of subrogation by the insurer as to any claims against the Association's Board of Directors, its manager, the Owners and their respective tenants, servants, agents, and guests;

ii. A waiver by the insurer of its rights to repair and reconstruct instead of paying cash;

iii. That no policy may be canceled, invalidated, or suspended on account of any one or more individual Owners;

iv. That no policy may be canceled, subjected to nonrenewal, invalidated, or suspended on account of any defect or the conduct of any director, officer, or employee of the Association or its duly authorized manager without prior demand in writing delivered to the Association to cure the defect or to cease the conduct and the allowance of a reasonable time thereafter within which a cure may be effected by the Association, its manager, any Owner or Mortgagee;

v. That any "other insurance" clause in any policy exclude individual Owners' policies from consideration; and

vi. That no policy may be canceled, subjected to nonrenewal, or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association.

f. In addition to the other insurance required by this Section, the Board shall

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Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7.6. Individual Insurance. By virtue of taking title to a Lot subject to the terms of this Declaration, each Owner acknowledges that the Association has no obligation to provide any insurance for any portion of individual Lots, and each Owner covenants and agrees with all other Owners and with the Association that each Owner shall carry blanket "all-risk" casualty insurance on the Lot and all structures constructed thereon and a liability policy covering damage or injury occurring on a Lot. The casualty insurance shall cover loss or damage by fire and other hazards commonly insured under an "all-risk" policy, if reasonably available, including vandalism and malicious mischief, and shall be in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement cost of any repair or reconstruction in the event of damage or destruction from any such hazard. If "all-risk" coverage is not reasonably available, Owners shall obtain, at a minimum, fire and extended coverage. The policies required hereunder shall be in effect at all times. Authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by an Owner shall be vested in the Owner. The losses under policies obtained by an Owner shall be vested in the Owner. The Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, at the expense of the Owner, to acquire the insurance required to be maintained by the Owner if the Owner fails to provide a valid policy to the Association with a prepaid receipt within ten (10) days after receipt by the Owner of a written request from the Association. If the Association acquires insurance on behalf of any Owner, the cost thereof shall be assessed against the Owner and the Lot as a specific assessment.

7.7. Damage and Destruction -- Insured by Association.

a. In General. Immediately after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board or its duly authorized agent shall proceed with the filing and adjustment of all claims arising under such insurance and obtain reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction of the damaged or destroyed property. Repair or reconstruction, as used in this Section, means repairing or restoring the property to substantially the same condition and location that existed prior to the fire or other casualty, allowing for any changes or improvements necessitated by changes in applicable building codes. The Board shall have the enforcement powers specified in this Declaration necessary to enforce this provision.

b. Repair and Reconstruction. Any damage or destruction to property

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c. If the damage or destruction for which the insurance proceeds are paid is to be repaired or reconstructed and such proceeds are not sufficient to defray the cost thereof, the Board shall, without the necessity of a vote of the Association's members, levy a special assessment against all Owners in proportion to the number of Lots owned by such Owners. Additional assessments may be made in like manner at any time during or following the completion of any repair or reconstruction. If the funds available from insurance exceed the costs of repair or reconstruction or if the improvements are not repaired or reconstructed, such excess shall be deposited to the benefit of the Association.

d. In the event that it is determined by the Association in the manner described above that the damage or destruction shall not be repaired or reconstructed and no alternative improvements are authorized, then and in that event the property shall be restored to its natural state and maintained as an undeveloped portion of the Community by the Association in a neat and attractive condition.

7.8. Damage and Destruction -- Insured by Owners. The damage or destruction by fire or other casualty to all or any portion of any improvement on a Lot shall be repaired by the Owner thereof within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction or, where repairs cannot be completed within seventy-five (75) days, they shall be commenced within such period and shall be completed within a reasonable time thereafter. Alternatively, the Owner may elect to demolish all improvements on the Lot and remove all debris therefrom within seventy-five (75) days after such damage or destruction. In the event of noncompliance with this provision, the Board shall have all enforcement powers specified in this Declaration.

7.9. Insurance Deductible. The deductible for any casualty insurance policy carried by the Association shall in the event of damage or destruction, be allocated among the Persons who are responsible hereunder, or under any declaration or contract requiring the Association to obtain such insurance, for maintenance of the damaged or destroyed property.

ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION

In the event of a taking by eminent domain of any portion of the Common Property on which improvements have been constructed, then, unless within sixty (60) days after such taking, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Total Association Vote shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace such improvements so taken on the remaining land included in the Common Property to the extent lands are available therefor. The provisions of this

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a. The Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege, and option from time to time until five (5) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject to the provisions of this Declaration the following property ("Annexation"):

- i. All or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "B;"
- ii. Any property which is adjacent to the property described on Exhibit "A;" and
- iii. Any tract of land, of which any portion is located within a five (5) mile radius of the property described in Exhibit "A."

Annexation may be accomplished by filing for record, in the county in which the property to be annexed is located, a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being subjected.

Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration unless otherwise provided therein.

Declarant shall have the right, in connection with the annexation of other property, to modify the terms of this Declaration as it may apply to the annexed property.

As long as covenants applicable to the real property previously subjected to this Declaration are not changed and as long as rights of existing Owners are not adversely affected, the Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration to reflect the different character of any such annexed real property.

b. The rights reserved unto Declarant to subject additional land to the Declaration shall not impose any obligation upon Declarant to subject any of such additional land to this Declaration or the jurisdiction of the Association. If such additional land is not subjected to this Declaration, Declarant's reserved rights shall not impose any obligation on Declarant to impose any covenants and restrictions similar to those contained herein upon such additional land nor shall such rights in any manner limit or restrict the use to which such additional land may be put by Declarant or any subsequent owner thereof, whether such uses are consistent with the covenants and restrictions imposed hereby or not.

ARTICLE X. MORTGAGEE PROVISIONS

The following provisions are for the benefit of holders of first Mortgages on Lots in the Community. The provisions of this Section apply to both this Declaration and the By-Laws, notwithstanding any other provisions contained therein.

10.1. Notices of Action. An institutional holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage, who provides a written request to the Association (such request to state the name and address of such holder, insurer, or guarantor and the legal description of the encumbered Lot, therefore becoming an "eligible holder"), will be entitled to timely written notice of :

a. Any condemnation loss or any casualty loss which affects a material portion of the Community or which affects any Lot on which there is a first Mortgage held, insured, or guaranteed by such eligible holder;

b. Any delinquency in the payment of assessments or charges owed by an Owner of a Lot subject to the Mortgage of such eligible holder, where such delinquency has continued for a period of sixty (60) days; provided that, notwithstanding this provision, any holder of a first Mortgage, upon request, is entitled to written notice from the Association of any default in the performance by the Owner of the encumbered Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or By-Laws of the Association which is not cured within sixty (60) days; and

c. Any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association.

10.2. No Priority. No provision of this Declaration or the By-Laws gives or shall be construed as giving any Owner or other party priority over any rights of the first Mortgagee of any Lot in the case of distribution to such owner of insurance proceeds or condemnation awards for losses to or a taking of the Common Property.

10.3. Notice to Association. Upon request, each Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.

10.4. VA/HUD Approval. As long as the Declarant has the right to appoint and remove the directors of the Association and so long as the project is approved by the U.S. Department of

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10.5. Applicability of Section. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or North Carolina law for any of the acts set out in this Section.

10.6. Amendments by Board. Should the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, HUD, or VA subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the provisions of this Section or make any such requirements less stringent, the Board, without approval of the Owners, may cause an amendment to this Section to be recorded to reflect such changes.

10.7 Dissolution of the Association. The Association shall be dissolved upon the termination of this Declaration in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.3 hereof, or upon such more restrictive or additional conditions and in such manner as otherwise provided by the laws of the State of North Carolina. Upon dissolution or insolvency of the Association or upon loss of ownership of the Common Property (once such ownership has been acquired) by the Association for any reason whatsoever (except for exchange or dedication or conveyance of any part or all of the Common Property as allowed by this Declaration or by reason of merger and/or consolidation with any other association as allowed by this Declaration), any portion of the Common Property not under the jurisdiction and being maintained by the Association, shall be offered to the Town of Wake Forest, North Carolina, or to some other appropriate governmental entity or public agency (as determined by the Board) to be dedicated for public use for purposes similar to those to which the Common Property and such assets were required to be devoted by the Association. If the Town of Wake Forest or such other appropriate governmental entity or public agency accepts the offer of dedication, such portion of the Common Property and assets shall be conveyed by the Association to the Town of Wake Forest or such other appropriate governmental entity or public agency, subject to the superior right of the Owner of each Lot to an easement (if necessary) for reasonable ingress and egress to and from such Owner's Lot and the public or private street(s) on which such Lot is located, and subject to all other applicable rights of way and easements and subject to ad valorem property taxes subsequent to the date of such conveyance.

In the event that the Town of Wake Forest or such other appropriate governmental entity or public agency refuses the offer of dedication and conveyance, the Association may transfer and convey such Common Property and assets to any nonprofit corporation, association, trust or other entity which is or shall be devoted to purposes and uses that would most nearly conform to the purposes and uses to which the Common Property was required to be devoted by this

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five (5) feet, as measured from any point on the common boundary between each Lot and the adjacent portion of the Common Property or as between adjacent Lots, as the case may be, along a line perpendicular to such boundary at such point. In no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful conduct on the part of an Owner, Occupant, or the Association.

11.2. Easements for Use and Enjoyment.

a. Every Owner of a Lot shall have a right and easement of ingress and egress, use and enjoyment in and to the Common Property which shall be appurtenant to and shall pass with the title to each Lot, subject to the following provisions:

i. The right of the Association to charge reasonable admission and other fees for the use of any portion of the Common Property, to limit the number of guests of Lot Owners and tenants who may use the Common Property, and to provide for the exclusive use and enjoyment of specific portions thereof at certain designated times by an Owner, his family, tenants, guests, and invitees;

ii. The right of the Association to suspend the voting rights of a Owner and the right of an Owner to use the recreational facilities available for use by the Community, if any, for any period during which any assessment against such Owner's Lot which is hereby provided for remains unpaid; and, for a reasonable period of time for an infraction of the Declaration, By-Laws, or rules and regulations;

iii. The right of the Association to borrow money for the purpose of improving the Common Property, or any portion thereof, or for construction, repairing, or improving any facilities located or to be located thereon, and to give as security for the payment of any such loan a Mortgage conveying all or any portion of the Common Property; provided that, the lien and encumbrance of any such Mortgage given by the Association shall be subject and subordinate to any rights, interests, options, easements, and privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant, or any Lot or Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, given by Declarant or any Owner encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community. Any such Mortgage on the Common Property shall be subject to approval by at least eighty percent (80%) of the Trustees of the Association.

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iv. The right of the Association to dedicate or grant licenses, permits, or easements over, under, and through the Common Property to governmental entities for public purposes;

v. The right of the Association, acting through the Board without Member, Mortgagee or agency approvals, to dedicate or transfer non-exclusive easements on, over and upon all or any part of the Common Property which are not inconsistent with and do not unreasonably interfere with the intended use of the Common Property and otherwise for such purposes and subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the Association's Board; provided, however, no such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument executed on behalf of the Association by its duly authorized officers, agreeing to such dedication or transfer, has been recorded in the Register of Deeds for the County in which the Community is located;

vi. The right of the Association to dedicate or transfer any real property interest in all or any portion of the Common Property subject to such conditions as may be agreed to by the members of the Association. No such dedication or transfer shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such dedication or transfer has been approved by the affirmative vote of at least eighty percent (80%) of the Total Association Vote (excluding votes held by the Declarant) and by Declarant during Declarant's Development Period, and, further provided that no such dedication or transfer shall interfere with or obstruct utility service to, or ingress, egress and regress to or from, the Lots or any remaining Common Property or cause any Lot or any remaining Common Property to fail to comply with applicable laws, regulations or ordinances; and

vii. The right of the Association, acting through the Board, to impose rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of the Common Property and improvements thereon, which regulations may further restrict the use of the Common Property, and specifically including the right to establish rules and regulations concerning parking and vehicular traffic flow on and along the streets and roadways, whether public or private, within or abutting the Community, which rules and regulations may restrict or prohibit on-street parking and may be enforced by towing at the expense of the vehicle's owner, by reasonable fine levied against the vehicle's owner and/or any Owner of a Lot to which such

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Community, including all Lots, for access, ingress, egress, installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving the Community or any portion thereof. This easement shall include, without limitation, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone, electricity, cable television, security, as well as storm drainage and any other service or system which the Declarant or the Association might decide to have installed to service the Community. It shall be expressly permissible for the Declarant, the Association, or the designee of either, as the case may be, to install, repair, replace, and maintain or to authorize the installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining of such wires, conduits, pipes, cables, and other equipment related to the providing of any such utility or service. Should any party furnishing any such utility or service request a specific license or easement by separate recordable document, the Declarant or the Board, as the case may be, shall have the right to grant such easement.

11.4. Easement for Drainage. Declarant hereby reserves a perpetual easement across the Community for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow across the Community. This right shall include, but is not limited to, altering swales, installing drains, drainage ditches, pipes, inlets, headwalls, and altering channeling, or piping waterflow across any Lot or any property in the Community. Rights exercised pursuant to this reserved easement shall be exercised with a minimum of interference to the quiet enjoyment of affected property, reasonable steps shall be taken to protect such property, and damage shall be repaired by the Person causing the damage at its sole expense.

11.5. Easement for Entry. In addition to the other rights reserved to Declarant and the Association, the Declarant or the Association shall have the right (but not the obligation) to enter upon any property or Lot within the Community for emergency, security, and safety reasons. This right may be exercised by the Declarant or its designee, any officer of the Board, and all governmental employees, policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner, and the entering party shall be responsible for any damage caused. This right of entry shall include the right of the Board to enter to cure any condition which may increase the possibility of a fire, slope erosion, or other hazard or condition in the event an Owner or Occupant fails or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board.

11.6. Easement for Maintenance. Declarant hereby expressly reserves a perpetual easement for the benefit of Declarant or the Association across such portions of the Community, determined in the sole discretion of the Declarant and the Association, as are necessary to allow

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flowers, and other vegetation around such entry features and the right to grade the land under and around such entry features.

11.8. Construction and Sale Period Easement. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in the Declaration, the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, use restrictions, rules and regulations, design guidelines, and any amendments thereto, during Declarant's Development Period, Declarant reserves an easement across such portions of the Community as Declarant may reasonably deem necessary for any or all of the purposes hereinafter set forth. This reserved easement shall include an easement for such facilities and activities which, in the sole opinion of Declarant, may be required, convenient, or incidental to the development, construction, and sales activities related to property within or near the Community. This easement shall include, without limitation:

- a. The right of access, ingress, and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and construction activities over, under, on, or in any portion of the Community as well as any Lot in the Community;
- b. The right to tie into any portion of the Community with driveways, parking areas, and walkways;
- c. The right to tie into or otherwise connect and use (without a tap-on or any other fee for so doing), replace, relocate, maintain, and repair any device which provides utility or similar services;
- d. The right (but not the obligation) to construct recreational facilities on Common Property;
- e. The right to carry on sales and promotional activities in the Community;
- f. The right to place direction and marketing signs on any portion of the Community, including any Lot or Common Property;
- g. The right to construct and operate business offices, signs, construction trailers, model residences, and sales offices incidental to the construction, development, and sales activities; and
- h. Declarant and any such builder or developer may use residences, offices,

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11.9. Irrigation Easements. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and the Association a blanket easement to pump water from ponds, lakes, and other bodies of water located within the Community for irrigation purposes.

11.10. Fence Easement. Declarant hereby reserves an easement across any Lot which borders upon or contains a portion of any water facility, detention pond, or retention pond for the purpose of access to such facility or pond, and for the purpose of erecting any fence which is either required by the subdivision development and construction plans or governmental regulation, rule, ordinance, or plan approval requirement.

ARTICLE XII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

12.1. Enforcement. Each Owner and Occupant shall comply strictly with the By-Laws, the rules and regulations, and the use restrictions, as they may be lawfully amended or modified from time to time, and with the covenants, conditions, and restrictions set forth in this Declaration and any such restrictions which may be placed in the deed to such Owner's Lot, if any. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Declaration and the By-Laws, the Declaration shall prevail. The Board may impose fines or other sanctions, which shall be collected as provided herein for the collection of assessments. Failure to comply with this Declaration, the By-Laws, or the rules and regulations shall be grounds for an action to recover sums due for damages or injunctive relief, or both, maintainable by the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association, or in a proper case, by an aggrieved Owner. To determine fines and sanctions against Owners, a hearing shall be held before the Board of Directors or an adjudicatory panel appointed by the Board. The Owner shall be given notice of the charge, an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence, and a notice of decision by the Board. If a fine is imposed it may not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the violation and for each day after the notice of decision that the violation continues. Such fines shall be assessments secured by a lien. If a sanction is imposed it may continue without further hearing until the violation is cured. Failure by the Association or any Owner to enforce any of the foregoing shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. The Board shall have the right to record in the appropriate land records a notice of lien, a notice of violation of the Declaration, By-Laws, rules and regulations, use restrictions, or design guidelines, and to assess the cost of recording and removing such notice against the Owner who is responsible (or whose Occupants are responsible) for violating the foregoing.

12.2. Self-Help. In addition to any other remedies provided for herein, the Association

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12.3. Duration. The covenants and restrictions of this Declaration shall run with and bind the Community, and shall inure to the benefit of and shall be enforceable by Declarant, the Association or any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent provided by law. If North Carolina law limits the period during which covenants restricting lands to certain uses may run, any provision of this Declaration affected thereby shall run with and bind the land so long as permitted by such law, after which time any such provision shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless a written instrument reflecting disapproval signed by the then Owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots and the Declarant (during Declarant's Development Period) is recorded within the year immediately preceding the beginning of a ten (10) year renewal period.

12.4. Amendment. This Declaration may be amended unilaterally at any time and from time to time by Declarant (a) if such amendment is necessary to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule or regulation, or judicial determination which shall be in conflict therewith; (b) if such amendment is necessary to enable any title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to this Declaration; (c) if such amendment is required by an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Veterans Administration, or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; or (d) if such amendment is necessary to enable any governmental agency or private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage Loans on the Lots subject to this Declaration; provided, however, any such amendment shall not adversely affect the title to any Owner's Lot unless any such Lot Owner shall consent in writing. Further, so long as Declarant has the right unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided that, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Lot Owners hereunder, nor shall it adversely affect title to any Lot without the consent of the affected Lot Owner.

In addition to the above, this Declaration may be amended:

- i. During Declarant's Development Period, with the affirmative written consent of the Declarant and upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of the Owners of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Lots; and

portion of the property, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Lots located within the Community.

12.6. Gender and Grammar. The singular, wherever used herein, shall be construed to mean the plural, when applicable, and the use of the masculine pronoun shall include the neuter and feminine.

12.7. Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Declaration shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid, but if the application of any provision of this Declaration to any person or to any property shall be prohibited or held invalid, such prohibition or invalidity shall not affect any other provision or the application of any provision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are declared to be severable.

12.8. Captions. The captions are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as defining, limiting, extending, or otherwise modifying or adding to the particular Article or Section to which they refer.

12.9. Perpetuities. If any of the covenants, conditions, restrictions, or other provisions of this Declaration shall be unlawful, void, or voidable for violation of the rule against perpetuities, then such provisions shall continue only until twenty-one (21) years after the death of the last survivor of the now living descendants of Elizabeth II, Queen of England.

12.10. Indemnification. To the fullest extent allowed by applicable North Carolina law, the Association shall indemnify every officer of the Association and director of the Association against any and all expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred by any officer or director in connection with any action, suit, or other proceeding to which such officer or director may be a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director. The officers and directors shall not be liable for any mistake of judgment, negligent or otherwise, except for their own individual willful misfeasance, malfeasance, misconduct, or bad faith. The officers and directors shall have no personal liability with respect to any contract or other commitment made by them, in good faith, on behalf of the Association (except to the extent that such officers or directors may also be members of the Association), and the Association shall indemnify and forever hold each such officer and director free and harmless against any and all liability to others on account of any such contract or commitment. Any right to indemnification provided for herein shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any

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inspection and copying by Declarant or any member of the Association or by the duly appointed representative of any member and by holders, insurers, or guarantors of any first Mortgage at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to such Person's interest as a member or holder, insurer, or guarantor of a first Mortgage at the office of the Association or at such other reasonable place as the Board shall prescribe.

b. Rules for Inspection. The Board shall establish reasonable rules with respect to: (1) notice to be given to the custodian of the records; (2) hours and days of the work when such an inspection may be made; and (3) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents.

c. Inspection by Directors. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect all books, records, and documents of the Association and the physical properties owned or controlled by the Association. The right of inspection by a director includes the right to make extra copies of documents at the reasonable expense of the Association.

12.12. Financial Review. A review of the books and records of the Association shall be made annually in the manner as the Board may decide; however, after having received the Board's financial statements, by a majority of the Total Association Vote, the Owners may require that the accounts of the Association be audited as a common expense by a certified public accountant. Upon written request of any institutional holder of a first Mortgage and upon payment of all necessary costs, such holder shall be entitled to receive a copy of audited financial statements within ninety (90) days of the date of the request.

12.13. Notice of Sale, Lease, or Acquisition. In the event an Owner sells or leases such Owner's Lot, the Owner shall give to the Association, in writing, prior to the effective date of such sales or lease, the name of the purchaser or lessee of the Lot and such other information as the Board may reasonably require. Upon acquisition of a Lot, each new Owner shall give the Association, in writing, the name and mailing address of the Owner and such other information as the Board may reasonably require.

12.14. Agreements. Subject to the prior approval of Declarant (during Declarant's Development Period), all agreements and determinations, including settlement agreements regarding litigation involving the Association, lawfully authorized by the Board shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns, and others having an interest in the Community, including the heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns, and others having an interest in the Community.

ARTICLE XIII. USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Declarant may, but shall not be required to, construct recreational facilities on portions of the Common Property. These facilities may take the form of tennis courts, a pool, bathhouse, viewing areas, and the like. In the event Declarant constructs such recreational facilities, the following shall apply:

a. During Declarant's Development Period, Declarant shall have the right to grant to persons who are not members of the Association the right to use the recreational facilities. The extent and duration of nonmember use and the fee to be charged shall be determined solely by Declarant. The Declarant may grant nonmember use rights to Persons as an easement appurtenant to such Person's residential real property so that such use rights shall automatically inure to the benefit of such Persons and their heirs and assigns.

b. Any use right granted to nonmembers which extends beyond the time period specified in (a) above shall be valid and may not be terminated by the Association so long as the terms and conditions imposed upon nonmember use by the Declarant are complied with by the nonmember user.

c. Declarant hereby reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive, perpetual right and privilege, and easement with respect to the Community for the benefit of Declarant, its successors, assigns, and the above nonmember users, without obligation or charge. These rights shall include, without limitation, an easement for travel across all Common Property in the Community.

d. Declarant shall not be responsible for any fees to be paid by such nonmember.

e. Declarant shall have the sole right to grant nonmembers access during the time period specified in (a) above.

ARTICLE XIV. VARIANCES

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Declarant and the Board or its designee shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this

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imposition and collection of assessments as provided in this Declaration, (c) proceedings involving challenges to ad valorem taxation, or (d) counterclaims brought by the Association in proceedings instituted against it.

ARTICLE XVI. CAPITALIZATION OF ASSOCIATION

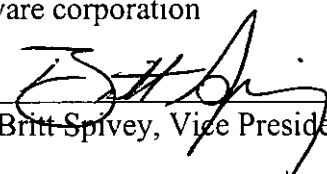
Upon acquisition of record title to a Lot by the first Owner other than Declarant or a Builder, a contribution in an amount equal to three-fourths (3/4ths) of the amount of the then current annual assessment levied by the Association pursuant to this Declaration ("Initiation Fee") shall be made by or on behalf of the purchaser to the Association as set forth below. The Initiation Fee shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any annual or special assessments. The Initiation Fee shall be payable at closing, shall not be prorated, and the Association shall have all rights under the Declaration for enforcement of assessments if it is not paid. The Initiation Fee shall be deposited into an account of the Association and disbursed from that account (a) up to two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Initiation Fee may be disbursed to pay expenses and costs of the Association in accordance with the Declaration and By-Laws, as amended, and (b) one-third (1/3rd) of the Initiation Fee shall be held by the Association as a long term "Maintenance Reserve" to be disbursed by the Association for maintenance of any property which the Association is required or permitted to maintain, in its sole discretion. The Initiation Fee referred to in this paragraph is payable only one time, and will not be charged to subsequent purchasers of a Lot once paid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Declarant herein, hereby executes this instrument under seal this the 24 day of November, 2003.

DECLARANT:

D.R. HORTON, INC.,
a Delaware corporation

By:


Britt Spivey, Vice President

Attest:



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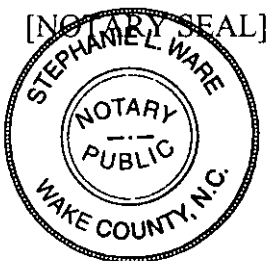
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

This 21 day of November, 2003, personally came before me, STEPHANIE L. WARE, Notary Public for WAKE County and State, Britt Spivey, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is Vice President of D. R. Horton, Inc. a Delaware corporation, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument in writing is the corporate seal of said company, and that said writing was signed and sealed by him in behalf of said corporation by its authority duly given. And the said Stephen D. Leach acknowledged the said writing to be the act and deed of said corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 21 day of NOVEMBER, 2003.

Stephanie L. Ware
Notary Public

My commission expires: 10-06-07.



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EXHIBIT "A"

Property Subject to this Declaration:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, lying and being in Wake County, North Carolina, being more particularly described on that certain Final Plat of Margot's Pond Subdivision, Phase 1, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County, North Carolina on DECEMBER 8, 2003 in Plat Book 2003, Page 2135 *et. seq.*

Such final plat has the metes and bounds set forth therein.

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EXHIBIT "B"

Property which may be subjected to this Declaration:

All or any portion of the property conveyed to Declarant by deed recorded in Book 9446, Page 1653, in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Wake County, North Carolina.

In addition, any property adjacent to the Property may be subjected to this Declaration. For the purpose of determining whether property is adjacent to the Property, the rights of way of public roads and utilities, as well as rivers and streams, shall be deemed not to separate otherwise adjacent property.

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EXHIBIT "C"
BY LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

OF

MARGOT'S POND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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1.1. Name. The name of the Association shall be Margot's Pond Homeowner's Association, Inc. ("Association").

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2.1. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the Association's principal office or at such other suitable place convenient to the members as may be designated by the Board, either in the Community or as convenient thereto as possible and practical.

2.2. First Meeting and Annual Meetings. An annual or special meeting shall be held within one year from the date the Declaration is recorded. Annual meetings shall be set by the Board.

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2.4. Notice of Meetings. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to mail or to cause to be delivered to the Owner of each Lot (as shown in the records of the Association) a notice of each annual or special meeting of the Association stating the time and place where it is to be held, the agenda for such meeting, and in the notice of a special meeting, the purpose thereof. If an Owner wishes notice to be given at an address other than the Lot, the Owner shall designate by notice in writing to the Secretary such other address. The mailing or delivery of a notice of meeting in the manner provided in this Section shall be considered service of notice. Notices shall be served not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before a meeting.

2.5. Waiver of Notice. Waiver of notice of a meeting of the members shall be deemed the equivalent of proper notice. Any member may, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the members, either before or after such meeting. Attendance at a meeting by a member, whether in person or by proxy, shall be deemed waiver by such member of notice of the time, date, and place thereof, unless such member specifically objects to lack of proper notice at the time the meeting is called to order.

2.6. Adjournment of Meetings. If any meetings of the Association cannot be held because a quorum is not present, a majority of the members who are present at such meeting, either in person or by proxy, may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than five nor more than 30 days from the time the original meeting was called. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice.

2.7. Voting. The voting rights of the members shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration, and such voting rights are specifically incorporated herein.

2.8. Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing, dated, and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of such member's Lot, or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a member, or of written revocation, or upon the expiration of 11 months from the date of the proxy.

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one or more written consents setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by members holding at least 80% of the Total Association Vote. Action taken without a meeting shall be effective on the date that the last consent is executed, and consented to by the Declarant, if required, unless a later effective date is specified therein. Each signed consent shall be delivered to the Association and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the Association's permanent records.

2.11. Action by Written Ballot. Any action to be taken at any annual, regular, or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if approved by written ballot as provided herein. The Association shall deliver a written ballot to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The written ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. Approval by written ballot of an action shall be valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting held to authorize such action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Association in order to be counted. A timely written ballot received by the Association may not be revoked without the consent of the Board. The results of each action by written ballot shall be certified by the Secretary and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the Association's permanent records.

2.12. Members List. The record date for determining members entitled to notice shall be the close of business of the day preceding the date notices are given. The record date for determining members entitled to vote at a meeting shall be the close of business of the business day preceding the date of the meeting. The Association shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names of all its members who are entitled to notice of the meeting. The list must show the address and number of votes each member is entitled to vote at the meeting. Additionally, the Association shall prepare on a current basis through the time of the membership meeting a list of members who are entitled to vote but not entitled to notice. This list shall be made available for any member for the purpose of communication concerning the meeting and shall make the list

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Community and shall be members or spouses of such members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time.

3.2. Directors Appointed by Declarant. The Declarant shall have the right to appoint or remove any member or members of the Board or any officer or officers of the Association until such time as the first of the following events shall occur: (a) five years from the date the Declaration was recorded; (b) the date on which 75% of the lots developed or to be developed as part of the Community (including all present and future phases) pursuant to development plans maintained by the Declarant, as such plans may be revised and amended from time-to-time, have been conveyed to Persons other than Builders; or (c) the surrender by Declarant in writing of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot, vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. The directors selected by the Declarant need not be Owners or residents in the Community.

3.3. Number of Directors. The Board shall consist of three members. After the Declarant's right to appoint directors and officers terminates, the Board may expand the number of directors to five or seven members, which shall be filled by a vote of the members in accordance with Section 3.5(b).

3.4. Nomination of Directors. Elected directors shall be nominated from the floor and may also be nominated by a nominating committee, if such a committee is established by the Board. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the members and to solicit votes.

3.5. Election and Term of Office. Owner-elected directors shall be elected and hold office as follows:

(a) After the Declarant's right to appoint directors and officers terminates, the Association shall call a special meeting to be held at which Owners shall elect three directors.

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to serve for a term of two years. The directors shall hold office until their respective successors shall have been elected by the Association.

3.6. Removal of Directors. At any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called, any one or more of the directors may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority of the Total Association Vote and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. A director whose removal has been proposed by the Owners shall be given at least ten days' notice of the calling of the meeting and the purpose thereof and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. Additionally, any director who has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of an assessment for more than 30 days may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining directors at a meeting. This Section shall not apply to directors appointed by Declarant.

3.7. Vacancies. Vacancies in the Board caused by any reason, excluding the removal of a director by vote of the Association, shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, at any meeting of the Board. Each person so selected shall serve the unexpired portion of the term.

B. Meetings.

3.8. Organization Meetings. The first Board meeting following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board.

3.9. Regular Meetings. Regular Board meetings may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the directors. Notice of the regular schedule shall constitute sufficient notice of such meetings.

3.10. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when requested by the President, Vice President, or by any two directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery; (b) written

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3.11. Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

3.12. Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board.

3.13. Compensation. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such.

3.14. Open Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be open to all members, but members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by the Board.

3.15. Executive Session. The Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

3.16. Action Without a Formal Meeting. Unless prohibited by North Carolina law, any action to be taken at a meeting of the directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if one or more consents, in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by a majority of the directors and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes for filing in the corporate records.

C. Powers and Duties.

3.18. Powers. The Board shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as are not by the Declaration, Articles, or these By-Laws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these By-Laws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board shall have the power to and be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

(a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the common expenses;

(b) making assessments to defray the common expenses and establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments;

(c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all areas which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association;

(d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;

(e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;

(f) making and amending use restrictions and rules and regulations;

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(i) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;

(j) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its members which are not directly chargeable to Owners;

(k) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, and specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred; and

(l) contracting with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions.

3.19. Management Agent. The Board may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize. The Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant may be employed as managing agent or Manager. The term of any management agreement shall not exceed one year and shall be subject to termination by either party, without cause and without penalty, upon not more than 90 days' written notice.

3.20. Borrowing. The Board shall have the power to borrow money without the approval of the members of the Association; provided, however, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner as for special assessments, in the event that the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of modifying, improving, or adding amenities, or the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) outstanding debt at any one time.

3.21 Fining or Suspension Procedure. The Board shall not impose a fine (a late charge shall not constitute a fine) or suspend a member's right to use any part of the Common Property unless and until the following procedure is followed:

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(ii) that the violator may, within ten days from the date of the notice, request a hearing regarding the fine or suspension imposed;

(iii) the name, address, and telephone numbers of a person to contact to challenge the fine or suspension;

(iv) that any statements, evidence, and witnesses may be produced by the violator at the hearing; and

(v) that all rights to have the fine or suspension reconsidered are waived if a hearing is not requested within ten days of the date of the notice.

(b) Hearing. Any requested hearing may, in the sole discretion of the Board, be held before the Board in executive session. At the hearing, the violator shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing.

(c) Enforcement. In any action or proceeding to enforce the Declaration, these By-Laws, the rules and regulations of the Association, or decision of the Board, the Association shall be entitled to recover all expenses from the violator, including all attorney's fees, thus incurred.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

4.1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, excepting the offices of President and Secretary. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board. The Board may appoint such other officers, including one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, or Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable.

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4.4. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board. The President shall have all the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of the president of a corporation organized under the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Code.

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4.8. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Committees to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by the Board are hereby authorized. Each committee shall be composed and shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board designating the committee or with rules

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6.2. Parliamentary Rules. *Robert's Rules of Order* (current edition) shall govern the conduct of all Association proceedings, when not in conflict with North Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, these By-Laws, or a ruling made by the person presiding over the proceeding.

6.3. Conflicts. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of North Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of North Carolina law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

6.4. Amendment. These By-Laws may be amended by the Board if such amendment is necessary: (a) to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation, or judicial determination; (b) to enable any title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to the Declaration; (c) to meet the requirements of an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration; or (d) to enable any governmental agency or private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration.

Further, so long as Declarant has the right unilaterally to subject additional property to the Declaration, Declarant may unilaterally amend these By-Laws for any other purpose; provided, however, such amendment shall not adversely affect the substantive rights or title of any Lot Owner without the consent of the affected Lot Owner.

In addition, these By-Laws may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Total Association Vote; provided, however, during Declarant's Development Period, any such amendment must also be approved by Declarant.

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tax assessed against the Association is invalid, excessive or unenforceable in whole or in, part, the Association may protest against and contest the validity, amount or enforceability of any such tax.

EXHIBIT "C"
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OF

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2.8. Proxies. At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing, dated, and filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of each meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of such member's Lot, or upon receipt of notice by the Secretary of the death or judicially declared incompetence of a member, or of written revocation, or upon the expiration of 11 months from the date of the proxy.

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one or more written consents setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by members holding at least 80% of the Total Association Vote. Action taken without a meeting shall be effective on the date that the last consent is executed, and consented to by the Declarant, if required, unless a later effective date is specified therein. Each signed consent shall be delivered to the Association and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the Association's permanent records.

2.11. Action by Written Ballot. Any action to be taken at any annual, regular, or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if approved by written ballot as provided herein. The Association shall deliver a written ballot to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The written ballot shall set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. Approval by written ballot of an action shall be valid only when the number of votes cast by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting held to authorize such action and the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. All solicitations for votes by written ballot shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements; state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of directors; and specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the Association in order to be counted. A timely written ballot received by the Association may not be revoked without the consent of the Board. The results of each action by written ballot shall be certified by the Secretary and shall be included in the minutes of meetings of members filed in the Association's permanent records.

2.12. Members List. The record date for determining members entitled to notice shall be the close of business of the day preceding the date notices are given. The record date for determining members entitled to vote at a meeting shall be the close of business of the business day preceding the date of the meeting. The Association shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names of all its members who are entitled to notice of the meeting. The list must show the address and number of votes each member is entitled to vote at the meeting. Additionally, the Association shall prepare on a current basis through the time of the membership meeting a list of members who are entitled to vote but not entitled to notice. This list shall be made available for any member for the purpose of communication concerning the meeting and shall make the list available at the meeting and any member, member's agent, or member's attorney is entitled to

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Community and shall be members or spouses of such members; provided, however, no person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time.

3.2. Directors Appointed by Declarant. The Declarant shall have the right to appoint or remove any member or members of the Board or any officer or officers of the Association until such time as the first of the following events shall occur: (a) five years from the date the Declaration was recorded; (b) the date on which 75% of the lots developed or to be developed as part of the Community (including all present and future phases) pursuant to development plans maintained by the Declarant, as such plans may be revised and amended from time-to-time, have been conveyed to Persons other than Builders; or (c) the surrender by Declarant in writing of the authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed to or other conveyance of a Lot, vests in Declarant such authority to appoint and remove directors and officers of the Association. The directors selected by the Declarant need not be Owners or residents in the Community.

3.3. Number of Directors. The Board shall consist of three members. After the Declarant's right to appoint directors and officers terminates, the Board may expand the number of directors to five or seven members, which shall be filled by a vote of the members in accordance with Section 3.5(b).

3.4. Nomination of Directors. Elected directors shall be nominated from the floor and may also be nominated by a nominating committee, if such a committee is established by the Board. All candidates shall have a reasonable opportunity to communicate their qualifications to the members and to solicit votes.

3.5. Election and Term of Office. Owner-elected directors shall be elected and hold office as follows:

(a) After the Declarant's right to appoint directors and officers terminates, the Association shall call a special meeting to be held at which Owners shall elect three directors.

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to serve for a term of two years. The directors shall hold office until their respective successors shall have been elected by the Association.

3.6. Removal of Directors. At any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called, any one or more of the directors may be removed, with or without cause, by a majority of the Total Association Vote and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. A director whose removal has been proposed by the Owners shall be given at least ten days' notice of the calling of the meeting and the purpose thereof and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. Additionally, any director who has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or who is delinquent in the payment of an assessment for more than 30 days may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining directors at a meeting. This Section shall not apply to directors appointed by Declarant.

3.7. Vacancies. Vacancies in the Board caused by any reason, excluding the removal of a director by vote of the Association, shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining directors, even though less than a quorum, at any meeting of the Board. Each person so selected shall serve the unexpired portion of the term.

B. Meetings.

3.8. Organization Meetings. The first Board meeting following each annual meeting of the membership shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board.

3.9. Regular Meetings. Regular Board meetings may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the directors. Notice of the regular schedule shall constitute sufficient notice of such meetings.

3.10. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when requested by the President, Vice President, or by any two directors. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of any special business to be considered. The notice shall be given to each director by one of the following methods: (a) by personal delivery; (b) written notice by first class mail; or (c) by electronic mail, if the director has consented in writing to the use of electronic mail for the purpose of receiving notice of meetings.

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3.11. Waiver of Notice. The transactions of any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if (a) a quorum is present, and (b) either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice.

3.12. Quorum of Board of Directors. At all meetings of the Board, a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Board.

3.13. Compensation. No director shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such.

3.14. Open Meetings. All meetings of the Board shall be open to all members, but members other than directors may not participate in any discussion or deliberation unless expressly so authorized by the Board.

3.15. Executive Session. The Board may adjourn a meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss and vote upon personnel matters, litigation in which the Association is or may become involved, and orders of business of a similar nature. The nature of any and all business to be considered in executive session shall first be announced in open session.

3.16. Action Without a Formal Meeting. Unless prohibited by North Carolina law, any action to be taken at a meeting of the directors or any action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if one or more consents, in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by a majority of the directors and delivered to the Association for inclusion in the minutes for filing in the corporate records.

3.17. Telephonic Participation. Consensus may be reached by telephonic participation and vote.

C. Powers and Duties.

3.18. Powers. The Board shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and shall have all of the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the Association's affairs and, as provided by law, may do all acts and things as are not by the Declaration, Articles, or these By-Laws directed to be done and exercised exclusively by the members. In addition to the duties imposed by these By-Laws or by any resolution of the Association that may hereafter be adopted, the Board shall have the power to and be responsible for the following, in way of explanation, but not limitation:

- (a) preparation and adoption of an annual budget in which there shall be established the contribution of each Owner to the common expenses;
- (b) making assessments to defray the common expenses and establishing the means and methods of collecting such assessments;
- (c) providing for the operation, care, upkeep, and maintenance of all areas which are the maintenance responsibility of the Association;
- (d) designating, hiring, and dismissing the personnel necessary for the operation of the Association and, where appropriate, providing for the compensation of such personnel and for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and material to be used by such personnel in the performance of their duties;
- (e) collecting the assessments, depositing the proceeds thereof in a bank depository which it shall approve, and using the proceeds to administer the Association;
- (f) making and amending use restrictions and rules and regulations;

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(i) obtaining and carrying insurance against casualties and liabilities, as provided in the Declaration, and paying the premium cost thereof;

(j) paying the cost of all services rendered to the Association or its members which are not directly chargeable to Owners;

(k) keeping books with detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditures affecting the Association and its administration, and specifying the maintenance and repair expenses and any other expenses incurred; and

(l) contracting with any Person for the performance of various duties and functions.

3.19. Management Agent. The Board may employ for the Association a professional management agent or agents at a compensation established by the Board to perform such duties and services as the Board shall authorize. The Declarant or an affiliate of the Declarant may be employed as managing agent or Manager. The term of any management agreement shall not exceed one year and shall be subject to termination by either party, without cause and without penalty, upon not more than 90 days' written notice.

3.20. Borrowing. The Board shall have the power to borrow money without the approval of the members of the Association; provided, however, the Board shall obtain membership approval in the same manner as for special assessments, in the event that the proposed borrowing is for the purpose of modifying, improving, or adding amenities, or the total amount of such borrowing exceeds or would exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) outstanding debt at any one time.

3.21 Fining or Suspension Procedure. The Board shall not impose a fine (a late charge shall not constitute a fine) or suspend a member's right to use any part of the Common Property unless and until the following procedure is followed:

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(ii) that the violator may, within ten days from the date of the notice, request a hearing regarding the fine or suspension imposed;

(iii) the name, address, and telephone numbers of a person to contact to challenge the fine or suspension;

(iv) that any statements, evidence, and witnesses may be produced by the violator at the hearing; and

(v) that all rights to have the fine or suspension reconsidered are waived if a hearing is not requested within ten days of the date of the notice.

(b) Hearing. Any requested hearing may, in the sole discretion of the Board, be held before the Board in executive session. At the hearing, the violator shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The minutes of the meeting shall contain a written statement of the results of the hearing.

(c) Enforcement. In any action or proceeding to enforce the Declaration, these By-Laws, the rules and regulations of the Association, or decision of the Board, the Association shall be entitled to recover all expenses from the violator, including all attorney's fees, thus incurred.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

4.1. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, excepting the offices of President and Secretary. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Board. The Board may appoint such other officers, including one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, or Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable.

4.2. Election, Term of Office, and Vacancies. Except during the period in which the

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4.4. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board. The President shall have all the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of the president of a corporation organized under the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Code.

4.5. Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the President's absence and shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting.

4.6. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Board, shall prepare, execute, certify, and record any amendments to the Declaration on behalf of the Association, and shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board may direct and shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary of a corporation organized in accordance with North Carolina law.

4.7. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the Association's funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, for preparing all required financial statements and tax returns, and for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name of the Association or the managing agent in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Board.

4.8. Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Committees to perform such tasks and to serve for such periods as may be designated by the Board are hereby authorized. Each committee shall be composed and shall operate in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Board designating the committee or with rules adopted by the Board.

Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, these By-Laws, or a ruling made by the person presiding over the proceeding.

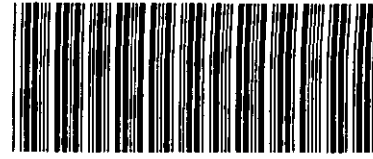
6.3. Conflicts. If there are conflicts or inconsistencies between the provisions of North Carolina law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration, and these By-Laws, the provisions of North Carolina law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws (in that order) shall prevail.

6.4. Amendment. These By-Laws may be amended by the Board if such amendment is necessary: (a) to bring any provision hereof into compliance with any applicable governmental statute, rule, regulation, or judicial determination; (b) to enable any title insurance company to issue title insurance coverage with respect to the Lots subject to the Declaration; (c) to meet the requirements of an institutional or governmental lender or purchaser of mortgage loans, including, for example, the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to enable such lender or purchaser to make or purchase Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration; or (d) to enable any governmental agency or private insurance company to insure or guarantee Mortgage loans on the Lots subject to the Declaration.

Further, so long as Declarant has the right unilaterally to subject additional property to the Declaration, Declarant may unilaterally amend these By-Laws for any other purpose; provided, however, such amendment shall not adversely affect the substantive rights or title of any Lot Owner without the consent of the affected Lot Owner.

In addition, these By-Laws may be amended upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Total Association Vote; provided, however, during Declarant's Development Period, any such amendment must also be approved by Declarant.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (if it is then guaranteeing Mortgages in the Community or has issued a project approval for the guaranteeing of such mortgages) and/or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (if it is then insuring any Mortgage in the Community or has issued a project approval for the insuring of such mortgages) shall have the



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North Carolina – Wake County

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and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the book and