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AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS.

CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS FOR LAKE FOREST SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Cohn Communities, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("Declarant"), filed a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for Lake Forest Subdivision (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Declaration"), which was recorded on October 22, 1987, in Deed Book 1427, Page 558, et_seq., of the Clayton County, Georgia, records; and

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WHEREAS, the Original Declaration may be amended by the assent of Lot Owners naving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the vote in the Lake Forest Community Association, Inc. ("Association"), inclusive of any vote or votes pertaining to any Lot or Lots then owned by the Declarant; and

whereas, the Declarant owns more than two-thirds (2/3) of the Lots in Lake Forest and holds more than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes of the Association and desires to amend and restate the Original Declaration; and

whereas, this amendment does not affect the rights of any mortgage holder under any existing mortgage, security deed, or related document; provided, however, in the event a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any provision of this amendment affects the rights of mortgagees of units, then, such particular provisions shall not be binding on the mortgagee so involved, unless said mortgagee consents to that particular provision; and if such consent is not forthcoming, then, the provision of the Original Declaration, effective prior to this amendment, shall control in respect to the affected mortgagee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Original Declaration is stricken

in its entirety, and the following is substituted therefor:

DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

FOR

LAKE FOREST

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DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS

FOR

LAKE FOREST

THIS DECLARATION is made on the date hereinafter set

forth by Cohn Communities, Inc., a Georgia corporation

(hereinafter sometimes called "Declarant");

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner of the real property described in Article II, Section 1 of this Declaration or if not the owner Declarant has the written consent of all such owners to subject such property the provisions of this Declaration; and

whereas, Declarant desires to subject the real property described in Article II, Section 1 hereof to the provisions of this Declaration to create a residential community of single-family housing and to provide for the subjecting of other real property to the provisions of this Declaration;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that the real property described in Article II, Section 1 of this Declaration, including the improvements constructed or to be constructed thereon, is hereby subjected to the provisions of this Declaration and shall be held, sold, transferred, conveyed, used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumpered subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, assessments, and liens, hereinafter set forth, which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with the title to, the real property hereby or hereafter made subject hereto, and shall be binding on all persons having any right, title, or interest in all or any portion of the real 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.

THIS DECLARATION DOES NOT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO CREATE A CONDOMINIUM REGIME SUBJECT TO THE GEORGIA CONDOMINIUM ACT, O.C.G.A. SECTION 44-3-70, ET SEQ.

Article I Definitions

Unless the context shall prohibit, certain words used in this Declaration shall be defined as set forth in Exhibit *A*, attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Article II Property Subject To This Declaration

Section 1. Property Hereby Subjected To This Declaration. The real property which is, by the recording of this Declaration, subject to the covenants and restrictions hereafter set forth and which, by virtue of the recording of this Declaration, shall be held, transferred, sold, conveyed, used, occupied, and mortgaged or otherwise encumbered subject to this Declaration is the real property described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Section 2. Other Property. Only the real property described in Section 1 of this Article II is hereby made subject to this Declaration; provided, however, by one or more Supplementary Declarations, Declarant and the Association have the right, but not the obligation, to subject other real property to this Declaration, as hereinafter provided.

Article III Association Membership and Voting Rights

Section 1. Membership. Every Person who is the record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot that is subject to this Declaration shall be deemed to have a membership in the Association. The foregoing is not intended to include Persons who hold an interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation, and the giving of a security interest shall not terminate the Owner's membership. No Owner, whether one or more Persons, shall have more than one (1) membership per Lot. In the event of multiple Owners of a Lot, 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 to hold office, may be exercised by a member or the member's spouse, but in no event shall more than one (1) vote be cast nor office held for each Lot owned.

Section 2. <u>Voting</u>. Members shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each Lot owned. When more than one Person holds

an ownership interest in any Lot, the vote for such Lot shall be exercised as those Owners themselves determine and advise the Secretary prior to any meeting. In the absence of such advice, the Lot's vote shall be suspended in the event more than one Person seeks to exercise it.

Article IV Assessments

Section 1. <u>Purpose of Assessment</u>. The assessments provided for herein 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, including the maintenance of real and personal property, all as may be more specifically authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Creation of the Lien and Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed, covenants and agrees to pay to the (a) annual assessments or charges; (b) special assessments, such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided; and (c) specific assessments against any particular bot which are established pursuant to the terms of this Declaration, including, but not limited to, reasonable fines as may be imposed in accordance with the terms of this Declaration. All such assessments, together with late charges, interest, not to exceed the maximum legal rate, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which each assessment is made. Each such assessment, together with late charges, interest, costs, and reasonable attorner as fees actually incurred, shall also be the personal obligation of the person who was the Owner of such Lot at the time the assessment fell due. Each Owner shall be personally liable for his or her portion of each assessment coming due while he or she is the Owner of a Lot, and his or her grantee shall be jointly and severally liable for such portion thereof as may be due and payable at the time of conveyance to the extent expressly assumed; provided, however, the liability of a grantee for the unpaid assessments of its grantor shall not apply to any first Mortgage holder taking title through foreclosure proceedings.

The Association shall, within five (5) days after receiving a written request therefor and for a reasonable charge, furnish a certificate signed by an officer or agent

of the Association setting forth whether the assessments on a specified Lot have been paid. A properly executed certificate of the Association as to the status of assessments on a Lot shall be binding upon the Association as of the date of issuance.

Assessments shall be levied equally on all Lots and shall be paid in such manner and on such dates as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, which may include, without limitation, acceleration, upon ten (10) days' written notice, of the annual assessment for delinquents. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the assessment shall be paid in quarterly installments.

Section 3. <u>Computation</u>. It shall be the duty of the Board, at least sixty (60) days before the beginning of each fiscal year, to prepare a budget covering the estimated common expenses of the Association during the coming year. The budget shall include a capital contribution establishing a reserve fund in accordance with a budget separately prepared.

The assessment to be levied against each Lot for the coming year shall be set at a level which is reasonably expected to produce total revenue to the Association equal to the total budgeted common expenses, including reserves. determining the level of assessments, the Board, in its discretion, may consider other sources of funds available to the Association. In addition, the Board shall take into account the number of Lots subject to assessment on the first day of the fiscal year for which the budget is prepared and the number of Lots reasonably anticipated to become subject to assessment during the fiscal year. So long as the Declarant has the right unilaterally to annex additional property pursuant to Article IX hereof, the Declarant may elect on an resulting assessment for any fiscal year by payment of a subsidy; provided, any such subsidy shall be conspicuously disclosed as a line item in the income portion of the common expense budget and shall be made known to the membership. the Declarant elects to pay such a subsidy the amount of the subsidy shown on the budget shall be an estimate only, and the Declarant shall only be obligated to fund such subsidy to the extent of any actual operating deficit. The payment of such subsidy in any year shall under no circumstances obligate the Declarant to continue payment of such subsidy in future years.

The Board shall cause a copy of the common expense budget and notice of the amount of the assessment to be levied against each Lot for the following year to be delivered to each Owner at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Such budget and assessment shall become effective unless disapproved at a meeting by a Majority of the total. Association vote and the Declarant (so long as the Declarant

has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof). There shall be no obligation to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the budget except on petition of the Owners as provided for special meetings in the By-Laws, which petition must be presented to the Board within ten (10) days of delivery of the notice of assessments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event the proposed budget is disapproved or the Board fails for any reason so to determine the budget for any year, then and until such time as a budget shall have been determined as provided herein, the budget in effect for the immediately preceding year shall continue for the current year.

Section 4. Special Assessments. In addition to the other assessments authorized herein, the Association may levy special assessments from time to time if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the total Association vote and the Declarant (so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof). Special assessments shall be paid as determined by the Board, and the Board may permit special assessments to be paid in installments extending beyond the fiscal year in which the special assessment is imposed.

Lien for Assessments. All sums assessed Section 5. against any Lot pursuant to this Declaration, together with late charges, interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, as provided herein, shall be secured by a lien on such Lot in favor of the Association. The Association shall have the right but not the obligation to evidence the existence of such a lien by the filing of a notice of lien in the land lecords of the county where the Community is Acceted. The Access Such lien shall be superior to all other liens and encumbrances on such Lot, except for (a) liens for ad valorem taxes; or (b) liens for all sums unpaid on a first Mortgage or on any Mortgage to Declarant duly recorded in the land records of the county where the Community is located and all amounts advanced pursuant to such Mortgage and secured thereby in accordance with the terms of such instrument.

. All other Persons acquiring liens or encumbrances on any Lot after this Declaration shall have been recorded in such records shall be deemed to consent that such liens or encumbrances shall be inferior to future liens for assessments, as provided herein, whether or not prior consent is specifically set forth in the instruments creating such liens or encumbrances.

Section 6. Effect of Nonpayment of Assessments: Remedies of the Association. Any assessments or installments thereof which are not paid when due shall be delinguent. assessment or installment thereof delinquent for a period of . more than ten (10) days shall incur a late charge in an amount as the Board may from time to time determine, which shall not exceed fifteen (15%) percent of the quarterly assessment The Association shall cause a notice of delinquency. to be given to any member who has not paid within ten (10) days following the due date. If the assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days, a lien, as herein provided, shall attach and, in addition, the lien shall include the late charge, interest, not to exceed the maximum legal rate, on the principal amount due, and all late charges from the date first due and payable, all costs of collection, reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred, and any other amounts provided or permitted by law. The existence of such a lien may, but is not required to be evidenced by the filing of a notice of lien in the land records of the county where the Community is located. In the event that the assessment remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the Association may, as the Board shall determine, institute suit to collect such amounts and to foreclose its lien. Each Owner, by acceptance of a deed or as a party to any other type of a conveyance, vests in the Association or its agents the right and power to bring all actions against him or her, personally, for the collection of such charges as a debt or to foreclose the aforesaid lien in the same manner as other liens for the improvement of real property. The lien provided for in this Article shall be in favor of the Association and shall be for the benefit of all other Owners. The Association, acting on behalf of the Owners, shall have the power to bid on the Lot at any foreclosure sale or to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the same.

No Owner may waive or otherwise exempt himself from liability for the assessments provided for herein, including, by way of illustration, but not limitation, abandonment of the Lot. No diminution or abatement of any assessment shall be claimed or allowed by reason of any alleged failure of the Association to take some action or perform some function required to be taken or performed by the Association under this Declaration or the By-Laws, or 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 being a separate and independent covenant on the part of each Owner.

All payments shall be applied first to costs and attorney's fees, then to late charges, then to interest and then to delinquent assessments.

Section 7. Date of Commencement of Assessments. assessments provided for herein shall commence as to a Lot subject to this Declaration on the first day of the quarter following the conveyance of such Lot to a Person other than the Declarant or to a builder or developer who purchases the Lot for the purpose of construction of a residence and resale of such Lot and residence; provided, however, assessments shall commence on Lots containing occupied residences that are owned by Declarant or any builder or developer on the first day of the quarter following the occupancy of the residence located on such Lot. Assessments shall be due and payable in a manner and on a schedule as the Board of Directors may provide. which have not been so conveyed shall not be subject to assessment. The first annual assessment shall be adjusted according to the number of months then remaining in that fiscal year.

Section 8. Specific Assessments. The Board shall have the power to specifically assess pursuant to this Section as, in its discretion, it shall deem appropriate. Failure of the Board to exercise its authority under this Section shall not be grounds for any action against the Association or the Board of Directors and shall not constitute a waiver of the Board's right to exercise its authority under this Section in the future with respect to any expenses, including an expense for which the Board has not previously exercised its authority under this Section. Fines levied pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of this Declaration and the costs of maintenance performed by the Association which the Owner is responsible for under Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of this Declaration shall be specific assessments. The Board may also specifically assess Lots for the following Association expenses, except for expenses incurred for maintenance and repair of items which are the maintenance-reaponaibility-of-the Association as provided herein:

- (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 benefitted according to the benefit received.
- (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.

Article V Maintenance: Conveyance of Common Property to Association

Section 1. <u>Association's Responsibility</u>. The Association shall maintain and keep in good repair the Common

Property. This maintenance shall include, without limitation, maintenance, repair, and replacement, subject to any insurance then in effect, of all landscaping and improvements situated on the Common Property. The Association shall maintain the entry features for the Community and shall maintain and pay the expenses for any water or electricity provided to all such entry features. The Association shall also maintain all medians located in the Community; all property outside of Lots located within the Community which was originally maintained by Declarant; and any detention pond(s) located within the Community, including the trees and other vegetation which screen such detention pond(s).

In addition, the Association shall have the right, but not the obligation, to maintain other property not owned by the Association, whether within or without the Community, where the Board has determined that such maintenance would benefit all Owners.

In the event that the Association determines that the need for maintenance, repair, or replacement, which is the responsibility of the Association hereunder, is caused through the willful or negligent act of an Owner, his or her family, guests, lessees, or invitees, 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 Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs thereof shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner is subject and shall become a lien against the Lot.

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

Section 2. Owner's Responsibility. Except as provided in Section 1 above all maintenance of the Lot and all structures, parking areas, landscaping, and other improvements thereon shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner thereof, who shall maintain such Lot in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration. In the event that a Lot is not maintained in a manner consistent with the Community-Wide Standard and this Declaration as determined by the Board of Directors, the Association through the Board of Directors shall, except in an emergency situation, give the Owner written notice of the Association's intent to provide such necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement at the Owner's sole cost and expense. The notice shall set forth with reasonable particularity the maintenance, repairs, or replacement deemed necessary. The Owner shall have thirty (30) 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 thirty (30) 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 Owner's sole cost and expense, and all costs shall be added to and become a part of the assessment to which such Owner is subject and shall become a lien against the Lot.

Section 3. Party Walls and Party Eences.

- (a) General Rules of Law to Apply. Each wall or fence built as a part of the original construction on the Lots which shall serve and separate any two (2) adjoining Lots shall constitute a party wall or fence and, to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the general rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.
- (b) Sharing of Repair and Maintenance. The cost of reasonable repair and maintenance of a party wall or fence shall be shared by the Owners who make use of the wall or fence in equal proportions.
- (c) <u>Damage and Destruction</u>. If a party wall or fence is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, then to the extent that such damage is not covered by insurance and repaired out of the proceeds of insurance, any Owner who has used the wall may restore it, and if the other Owner or Owners thereafter make use of the wall, they shall contribute to the cost of restoration thereof in equal proportions without prejudice, however, to the right of any such Owners to call for a larger contribution from the others under any rule of law regarding liability for negligent or willful acts or omissions.
- (d) Right to Contribution Runs With Land. The right of any Owner to contribution from any other Owner under this Section shall be appurtenant to the land and shall pass to such Owner's successors-in-title.
- (e) Arbitration. In the event of any dispute arising concerning a party wall or fence, or under the provisions of this Section, each party shall appoint one (1) arbitrator. Should any party refuse to appoint an arbitrator within ten (10) days after written request therefor by the Board of Directors, the Board shall appoint an arbitrator for the refusing party. The arbitrators thus appointed shall appoint one (1) additional arbitrator and the decision by a majority of all three (3) arbitrators shall be binding upon the parties and

shall be a condition precedent to any right of legal action that either party may have against the other.

Section 4. Conveyance of Common Property by Declarant to Association. The Declarant may transfer or convey to the Association any personal property and any improved or unimproved real property, leasehold, easement, or other property interest which is or may be subjected to the terms of this Declaration. 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.

Article VI Use Restrictions and Rules

Section 1. General. This Article, beginning at Section 2, sets out certain use restrictions which must be complied with by all Owners and occupants of Lots. These use restrictions may only be amended in the manner provided in Article XIII, Section 4, hereof regarding amendment of this Declaration. In addition, the Board may, from time to time, without consent of the Owners, promulgate, modify, or delete other use restrictions and rules and regulations applicable to the Community. Such use restrictions and rules shall be distributed to all Owners prior to the date that they are to become effective and shall thereafter be binding upon all Owners and occupants of Lots until and unless overruled, cancelled, or modified in a regular or special meeting by a Majority of the total Association vote entitled to vote thereon and the consent of Declarant (so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally, to subject additional property to this ... Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof).

Section 2. Residential Use. Each Lot shall be used for residential purposes only, and no trade or business of any kind may be conducted in or from a Lot or any part of the Community, including business uses ancillary to a primary residential use, except that the Owner or occupant residing in the dwelling on a Lot may conduct such ancillary business activities within the dwelling so long as (a) the existence or operation of the business activity is not apparent or detectable by sight, sound, or smell from the exterior of the dwelling; (b) the business activity does not involve persons coming onto the Community who do not reside in the Community or door-to-door solicitation of residents of the Community; (c) the business activity conforms to all zoning requirements

for the Community; and (d) the business activity is consistent with the residential character of the Community and does not constitute a nuisance or a hazardous or offensive use, or threaten the security or safety of other residents of the Community, as may be determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

The terms "business" and "trade," as used in this provision, shall be construed to have their ordinary, generally "accepted meanings, and shall include, without limitation, any occupation, work, or activity undertaken on an ongoing basis which involves the provision of goods or services to persons other than the provider's family and for which the provider receives a fee, compensation, or other form of consideration, regardless of whether: (i) such activity is engaged in full or part-time; (ii) such activity is intended to or does generate a profit; or (iii) a license is required therefor.

Notwithstanding the above, the use of a Lot by an on-site management company operating on behalf of the Association shall not be considered a trade or business within the meaning of this Section.

Section 3. <u>Signs</u>. No sign of any kind shall be erected by an Owner or occupant of a Lot within the Community without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall have the right to erect reasonable and appropriate signs, and one (1) "For Sale" or "For Rent" sign consistent with the Community-Wide Standard may be erected upon a Lot. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any Person holding a Mortgage who becomes the Owner of any Lot as purchaser at a judicial or foreclosure sale conducted with respect to a first Mortgage. No advertising, directional or vender signs will be permitted within the Community except as authorized by the Declarant under Article XIII, Section 14 of this Declaration.

Section 4. <u>Vehicles</u>. The term "vehicles," as used herein, shall include, without limitation, motor homes, boats, trailers, motorcycles, minibikes, scooters, go-carts, trucks, campers, buses, vans, and automobiles. All vehicles shall be parked within garages, driveways or other paved parking areas located on a Lot. Parking in yards is prohibited. If the Lot includes a garage with exterior doors, such doors shall be kept closed at all times, except during times of ingress and egress from the garage.

No vehicle may be left upon any portion of the Community, except in a garage or other area designated by the Board, for a period longer than five (5) days if it is unlicensed or if it is in a condition such that it is incapable

of being operated upon the public highways. After such five (5) day period, such vehicle shall be considered a nuisance and No boat, recreational may be removed from the Community. vehicle, motor home, mobile home, or towed vehicle shall be temporarily kept or stored in the Community for any period in excess of twelve (12) hours unless kept in a garage or other area designated by the Board; vehicles parked in violation of this provision shall be considered a nuisance and may be removed from the Community. 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. No eighteen wheel trucks or the cabs of such trucks shall be parked, kept or stored within the Community, and if so parked, kept, or stored shall be considered a nuisance and may be removed from the Community.

No motorized vehicles shall be permitted on pathways or unpaved Common Property except for public safety vehicles and vehicles authorized by the Board.

Section 5. Leasing. Lots may be leased for residential purposes only. All leases shall have a minimum term of six (6) months and a copy of all leases shall be given to the Board of Directors by the Owner of the Lot within thirty (30) days of entering into the lease. 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.

Section 6. Occupants Bound. All provisions of the Declaration, By-Laws, and of any rules and regulations, use, restrictions or design guidelines promulgated pursuant thereto which govern the conduct of Owners and which provide for sanctions against Owners shall also apply to all occupants of Lots even though occupants are not specifically mentioned. Fines may be levied against Owners or occupants. If a fine is first levied against an occupant and is not paid timely, the fine may then be levied against the Owner.

Section 7. 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, however, those pets which are permitted to roam free, or in the sole discretion of the Board, endanger health, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners or occupants or the owner of any property located adjacent to the Community may be removed by

the Board. In addition, the Board by rule or regulation shall have the power to limit the number and types of pets which may be kept on a Lot. No pets shall be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose. Dogs which are household pets shall at all times whenever they are outside be on a leash or otherwise confined in a manner acceptable to the Board. Without prejudice to the Board's right to remove any such household pets, no household pet that has caused damage or injury may be walked in the Community. Animal control authorities shall be permitted to enter the Community to patrol and remove pets. Pets shall be registered, licensed and innoculated as required by law.

Section 8. 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 horn, whistle, siren, bell, - - amplificoror other soundedevice recopposite devices as may be a used exclusively for security purposes, shall be located, installed or maintained upon the exterior of any Lot unless required by law; provided, however, that any such siren or device, for security purposes, shall contain a device which causes it to automatically shut off within fifteen (15) minutes.

Section 9. <u>Unsightly or Unkempt Conditions</u>. The pursuit of hobbies or other activities, including specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, 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.

Section 10. <u>Antennas</u>. No exterior antennas, aerials, satellite dishes, or other apparatus for transmission of television, radio, satellite or other signals of any kind shall

be placed, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lot, without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee and no such device shall be approved by the Architectural Control Committee if it is visible from any street within the Community or from a street providing access to or running along the boundary of the Community.

Section 11. Tree Removal. No trees shall be removed without the express consent of the Architectural Control Committee, except for (a) diseased or dead trees; (b) trees needing to be removed to promote the growth of other trees or for safety reasons; and (c) trees within ten (10) feet of the residence, driveway, walkways and septic field constructed or to be constructed on the Lot.

Section 12. <u>Drainage</u>. 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 of a Lot may obstruct or rechannel the drainage flows after location and installation of drainage swales, storm sewers, or storm drains. Declarant hereby reserves a perpetual easement across all Community property for the purpose of altering drainage and water flow. Rights exercised pursuant to such 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.

Section 13. 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 this would create a traffic or sight problem.

Section 14. Clotheslines, Garbage Cans, Woodpiles, Basketball Equipment, Etc. All clotheslines, garbage cans, woodpiles, basketball hoops and backboards, swimming pool pumps, filters and related equipment and other similar items shall be located or screened so as to be concealed from view of neighboring Lots and Common Property and the street on which the Lot (on which the item is located) fronts. All construction debris, rubbish, trash, and garbage shall be regularly removed and shall not be allowed to accumulate.

Section 15. <u>Subdivision of Lot</u>. No Lot shall be subdivided or its boundary lines changed except with the prior written approval of the Board or its designee. Declarant, however, hereby expressly reserves the right to replat any Lot or Lots owned by Declarant. Any such division, boundary line change, or replatting shall not be in violation of the applicable subdivision and zoning regulations.

Section 16. Firearms. The use of firearms outside of residences in the Community is prohibited. The term "firearms" includes "B-B" guns, pellet guns, and other firearms of all types, regardless of size.

Section 17. Fences. No fence or fencing-type barrier of any kind shall be placed, erected, allowed, or maintained upon any portion of the Community, including any Lct, without the prior written consent of the Architectural Control Committee. The Architectural Control Committee may issue guidelines detailing acceptable fence styles or specifications.

Section 18. <u>Utility Lines</u>. 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.

Section 19. <u>Air Conditioning Units</u>. Except as may be permitted by the Architectural Control Committee, no window air conditioning units may be installed.

Section 20. <u>Lighting</u>. Except for seasonal Christmas decorative lights, all exterior lights must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 21. <u>Artificial Vegetation</u>. <u>Exterior</u>
<u>Sculpture</u>, and <u>Similar Items</u>. 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 Control Committee.

Section 22. Energy Conservation Equipment. No solar energy collector panels for 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 Control Committee.

Section 23. Above Ground Swimming Pools. Except as may be permitted by the Architectural Control Committee, above ground swimming pools shall not be erected.

Section 24. <u>Standard Mailboxes</u>. All residences in the Community shall have standard mailboxes conforming to postal regulations and the guidelines for such mailboxes adopted by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 25. <u>Lakes and Water Bodies</u>. All lakes, ponds, and bodies of water within the Community, if any, shall

be for drainage or aesthetic purposes only, and no other use thereof, including, without limitation, fishing, swimming, boating, playing, or use of personal flotation devices, shall be permitted. The Association shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any person or property arising out of the authorized or unauthorized use of bodies of water within the Community.

Section 26. <u>Playground</u>. Any playground or other play areas or equipment located on the Common Property shall be used at the risk of the user, and the Association shall not be held liable to any Person for any claim, damage, or injury occurring thereon or related to use thereof.

Section 27. Abandoned Personal Property. Personal property is strictly prohibited from being stored, kept, or allowed to remain for a period of more than twenty-four (24) hours upon any portion of the Common Property. If the Board or its designee, in its sole discretion, determines that property is kept, stored, or allowed to remain on the Common Property in violation of this Section, then the Board may remove and either discard or store the personal property in a location which the Board may determine. If personal property is removed in accordance with this Section, neither the Association nor any officer or agent of the Association shall be liable to any Person for any claim of damage resulting from the removal Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board may elect to impose fines or use other available sanctions, rather than exercise its authority to remove abandoned or improperly stored personal property, as set forth herein.

Article VII The rance and cascaity access

Section 1. <u>Insurance on Common Property</u>. The Association's Board of Directors or its duly authorized agent shall have the authority to and shall obtain insurance for all insurable improvements on the Common Property and the entry features, if any, 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.

The Board shall obtain a public 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 (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars.

The Board is hereby authorized to contract with or otherwise arrange to obtain the insurance coverage required hereunder through the Declarant and to reimburse Declarant for the cost thereof, and Declarant shall be authorized, but not obligated, to purchase such insurance coverage for the benefit of the Association and the Owners, which coverage shall include the Association as a named insured. The Declarant and Association shall agree upon the terms and conditions applicable to reimbursement by the Association for costs incurred by Declarant in obtaining such coverage. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Declaration to the contrary, the Board shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this Article if the Board has contracted for or otherwise arranged to obtain the required insurance coverage through the Declarant.

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.

All such insurance coverage obtained by the Board of Directors shall be written in the name of the Association, as trustee for the respective benefitted parties, except as otherwise provided above. Such insurance shall be governed by the provisions hereinafter set forth:

- (a) All policies shall be written with a company authorized to do business in Georgia.
- (b) Exclusive authority to adjust losses under policies obtained by the Association shall be vested in the Association's Board of Directors; provided, however, no Mortgagee having an interest in such losses may be prohibited from participating in the settlement negotiations, if any, related thereto.
- (c) In no event shall the insurance coverage obtained and maintained by the Association's Board of Directors hereunder 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 by the Board of Directors. In conducting such reviews the Board may engage an expert when in its sole discretion it deems fit.
- (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 cancelled, invalidated, or suspended on account of any one or more individual Owners;
- (iv) that no policy may be cancelled, 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 cancelled, subjected to nonrenewal or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association.

In addition to the other insurance required by this Section, the Board shall obtain worker's compensation insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of applicable laws, and a fidelity bond or bonds on directors, officers, employees, and other persons handling or responsible for the Association's funds, if reasonably available. If obtained, the amount of fidelity coverage shall be determined in the directors' best business judgment, and, if available, shall at least equal three (3) months' assessments plus reserves on hand. Bonds shall contain a waiver of all

defenses based upon the exclusion of persons serving without compensation and may not be cancelled, subjected to nonrenewal or substantially modified without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Association. The Association shall also obtain construction code endorsements, steam boiler coverage, and flood insurance, if and to the extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

Section 2. 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. 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 bevested in the Owner.

Section 3. <u>Damage and Destruction -- Insured by Association</u>.

- (a) In General. Immediately after damage or destruction by fine or other parally, to all or any portion of any improvement covered by insurance written in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors 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.
- (b) Repair and Reconstruction. The Board of Directors must proceed to repair or reconstruct any damage or destruction to the Common Property on behalf of the Association unless within sixty (60) days after the casualty, it obtains

the agreement of at least seventy-five (75%) percent of the total Association vote and the Declarant (so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof) to not repair or reconstruct. If for any reason either the amount of the insurance proceeds to be paid as a result of such damage or destruction, or reliable and detailed estimates of the cost of repair or reconstruction, or both, are not made available to the Association within such period, then the period shall be extended until such information shall be made available; provided, however, such extension shall not exceed sixty (60) days. No Mortgagee shall have the right to participate in the determination of whether damage or destruction shall be repaired or reconstructed.

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 of Directors 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.

In the event that it should be 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 nest and attractive condition.

Damage and Destruction -- Insured by Section 4. 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 In the event of noncompliance with this destruction. provision, the Board of Directors shall have all enforcement powers specified in Article XIII, Section 1, of this Declaration.

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 (75%) percent of the total Association vote other than Declarant and the Declarant (so property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof) shall otherwise agree, the Association shall restore or replace the Common Property to the extent lands are available applicable to Common Property improvements damage, shall govern replacement or restoration and the actions to be taken in the event that the improvements are not restored or replaced.

Article IX Annexation of Additional Property

Section I. Unilateral Annexation By Declarant.

(a) As the owner thereof or, if not the owner, with the consent of the owner thereof, Declarant shall have the unilateral right, privilege, and option from time to time at any time until five (5) years after the recording of this Declaration to subject all or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "C", attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in ... which the property to be amnered is located a Supplementary peclaration describing the property being annexed. Any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration unless otherwise provided therein. As long as covenants applicable to the real property previously subjected to this Declaration are not changed and as long as rights of then 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 and shall not be implied or construed so as to impose any obligation upon Declarant to subject any of such additional land to this Declaration or to 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

Oresing Decking Decking 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.

Subject to the consent Section 2. Other Annexation of the owner thereof and the consent of the Declarant (so long as the Declarant has an option to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided above) upon the affirmative vote, or written consent, or any combination thereof, of a Majority of the total Association vote, the Association may annex real property to the provisions of this Declaration and the jurisdiction of the Association by filing for record in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which the property to be annexed is located a Supplementary Declaration describing the property being annexed. Supplementary Declaration shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Association, and any such annexation shall be effective upon the filing for record of such Supplementary Declaration, unless otherwise provided therein.

Article X Architectural Standards

Section 1. Architectural Control Committee. 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. 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 Control Committee until one hundred (100%) percent of the Community has been developed and conveyed to purchasers in the normal course of development and sale, the Declarant shall have the right to appoint all members of the Architectural Control Committee. There shall be no surrender of this right prior to that time except in a written instrument in recordable form executed by Declarant. Upon the expiration of such right the Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the Architectural Control Committee, or may adopt a resolution making the Board of Directors the Architectural Control The Architectural Control Committee may be divided into two (2) subcommittees, with one (1) subcommittee having

jurisdiction over modifications and the other having jurisdiction over new construction. The Board may employ for the Architectural Control Committee architects, engineers, or other Persons necessary to enable the Committee to perform its review. The Architectural Control 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. Written design quidelines and procedures may be promulgated for the exercise of this review, which guidelines may provide for a review fee in an amount not less than Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars.

Approval and Enforcement. In the event Section 2. that the Architectural Control Committee fails to approve or to disapprove submitted plans and specifications within forty-five (45) days after the plans and specifications have been submitted to it, approval will not be required, and this Section will be deemed to have been fully complied with. condition of approval under this Section, an Owner, on behalf of himself and his successors-in-interest, shall assume all responsibilities for maintenance, repair, replacement, and insurance to and on any change, modification, addition, or In the discretion of the Architectural Control Committee, an Owner may be made to verify such condition of approval by a recordable written instrument acknowledged by such Owner on behalf of himself and his successors-in-interest. The Architectural Control 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 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 perpose of ascertaining whether or not these restrictive covenants have been or are being complied with. Such Person or Persons shall not be deemed quilty 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 record in the appropriate land records a notice of violation naming the violating Owner.

Section 3. <u>Disclaimer</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision under this Article, the Architectural Control Committee and the Board of Directors do not warrant or represent, either expressly or impliedly, that their decisions under this Article constitute an approval as to compliance with any building code, regulation or ordinance, or any other code, regulation, ordinance or law, nor that their decisions under this Article reflect upon the structural integrity of any

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proposed alteration or improvement. No decision under this Article by the Architectural Control Committee or by the Board of Directors shall be interpreted as a determination with respect to compliance with any building code, regulation or ordinance, or any other code, regulation, ordinance or law. Nor shall any decision under this Article by the Architectural Control Committee or by the Board of Directors be interpreted as a certification upon the structural integrity of any proposed alteration or improvement. The Architectural Control Committee and the Board of Directors expressly disclaim that any of their decisions under this Article reflect upon the applicability of any building code, regulation or ordinance, or any other code, regulation, ordinance or law, or reflect upon the structural integrity of any proposed alteration or improvement.

Section 4. No Waiver. The approval of the Architectural Control Committee of any proposals or plans and specifications or drawings for any work done or proposed, or in connection with any other matter requiring the approval and consent of such Committee, shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any right to withhold approval or consent as to any similar proposals, plans and specifications, drawings, or matters whatever subsequently or additionally submitted for approval or consent.

Section 5. Variances.

- variances from compliance with any of its guidelines and procedures when circumstances such as topography, natural obstructions, hardship, or aesthetic or environmental considerations require, but only in accordance with duly adopted rules and regulations. Such variances may only be granted, however, when unique circumstances dictate and no variance and (a) the effective unless is uniting, (b) he contrary to the restrictions set forth in the body of this Declaration, or (c) estop the Committee from denying a variance in other circumstances. For purposes of this Section, the inability to obtain approval of any governmental agency, the issuance of any permit, or the terms of any financing shall not be considered a hardship warranting a variance.
- (b) The architectural standards and the enforcement thereof may vary from one term of the Architectural Control Committee or Board of Directors to another term of the Committee or Board. These variances shall not constitute a waiver by the Committee or the Board of the right to adopt and enforce architectural standards under this Article. No decision by the Committee or Board shall constitute a binding

precedent with respect to subsequent decisions of the Committee or Board. However, nothing in this Article shall permit the Committee or the Board to enforce retroactively its architectural standards against a Lot Owner whose architectural change has been approved under the architectural standards of a previous Committee or Board.

Section 6. <u>Special Requirements</u>. Plans and specifications will not be approved unless they meet the following requirements: (a) each residence in Block D. Lots 1 through 4 and all ranch style and one-level residences shall contain a minimum of one thousand five hundred (1,500 sq. ft.) square feet of heated living area, excluding garages, porches, patios, balconies, or outbuildings, and a minimum of a two-car, garage, and (b) all other residences of more than one story or level shall have a minimum of one thousand six hundred (1,600) square feet of heated living area, excluding garages, porches, patios, balconies, or outbuildings, and a minimum of a two-car garage.

Article XI Mortgagee Provisions

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

- Section 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 holder insurer or guarantor and the 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, however, 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 an Owner of a Lot of any obligation under the Declaration or By-Laws of the Association

which is not cured within sixty (60) days;

- (c) any lapse, cancellation, or material modification of any insurance policy maintained by the Association; or
- (d) any proposed action which would require the consent of a specified percentage of Mortgage holders,

Section 2. <u>Approval of Action</u>. So long as required by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (The Mortgage Corporation) and so long as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is insuring or the Veterans Administration ("VA") is guaranteeing any Mortgage in the Community, the following provisions apply in addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing. Unless two-thirds (2/3) of the first Mortgagees or Owners other than the Declarant, give their consent, the Association shall not:

- (a) by act or omission seek to abandon, partition, subdivide, encumber, sell, or transfer the Common Property which the Association owns, directly or indirectly (the granting of easements for public utilities or other similar purposes consistent with the intended use of the Common Property shall not be deemed a transfer within the meaning of this subsection) other than personal property of the Association;
- (b) change the method of determining the obligations, assessments, dues, or other charges which may be levied against an Owner;
- (c) by act or omission change, waive, or abandon any scheme of regulations or enforcement thereof pertaining to the architectural design or the exterior appearance and maintenance of Lots and of the Common Property (The issuance and amendment of the confidence of the common property (The issuance and amendment or use restrictions shall not constitute a change, waiver, or abandonment within the meaning of this subsection.);
 - (d) fail to maintain insurance, as required by this Declaration; or
 - . (e) use hazard insurance proceeds for any Common Property losses for other than the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of such property.

Nothing contained in this Section 2 shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration for any of the acts set out in this Section 2.

First Mortgagees may, jointly or singly, pay taxes or other charges which are in default and which may or have become a charge against the Common Property and may pay overdue premiums on casualty insurance policies or secure new casualty insurance coverage upon the lapse of an Association policy, and first Mortgagees making such payments shall be entitled to immediate reimbursement from the Association.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. Notice to Association. Upon request, each Lot Owner shall be obligated to furnish to the Association the name and address of the holder of any Mortgage encumbering such Owner's Lot.

Section 5. Amendments by Board. Should the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation subsequently delete any of their respective requirements which necessitate the provisions of this Article or make any such requirements less stringent, the Board, without approval of the Owners, may cause an amendment to this Article to be recorded to reflect such changes.

Section 6. <u>VA/HUD Approval</u>. As long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX, the following actions shall require the prior approval of the VA so long as the VA is guaranteeing any Mortgage in the Community, and HUD so long as HUD is insuring any Mortgage in the Community: annexation of additional property to the Community, except for annexation by Declarant in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 hereof pursuant to a previously approved plan of annexation; dedication of Common Property to any public entity; and material amendment of the Declaration, By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation.

Section 7. Applicability of This Article. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to reduce the percentage vote that must otherwise be obtained under the Declaration, By-Laws, or Georgia law for any of the acts set out in this Article.

Section 8. Failure of Mortgagee to Respond. Any Mortgagee who receives a written request from the Board to respond to or consent to any action shall be deemed to have

approved such action if the Association does not receive a written response from the Mortgagee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Association's request.

Article XII Easements

Section 1. <u>Fasements for Encroachment and Overhand</u>. There shall be reciprocal appurtenant easements for encroachment and overhang as between each Lot and such portion or portions of the Common Property adjacent thereto or as between adjacent Lots due to the unintentional placement or settling or shifting of the improvements constructed, reconstructed, or altered thereon (in accordance with the terms of this Declaration) to a distance of not more than 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; provided, however, in no event shall an easement for encroachment exist if such encroachment occurred due to willful conduct on the part of an Owner, tenant, or the Association.

Section 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 his 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 Lot 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 his 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, however, 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 Lot Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, given by Declarant or any Lot Owner encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community (Any provision in this Declaration or in any such Mortgage given by the Association to the contrary notwithstanding, the exercise of any rights therein by the holder thereof in the event of a default thereunder shall not cancel or terminate any rights, easements or privileges herein reserved or established for the benefit of Declarant, or any Lot or Lot Owner, or the holder of any Mortgage, irrespective of when executed, given by Declarant or any Lot Owner encumbering any Lot or other property located within the Community.) No Mortgage conveying all or a portion of the Common Property shall be effective unless an instrument agreeing to such Mortgage has been approved by Owners holding at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total vote of the Association; and.

- (iv) the right of the Association to dedicate or transfer 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 at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Association vote and by the Declarant (so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof).
- (b) Any Lot Owner may delegate his right of use and emptyment in the control of the Common Property and facilities located thereon to the members of his family, his tenants and guests and shall be deemed to have made a delegation of all such rights to the occupants of such owner's Lot, if leased.

Section 3. Easements for Utilities. There is hereby reserved to the Declarant and the Association blanket easements upon; across, above and under all property within the Community for access, ingress, egress, installation, repairing, replacing, and maintaining all utilities serving the Community or any portion thereof, including, but not limited to, gas, water, sanitary sewer, telephone and electricity, as well as storm drainage and any other service such as, but not limited to, a master television antenna system, cable television system, or security system which the Declarant or the

Association might decide to have installed to serve 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, 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 Board shall have the right to grant such easement.

Section 4. Easement for Entry. In addition to the right of the Board to exercise self-help as provided in Article XIII, Section 2, hereof, the Board shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to enter upon any property within the Community for emergency, security, and safety, which right may be exercised by the manager, and all policemen, firemen, ambulance personnel, and similar emergency personnel in the performance of their respective duties. Except in an emergency situation, entry shall only be during reasonable hours and after notice to the Owner, and the entering party shall be responsible for any damage caused. It is intended that this right of entry shall include (and 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 in the event an Owner or occupant fails or refuses to cure the condition upon request by the Board.

Section 5. Easement for Maintenance. Declarant hereby expressly reserves a perpetual easement for the benefit of the Association across such portions of the Community, determined in the sole discretion of the Association, as are necessary to allow for the maintenance required under Article V. Such maintenance shall be performed with a minimum of interface the confidence of the confidence

Article XIII General Provisions

Section 1. <u>Enforcement</u>. Each Owner and every occupant of a Lot shall comply strictly with the By-Laws, the rules and regulations, 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 in the deed to his or her Lot, if any. The Board of Directors 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. 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 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.

Self-Help. In addition to any other Section 2. remedies provided for herein, the Association or its duly authorized agent shall have the power to enter upon a Lot or any portion of the Common Property to abate or remove, using such force as may be reasonably necessary, any structure, thing or condition which violates this Declaration, the By-Laws, the rules and regulations, or the use restrictions. Unless an emergency situation exists, the Board shall give the violating Lot Owner ten (10) days' written notice of its intent to Notwithstanding the foregoing, vehicles exercise self-help. may be towed after reasonable notice. All costs of self-help, including reasonable attorney's fees actually incurred shall be assessed against the violating Lot Owner and shall be collected as provided for herein for the collection of assessments.

Section 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 the Association or any Owner, their respective legal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, perpetually to the extent permitted by law; provided, however, so long as Georgia 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 provisions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless such extension is disapproved by the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Association vote and the consent of Declarant (so long as the Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof). A written instrument reflecting disapproval must be recorded within the year immediately preceding the beginning of a ten (10) year renewal period. Every purchaser or grantee of any interest

(including, without limitation, a security interest) in any real property subject to this Declaration, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, thereby agrees that such provisions of this Declaration may be extended and renewed as provided in this Section.

Section 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 reputable 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 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 reputable private insurance company to insure 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 thereto in writing. Further, so long as Declarant has the right unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof, Declarant may unilaterally amend this Declaration for any other purpose; provided, however, any such amendment shall not materially adversely affect the substantive rights of any Lot Owner 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 upon the affirmative vote or written consent, or any combination thereof, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total Association vote and the consent of the Declarant (so long as Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX hereof). Amendments to this Declaration shall become effective upon recordation, unless a later effective date is specified therein. No provision of this Declaration which reserves or grants special rights to the Declarant shall be amended without the Declarant's prior written approval so long as the Declarant owns any property in the Community, or subject to annexation to the Community, primarily for development and/or sale.

Section 5. <u>Security</u>. The Association may but shall not be required to, from time to time, provide measures or take

actions which directly or indirectly improve safety on the Community; however, each Owner, for themselves and their tenants, quests, licensees, and invitees acknowledge and agree that the Association is not a provider of security and shall have no duty to provide security for the Community. It shall be the responsibility of each Owner to protect their person and property, and all responsibility to provide security shall lie solely with each Unit Owner. The Association shall not be held liable for any loss or damage by reason of failure to provide adequate security or ineffectiveness of security measures undertaken.

Section 6. Dispute Resolution. Any Owner or occupant. must give written notice to the Board requesting a hearing with the Board and attend such hearing to discuss amicable resolution of any dispute before that Owner or occupant files any lawsuit against the Association, the Board, any director, or the property manager. The Owner or occupant shall, in such notice and at the hearing, make a good faith effort to explain the grievance to the Board and resolve the dispute in an . amicable fashion, and shall give the Board a reasonable opportunity to address the Owner's or occupant's grievance before filing suit. Upon receiving a request for a hearing, the Board shall give notice of the date, time and place of the hearing to the person requesting the hearing. The Board shall schedule this hearing for a date no less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the notice of hearing by the person requesting the hearing.

Section 7. Partition. The Common Property shall remain undivided, and no Lot Owner nor any other Person shall bring any action for partition or division of the whole or any part thereof without the written consent of all Owners of all portions of the property located within the Community and without the written consent of all holders of all Mortgages encumbering any portion of the property, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Lots located within the Community.

Section 8. <u>Gender and Grammar</u>. 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.

Section 9. <u>Severability</u>. 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.

Section 10. <u>Captions</u>. The captions of each Article and Section hereof, as to the contents of each Article and Section, 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.

Section 11. <u>Preparer</u>. This Declaration was prepared by Linda B. Curry and Seth G. Weissman, Hyatt & Rhoads, P.C., 2400 Marquis One Tower, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303.

Section 12. <u>Perpetuities</u>. 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.

Section 13. Indemnification. In accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, and to the full extent allowed by Georgia law, and in accordance with the provisions contained therein, the Association shall indemnify every person who was or is a party or who is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Association), by reason of the fact that such person is or was serving as a director or officer of the Association against any and all expenses, including attorneys' fees, imposed upon or reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding, if such person acted in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association and, with respect to any criminal action of proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Any indemnification hereunder shall be made by the Association only as authorized in a specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the person is proper under the circumstances.

Section 14. <u>Construction and Sale Period</u>.

Notwithstanding any provisions contained in this Declaration, the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, use restrictions, rules and regulations, design guidelines, and any amendments thereto, until Declarant's right unilaterally to subject property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX terminates, it shall be expressly permissible for Declarant and any builder or developer approved by Declarant to maintain and carry on, upon such portion of the Community as Declarant may deem necessary,

such facilities and activities as in the sole opinion of Declarant may be required, convenient, or incidental to Declarant's and such builder's or developer's development, construction, and sales activities related to property described on Exhibit "B" and Exhibit "C" to this Declaration, including, but without limitation: the right of access, ingress and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, under, on or in the Community; the right to tie into any portion of the Community with driveways, parking areas and walkways; the right to tie into and/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 including, without limitation, electrical, telephone, natural gas, water, sewer and drainage lines and facilities constructed or installed in, on, under and/or over the Community; the right to carry on sales and promotional activities in the Community; and the right to construct and operate business offices, signs, construction trailers, residences, model residences, and sales offices. Declarant and any such builder or developer may use residences, offices, or other buildings owned or leased by Declarant or such builder or developer as model residences and sales offices and may also use recreational facilities available for use by the Community as a sales office without charge. Rights exercised pursuant to such 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. This Section shall not be amended without the Declarant's express written consent so long as the Declarant owns any property in the Community, or subject to annexation to the Community, primarily for development and/or sale.

Section 15. Contracts Executed During Declarant Control. All contracts or leases executed by or on behalf of the Association during the period in which the Declarant has the right to appoint the Directors and officers of the Association under the By-Laws shall contain a termination clause permitting the Association to terminate the contract or lease at any time, without cause and without penalty, upon not more than ninety (90) days' written notice.

Section 16. Books and Records.

(a) <u>Inspection by Members and Mortgages</u>. This Declaration, the By-Laws, copies of rules and use restrictions, membership register, books of account, and minutes of meetings of the members of the Board and of committees shall be made available for inspection and copying by any member of the

Association or by his duly appointed representative and by holders, insurers, or guarantors of any first Mortgage at any reasonable time and for a purpose reasonably related to his or her 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:
- (i) notice to be given to the custodian of the records;
- (ii) hours and days of the week when such an inspection may be made; and
- (iii) payment of the cost of reproducing copies of documents.
- 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.

Section 17. Financial Review. A review of the accounts of the Association shall be made annually in the manner as the Board of Directors may decide; provided, however, after having received the Board's reviewed financial statement at the annual meeting, by a Majority of the Association vote present, or represented by proxy, the Owners may require that the accounts of the Association be audited as a common expense by a public accountant. Open 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 an audited financial statement within ninety (90) days of the date of the request.

Section 18. Notice of Sale or Lease. In the event an Owner sells or leases his or her Lot, the Owner shall give to the Association, in writing, the name of the purchaser or lessee of the Lot and such other information as the Board may reasonably require.

Section 19. <u>Agreements</u>. Subject to the prior approval of Declarant (so long as the Declarant has an option to unilaterally subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX above) all agreements and

determinations, including settlement agreements regarding litigation involving the Association, lawfully authorized by the Board of Directors shall be binding upon all Owners, their heirs, legal representatives, successors, assigns, and others having an interest in the Community or the privilege of possession and enjoyment of any part of the Community.

Section 20. <u>Implied Rights</u>. The Association may exercise any right or privilege given to it expressly by this Declaration, the By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, any use restriction or rule, and every other right or privilege reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right or privilege given to it therein or reasonably necessary to effectuate any such right or privilege.

Section 21. <u>Variances</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Board of Directors or its designee shall be authorized to grant individual variances from any of the provisions of this Declaration, the By-Laws and any rule, regulation or use restriction promulgated pursuant thereto if it determines that waiver of application or enforcement of the provision in a particular case would not be inconsistent with the overall scheme of development for the Community.

Section 22. Use of Recreational Facilities By Nonmembers. For so long as Declarant has an option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration as provided in Article IX above, Declarant shall have the right to grant to persons who are not members of the Association the right to use the Community recreational facilities constructed by Declarant. The extent and duration of nonmember use and the fee to be charged therefor shall be determined solely by Declarant. The Declarant may grant nonmember use rights to individuals as an easement appurtenant to such individuals' residential real property so that such use rights shall automatically inure to the benefit of both the original grantees and their respective successors-in-title to such real property. For so long as Declarant owns such recreational facilities, initiation fees and nonmember user fees shall be paid to Declarant. If such recreational facilities are conveyed to the Association, nonmember user fees due and payable after the date of such conveyance shall be paid to the Association and shall not exceed the annual assessment paid by Owners.

Any use right granted to nonmembers which extends beyond the termination of Declarant's option unilaterally to subject additional property to this Declaration shall be valid and may not be terminated by the Association so long as the terms and conditions imposed upon nonmember use by Declarant are complied with by the nonmember user.

Declarant hereby expressly reserves unto itself, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive, perpetual right, privilege and easement with respect to the Community for the benefit of Declarant, its successors, assigns and the above To discussed nonmember users, over, under, in and/or on the Community (including, without limitation, the above described recreational facilities), without obligation and without charge to the foregoing, for the purposes of taking all actions related to or connected with the granting of nonmember use and the use by such nonmembers as described above. Such right, privilege and easement shall include, without limitation, the right of access, ingress, use and egress of and to the above described recreational facilities and the right of access, ingress, use and egress for vehicular and pedestrian traffic over, under, on or in the Community roads, parking areas and walkways.

Declarant shall not be liable for and is hereby held harmless from any failure of any nonmember to pay a nonmember user fee to the Association where required to do so by this Section. In such case, the Association's sole remedy shall be to suspend the use right of the nonmember who has not timely paid until all amounts owed are paid. Declarant shall also not be liable for and is hereby held harmless from any personal injury or property damage caused by a nonmember entitled to use the Community recreational facilities constructed by Declarant.

After the Community recreational facilities have been conveyed to the Association, the Board of Directors shall also have the right to grant use rights to the Community recreational facilities to nonmembers on the same terms as those provided above. The provisions of this Section shall apply notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this Declaration, the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, rules and regulations, use restrictions and any amendments to any of the foregoing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the duly appointed officers of Declarant herein, have executed this instrument and affixed the corporate seal this 26th day of April , 19 89.

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EXHIBIT "A"

Definitions

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

- (a) "Association" shall mean Lake Forest Community Association Inc., a nonprofit Georgia corporation, its successors and assigns.
- (b) "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall mean the appointed or elected body of the Association, as applicable, having its normal meaning under Georgia corporate law.
- (c) "By-Laws" shall refer to the By-Laws of Lake Forest Community Association Inc., attached to this Declaration as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- (d) "Common Property" shall mean any and all real and personal property and easements and other interests therein, together with the facilities and improvements located thereon, now or hereafter owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of the Owners.
- (e) "Community" shall mean and refer to that certain real property and interests therein described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, and (i) such additions thereto as may be made by Declarant (or its Mortgagee or transferee, as provided in the Declaration) by Supplementary Declaration of all or any portion of the real property described in Exhibit "C", attached hereto; and (ii) such additions thereto as may be made by the Association by Supplementary Declaration of other real property.
- 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, however, must be consistent with the Community-Wide Standard originally established by the Declarant.
- (g) "Declarant" shall mean and refer to Cohn Communities, Inc., a Georgia corporation, and its successors—in—title and assigns, provided any such successor—in—title or assign shall acquire for the purpose of development or sale all or any portion of the remaining in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, or in Exhibit "C", attached

hereto, and provided further, in the instrument of conveyance to any such successor-in-title or assign, such successor-in-title or assign is designated as the "Declarant" hereunder by the grantor of such conveyance, which grantor shall be the "Declarant" hereunder at the time of such conveyance; provided, further, upon such designation of such successor Declarant, all rights of the former Declarant in and to such status as "Declarant" hereunder shall cease, it being understood that as to all of the property described in Exhibit "B", attached hereto, and in Exhibit "C", attached hereto, which is now or hereafter subjected to this Declaration, there shall be only one (1) "Declarant" hereunder at any one point in time.

- (h) "Lot" shall mean any plot of land within the Community, whether or not improvements are constructed thereon, which constitutes or will constitute, after the construction of improvements, a single-family dwelling site as shown on a plat recorded or to be recorded in the land records of the county where the Community is located. The ownership of each Lot shall include, and there shall pass with each Lot as an appurtenance thereto, whether or not separately described, all of the right, title, and interest of an Owner in the Common Property, which shall include, without limitation, membership in the Association.
- (i) "Majority" means those eligible votes, Owners, or other group as the context may indicate totalling more than fifty (50%) percent of the total eligible number.
- (j) "Mortgage" means any mortgage, deed to secure debt, and any and all other similar instruments used for the purpose of conveying or encumbering real property as security for the payment or satisfaction of an obligation.
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 - (1) "Owner" shall mean and refer to the record owner, whether one or more Persons, of the fee simple title to any Lot located within the Community, excluding, however, any Person holding such interest merely as security for the performance or satisfaction of any obligation.
 - (m) "Person" means any natural person, as well as a corporation, joint venture, partnership (general or limited), association, trust, or other legal entity.
 - (n) <u>"Supplementary Declaration"</u> means an amendment or supplement to this Declaration which subjects additional property to this Declaration or imposes, expressly or by reference, additional restrictions and obligations on the land described therein, or both.

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EXHIBIT "C"

Additional Property Which May Unilaterally Be Submitted by Declarant

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lots 177, 178, 207 and 208 of the 5th District, Clayton \sim County, Georgia.

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